



After School Basketball Policy

PURPOSE

- To provide an opportunity for students of all ability levels to take part in an organised basketball competition supported by the school
- To provide an opportunity for students to participate in basketball with their school peers.
- To encourage the students to play basketball and experience being in a team.
- To promote understanding of the importance of commitment to a team, good sportsmanship, fair play in sport and a positive attitude towards competition and competitiveness
- To promote enjoyment in sport and encourage the students to include physical activity in their leisure time.
- To foster an understanding that participating, and skill learning is more important than winning

GUIDELINES

- After School Basketball will be overseen by a school appointed coordinator, who may be a staff member or a parent
- Children will be placed in teams by the After School Basketball Coordinator (ASBC), in consultation with other relevant staff members, in accordance with the Kilsyth and Mountain District Guidelines
- All participants and their parents/guardians will receive copies of the 'Parents' Code of Conduct', 'Players' Code of Conduct' and 'Spectators' Code of Conduct' and the consequences of not abiding by any of these Codes.
- Players', Parents' and Spectators' will adhere to all Codes of Conduct at the games and at training sessions.
- All communication with Kilsyth and Mountain District Basketball Association will be handled by the ASBC Coordinator.
- All parent communication with the school will be via the team manager or coach. Parents should discuss and questions or concerns with their team manager and coach, who will then relay it to the ASB Coordinator.
- Coaches and team managers to be selected by the coordinator in consultation with the parents/guardians of the team. The ASBC and Wonga Park Primary School Leadership Team reserve the right to make the final decision regarding the appointment of any persons to an official role in a team.
- A scorer roster will be drawn up prior to the commencement of the season, this will be organised by the team manager. The coach should not be included on the scorers' roster.
- All coaches, team managers, scorers and parents who assist with the team in an official capacity must undertake the mandated Child Safety Training, run by Wonga Park Primary School, annually. The WPPS Code of Conduct must also be signed and a copy of WWCC provided to the school.
- Any communication between;
 - player/player

- player/opposition player
- player/official
- parent, guardian, spectator/player
- parent, guardian, spectator/official
- parent, guardian, spectator/ parent, guardian, spectator at the game or training sessions, should be within the Codes of Conduct guidelines.
- Players, parents/guardians and spectators have an obligation to report any concerns, about behaviours that contravene the Code of Conduct, to the ASBC via the relevant Team Manager or Coach. It is vital that the protocols outlined in the Parents' Code of Conduct are upheld to ensure that the respectful, fair and excellent reputation of Wonga Park Primary School community is upheld.
- That players observe and learn from positive adult role models.
- Officials are shown the respect and support that they deserve in their role.
- Coaches and team managers from opposing teams are shown the same respect as you would expect other teams to show to our school's representatives. This includes using appropriate language and conduct.
- Participation and enjoyment are to remain the central focus, along with skills and playing the game are to be seen more important than winning.
- Children learn the skills and etiquette of the game without fear of criticism and verbal abuse.

IMPLEMENTATION

- An 'expression of interest' survey will be sent to the entire school community prior to the commencement of each season. Any parents interested in having their child join a team MUST respond by the set due date. Any late responses will not be considered for the immediate season, unless it helps to fill a team who are lacking in player numbers.
- Teams will be made of 7-8 players. In exceptional circumstances, a team may have a 9th player if it is agreed to by the Team Manager and Coach.
- Teams will be selected with consideration given to the information received in the 'expression of interest' survey.
- Where there is more than one WPPS team in the same category (i.e., age group/gender), our first priority is to make the teams as evenly balanced as possible (i.e. not an 'a' and 'b' team).
- Factors considered when selecting evenly distributed teams include.
 - Experience level (Representative, Domestic, ASB, no experience)
 - Friendship requests
 - Team size
- Training days and times to be organised by Team Manager and Coach, who will confirm with the ASBC (if training is on WPPS courts).
- The After School Basketball Coordinator will organise a meeting for the coaches and team managers at the beginning of each season.
- All players will be encouraged to shake hands with their opponents at the end of each game.
- The Players', Parents' and Spectators' Codes of Conduct will be distributed to all players and their families at the beginning of each basketball season.
- Parents and players must complete, sign and return the Afterschool Basketball Registration Form, prior to the first game of the season. This includes parents and players signing the 'Parents'/ Players'/Spectators' Agreement.
- All coaches, team managers, scorers and parents who assist with the team in an official capacity must undertake the mandated Child Safety Training, run by Wonga Park Primary School, annually.
- Where misbehaviour occurs by participants, parents/guardians or spectators at the game or training which contravenes the Codes of Conduct and is serious enough to warrant immediate and/or further action, the following procedures are recommended:
 - ASBC and/or the principal should investigate the incident. This may include obtaining written documentation from all parties, detailing of the sequence of events.

- Breaches of the Code of Conduct may incur sanctions such as:
 - warning and /or reprimand
 - a request to not attend training/game.
 - player may not be allowed to play or may be suspended.
 - parent/guardian, spectator may be asked to not take on an official role. egg coach, team manager, scorer
 - parent/guardian, spectator may be asked to not attend games/training sessions
- Please also refer to the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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Approved by	Principal – Julie Crawford
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