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### PURPOSE

This Protocol provides the expected practice of all members of the school community regarding representing St Patrick's College in sport.

### PROTOCOL STATEMENT

Sport at the College aims to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, both on a competitive and social level. St Patrick's College provides many opportunities in individual and team sports, and the hope is that every student who participates in sport is assisted in their development as an individual outside the confines of the classroom.

As outlined on the original enrolment form, parents enter into a legal contract with the College and agree to support a range of school policies, including the sport policy. Students are required to give first priority to College sport over club/community teams while attending school. St Patrick's College sees itself playing a vital role in the student's progression in sport, and where possible, encourages the links developed with community-based sport.

Many common themes exist throughout the various sports, and the College believes that sport should be fun and enjoyable and offers an important avenue for students to grow and develop both physically and socially.

A high value is placed upon co-curricular activities at the College. Sport offers a vehicle for students to meet some of the challenges outlined in the College Mission Statement.

- We take pride in our rich Catholic heritage and traditions.
- We value, support and respect each member of our community.
- We encourage each student to achieve their potential.
- We develop leadership skills, initiative, and accountability.
- We strive for equality and justice for all members of the community.
- We seek and promote healthy and effective communication and consultative processes.



## **PROCEDURE**

The College ensures that a suitable adult is present at all venues and is responsible for managing and/or coaching the various teams.

### **Participation and Representing the College**

Students are provided with the opportunity to be involved in a variety of sporting activities throughout the year. St Patrick's College is affiliated within the sporting bodies of Northern Sports Association Tasmanian Independent Schools (NSATIS), Sports Association Tasmanian Independent Schools (SATIS) and Northern High Schools Sports Association (NHSSA) while also participating in other organisation's rosters.

St Patrick's College expects the following from all students in regard to participation:

- As per the St Patrick's College Enrolment Agreement, students are expected to represent the College in their chosen sports. Representing the College should take priority over club representation.
- At a senior level (Year 10 to 12) all students are expected to play for the Senior College teams that they are selected for ahead of their Club representation.
- For the avoidance of any doubt, students who are required at Senior 1sts level in a particular sport will not be permitted to play another sport at a lower level (i.e. 2nds Football instead of 1sts Soccer).
- All students who sign up for a sport are making a commitment to attend all training and matches. If they cannot attend a game or training, all relevant supervisors must be notified. Students are expected to adhere to all unavailable/absent protocols, and if this is not followed, disciplinary action will be taken.
- Exemptions from playing sport for the College will only be given if the student is representing at an elite state, national or international level. This exemption would normally only be given on a weekly basis and would not cover a whole season. Parents should contact the Sport Person In Charge (PIC) or Sports Coordinator for permission and provide an explanation for the reason of exemption.
- A St Patrick's College, students should not compete against their College in a roster match unless they are not selected for the school-side.
- Students who fail to fulfil their sporting commitments will be expected to provide a satisfactory reason to the Coach, PIC of Sport, Sports Coordinator and Principal.

### **Uniform**

Pre and post-game attire (College uniform/PE uniform) is to be worn in full. All students who represent the College are expected to be in the correct playing attire for that sport. Any student who arrives at a game in an incorrect uniform will not be permitted to take the field.

### **Team Selection Policy**

Students will be selected according to the coach's decision. Students will be selected primarily according to their ability, within their age group. Other factors such as dependability, maturity, organisation and motivation may be taken into account. If students are absent from school on training days or the day prior to the competition, they must make contact with their coach and inform them of their availability on match day.

### **Coaches/Managers/Assistants**

#### **Accreditation**

The College aspires to have all coaches accredited and will assist any parent who wishes to gain qualifications in their particular sport.

### *Working with Vulnerable People Act 2013*

It is mandatory that all individuals directly responsible for the supervision of students obtain a Working with Vulnerable People registration. This is done at no cost to individual volunteers, and all paperwork is available from the Front Office. Further enquiries regarding this can be directed to Human Resources or the Sports Coordinator.

### **Sport Captain Selection**

#### Seniors

The selected captain of each senior 1sts team is normally the overall captain of their sports within the College community. A male captain and a female captain will be selected in sports where competition is gender specific.

#### Selection Process

Any regular member of a senior team has the right to nominate for the captaincy of their team. It is not to be automatically assumed that a Year 12 student will hold this position, however, in many circumstances, Year 12 students are ideal candidates. This process involves completing a captaincy nomination form. The selection panel will involve the senior coach, PIC of Sport, Sports Coordinator, and if necessary, the team manager. The selected individual will then be interviewed by the Principal prior to a formal appointment/announcement being made.

### **After-match Functions (Afternoon Tea)**

Students are not permitted to attend the after-match functions of the 1sts Football, Soccer, Netball, Cricket and state finals unless they play in that particular team, or an immediate family member plays in that team. All team members are required to attend all after-match functions.

### **Extended Sickness/Medical Certificates**

Occasionally students may become sick or injured and are unable to participate in games/training. So the individual does not feel 'left out', they will be placed on 'official duties' within their sport and are still required to attend the match venue.

### **Insurance – Medical and Other**

Parents are reminded that the College has an insurance policy that covers students of the College for a limited range of benefits, but is only supplementary to Medicare and private health cover. It does not supersede Medicare and private health insurance.

### **Water Bottles**

Each student is required to provide their own drink bottle for matches. It is against health regulations to share bottles. College water bottles are available from the Uniform Store.

### **Awards**

At the season's end, each sport offers an awards presentation to conclude, summarise and highlight the achievements of each team.

### **Registrations**

Registration days are held prior to the summer and winter rosters. On these days, students will be given information regarding the sport meeting they attended and signed up for. The sport outline document contains all necessary information relating to each sport and each age group, details on the correct uniform, practice days, times and venues, the coach/manager and written consent for parents/guardians.

## **SATIS and NSATIS**

These are the Sports Boards responsible for the administration of sport within the Independent Schools structure. These bodies have additional rules and conditions that remain sport specific and must be adhered to. Each sport has additional guidelines. Students will be told of these additional rules. The SATIS has a Code of Ethics for Inter-school competition, including the following points, which are to be adhered to at all sporting events in which SATIS schools participate.

### **SATIS Code of Ethics for Inter-School Competitions**

1. All conventions of courtesy associated with a sport should be emphasised in the coaching and management of a team. Teams should be punctual, welcomed by the home school, shown to change rooms etc.  
Coaches and/or managers of teams should introduce themselves to opposition coaches and/or managers prior to the commencement of any fixture conducted under the auspices of SATIS.
2. Home schools should show courtesy to visiting spectators as well as players. Visitors, in turn, must respect the host school's premises and rules in matters of parking, tidiness, access to buildings, playing areas and change rooms.
3. Bad language and behaviour not within the spirit of the game, from any source, is not acceptable and should be acted upon immediately by officials and/or coaches.
4. Umpires' decisions are to be placed without comment by players, coaches and spectators.
5. Booing, whistling or use of noise/musical instruments is not permitted.
6. Coaches or designated officials are the only people permitted to coach during a game, within regulations specific to that sport.
7. Schools are responsible for the behaviour of their parents and supporters. Designated school representatives should act immediately to control inappropriate behaviour.
8. The highest standards dress by competitors will be enforced by each member school. Competitors will wear the correct school colours in the recognised design of clothing and equipment appropriate for a particular sport.