



POLICY ON PLAYING SPORT FOR THE COLLEGE

All students who attend Trinity College and wish to play a sport the College offers, are required to play for the College. There are a range of sports on offer at the College that involve both mid-week afternoon, evening and Saturday fixtures. We participate in the best competitions available for our students and have built an enviable reputation as a school that offers sporting excellence. These competitions are a mixture of local leagues, Independent Schools competitions, and association divisions.

The competitions students participate in depend on the sport they choose. We frequently review our competitions to ensure that students are participating in the best programme possible.

Exemption from playing sport for the College are happily given on the following grounds:

1. Your child plays a sport the College does not offer and regularly participates in that sport.
2. Non-selection in College teams due to a surplus of players as determined by the coach.
3. Those occasions your child is representing their sport at an elite level in the opinion of the College; e.g. Reserves SANFL, B Grade district cricket (please note that these are examples only and the same elite participations occurs across all sports).
4. Cases determined on an individual basis due to exceptional circumstances. Exemptions must be applied for in writing to the Head of Sport. Exemptions for Winter sports must reach the Head of Sport before the end of March. Exemptions for Summer sports must reach the Head of Sport before the end of August.

Parents should note that exemptions will not be granted on the basis of commitments to local clubs and teams unless the commitment falls into the categories above. The school term dates and holiday breaks do allow participation time in local competitions and in the case of finals enough time for qualification. The College has also encouraged mid-week fixtures to support local competitions where possible.

We are fortunate to have the overwhelming support of parents for our sporting programme and your children's participation in it. Students are placed in well managed and age appropriate competitions with excellent facilities and competitions. As for other policies at the College, it is an enrolment expectation that all students and parents abide by the stated policy on Sport.

Any student wishing to trial for SAPSASA, SSSSA, SAAS, Statewide Knockout or any other school based competitions ***must*** be representing Trinity College to gain endorsement.

A CODE OF BEHAVIOUR IN SPORT

Trinity College believes that all students should participate in a wide range of competitive sports. Each student should participate in the programme as fully as possible.

The following is a set of guidelines to assist teachers, coaches, students and parents, to enable them to get the maximum benefit from sport and to encourage good sportsmanship.

1. Each individual should give a reasonable time each week to training in order to maintain a balance with time allocated to study, religious activities, home duties, cultural enjoyment and social activities.
2. All the courtesies should be observed: teams must be punctual; the coach and captain of the home team should receive the visiting team members courteously and show them to the change rooms; there should be early notification of the inability to field teams.
3. Play may be hard and vigorous in body contact sports but never deliberately foul or unfair. A player using deliberate violence should be removed by their coach before it becomes necessary for the umpire to take action.
4. Behaviour on and off the field must be modest and restrained.
 - (a) Bad language is not to be tolerated (a player offending in this way should be removed by coach or umpire).
 - (b) Barracking should be enthusiastic, but never belittling nor provocative, nor should it be designed to upset the opponents - or encourage rough play, or over-praise an individual.
 - (c) A team (or individual) that wins should behave modestly. A team that is defeated or an individual who makes an error, should not make a display of his self-disgust or disappointment.
 - (d) Good play should be recognised, whether by an opponent or a member of one's own school.
 - (e) The umpire's decisions must be accepted without negative response by players, coaches and spectators.
 - (f) Unfair tactics must never be used. This includes the use of provocative comments of a personal nature.
5. Home schools should show courtesy to visiting spectators as well as players, and visitors must respect the host school's premises and rules in matters of parking, tidiness, access to playing areas, change rooms, use of alcohol, etc.

In team games, each Trinity team should acknowledge the efforts of their opponents with a handshake and "three cheers" called by the captain. Umpires should be acknowledged likewise with "three cheers" from the team and thanked personally by the captain. Each Trinity team should be "Modest in Victory and Generous in Defeat".