



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Sports Policy

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Rationale:

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is committed to the development of the whole person. This includes providing opportunities for students to be involved in and develop healthy lifestyle habits. Students are encouraged to participate in Team Sports for a variety of educational, personal and formative reasons.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is committed to providing experiences in Team Sports for all students across all levels of ability. We look to provide opportunities for students to be involved where:

- Participation and social development is the key focus.
- Improvement and development of skills is the key focus.
- Students can take their already high level of skills to the next step.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Sports Coordinator, Physical Education Teacher in partnership with the Leadership Executive, is responsible for the implementation of the Team Sports Policy. Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to showing high levels of behaviour by all students, staff and parents at all sporting venues, games and training practices.

Participation and Representative Teams

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School offers opportunities for students to participate and also represent the school in team sports. Team Sports are divided into two distinct categories:

- Participation
- Representative

Participation

To provide opportunities for all students to participate in team sports regardless of ability. Encourage and support as many students as possible to be involved. Players



are given equal time across each game and across the roster. Local community rosters are based on fun and participation.

Local associations that Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School has teams participating in are: Devonport Warriors Basketball Club, Devon Netball Association, Devonport Soccer Association, Northern Futsal (Devonport) & the Devonport Touch Football Association.

Representative

Representative Sports provide students who demonstrate a high level of skill the opportunity to represent Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in State Tasmanian Primary School Basketball Championships, NW Futsal Tournament and others. There is a selection process for students who choose to try out for representative sports. Selections are conducted by an independent panel. All children playing as part of a Representative Sports team will receive playing time across each tournament, however playing time may not be shared equally amongst team members in each game or across the tournament.

Team Numbers for Representative Sports

FUTSAL -SELECTIONS

U/12, U/11, U/10 and U/9 One team in each age group.

Selection at the discretion of the Physical Education teacher and the Sports Coordinator.

Approximately 7 players (in exceptional circumstances more or less players may be allocated)

DEVONPORT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

DBA - PARTICIPATION

One team in each age group and division (dependent on numbers)

Approximately 8 players (in exceptional circumstances more or less players may be allocated).

TASMANIAN Regional Basketball

REGIONAL BASKETBALL SELECTIONS

Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 one team in each age group and division.

Approximately 8 players (in exceptional circumstances more or less players may be allocated).



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

First and Second place winners of the North West Futsal Tournament will be invited to participate in the Champion of Champions State Championships in Hobart.

Selection Process for Teams

Participation

Part of the criteria for selection of teams is based on students having friends to play with. It is also the aim to make teams as even as possible in terms of number of players & even distribution of skill level across teams in each age group.

Representative

All students are provided with the opportunity to represent OLOL in Futsal and Tasmanian Primary Basketball Championships. Representative teams are selected on a three-tier process. The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Sports Coordinator calls for students' expression of interest in trying out to register. The Sports Coordinator seeks feedback from the Physical Education Teacher and coaches for both futsal and basketball. The Sports Coordinator holds tryouts with the assistance of independent representatives.

There is only one tryout per representative sport regardless of any cancellations. If a student is absent a score will be given by the Physical Education Teacher and coach (where applicable) only.

Objectives

- To encourage participation in sport on an individual or team basis.
- To encourage sportsmanship, honesty and fair play.
- To develop knowledge, skills, understanding and motivation in different sporting areas.
- To provide a safe and supportive environment.
- To provide school facilities and equipment for appropriate use.
- To acknowledge all students who participate in sport within the school community.

Players Code of Behaviour

1. Set a good example as a representative of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.
2. Display good sportsmanship and conduct at all times.
3. Follow the rules and guidelines set by the relevant sporting associations.



4. Accept the umpires & coaches decisions.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
6. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
7. Wear the correct school sports uniform when representing Our Lady of Lourdes School.
8. Once you have committed yourself to a roster, you should endeavour to meet all obligations required of you and commit to participate fully.
9. All breaches of The Code of Behaviour will be referred to the School Sports Committee and the school Leadership Executive. Consequences for a breach of the Code of Behaviour will be discerned on a case by case basis and may include, but are not limited to:

- An outline of expected behaviour
- A warning for inappropriate behaviour
- Suspension of the next game
- Suspension for the season

Coaches Code of Behaviour

1. **All** coaches **must** hold a current Working With Vulnerable People registration and complete the Volunteer Child Safety Agreement that is registered with the school via the office.
2. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
3. Everyone should have opportunities for success and equal playing time (Participation).
4. Follow guidelines and rules set by the relevant sporting associations.
5. Remember that the players are children and not to place too high expectations upon them.
6. Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
7. Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the official or someone in a position of authority and report all incidents to the School's Sports Committee for follow up by the School.
8. All breaches of The Code of Behaviour will be referred to the School Sports Committee and the school Leadership Executive. Consequences for a breach of the Code of Behaviour



will be discerned on a case by case basis and may include, but are not limited to:

- An outline of expected behaviour
- A warning given for inappropriate behaviour
- Forfeit of coaching duties

Parents Code of Behaviour

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by all teams.
- Follow guidelines and rules set by the relevant sporting associations.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect coaches' and officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- To refer all breaches of the Code of Behaviour to the School Sports Coordinator.
- All breaches of The Code of Behaviour will be referred to the School Sports Committee and the school Leadership Executive. Consequences for a breach of the Code of Behaviour will be discerned on a case by case basis and may include, but are not limited to:
 - An outline of expected behaviour
 - A warning for inappropriate behaviour
 - Suspension from attendance at the next game
 - Suspension of attendance for the season
 - Suspension of the child from the next game/season