



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.

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.

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.

Part of the criteria for selection of teams is based on students having friends to play with as best that can be logistically managed. 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.

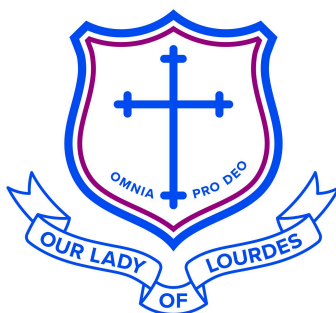
The First two weeks of any participatory sport may have tentative teams due to late entry; size of teams and external factors. These teams would be confirmed within 3 weeks to allow for this grace period.

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.

Ribbons and Trophies

At OLOL we wish to acknowledge participation and enjoyment for all students and we don't endorse the giving of ribbons and trophies at the end of the sports season. See website



Sports at Our Lady of Lourdes

SOCCER: DEVONPORT JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Participation with an EOI sent to Prep - Grade 6 .

FRIDAY NIGHT FUTSAL

Participation with an EOI sent to Grades 3 - 6.

NW FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Participation with representative selection.

EOI sent out to Grades 3 - 6.

Two teams per grade if numbers allow.

Tryouts over a 2 week period to allow for fairness if students are sick/away.

Selection by a panel.

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

FUTSAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Representative

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 by Tasmania Futsal Association.

School discretion if teams attend.

DEVONPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL, WINTER AND SUMMER ROSTER

Participation with EOI sent out to Grades 1 - 6.

Teams in each age group and division (dependent on numbers) .

DEVONPORT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION (DBA)

Participation with EOI sent to Grades 1 - 6.

Teams 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

Representative

Grades 3- 6 with an EOI sent to Grades 3 - 6

Tryouts over a 2 week period to allow for fairness if students are sick/away.

One team in each age grade and division (Div 1-3)

Panel selection

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

NETBALL - DEVON NETBALL ASSOCIATION -

Participation with an EOI sent to Grade 2 - 6 students.

Possible tournament invites - all students invited.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Participation with an EOI sent to Grade 3 - 6 students.

OLOL Swimming Carnival

Grades P-1

Participate in the Early Childhood Swimming Program at Splash Aquatic Centre and have a fun games day to finish off the program.

No official Swimming Carnival until Grade 2.

Grades 2-6

25m Races - Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke

50m Races - (confident swimmers only) Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke

Novelty events for all

To make the NW swimming team, students must participate in all 25m & 50m events and place in the top 8 times per grade (Excludes Grade 2)



NW Swimming Carnival

Grades 3-6

The top 8 boys and 8 girls from each grade will be selected to represent OLOL at the NW Swimming carnival in Burnie. They will participate in various events including 25m & 50m, Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and relays.

OLOL Cross Country

Grades K-2

Participate in the Early childhood Cross Country Carnival held on the School grounds.

Grades 3-6

Participate in the Primary Cross Country Carnival usually held off site.

The top 8 male and female runners from each grade (16 in total) will be chosen to represent the School at the NW & All Schools Cross Country Carnivals at Burnie and Symmons Plains. Runners that place 9th and 10th are considered to be our reserves should we need a fill in due to injury or sickness.

NW Cross Country

For both the NW a, the team consists of 64 runners. 8 boys and 8 girls per grade level.

All Schools Cross Country (Symmons plains)

Age appropriate races not grade

All Schools Cross Country carnivals, the team consists of 64 runners. 8 boys and 8 girls per grade level.

Invitation to all 64 runners to attend this event.

OLOL Athletics Carnival

Grades K-6

Held at Girdlestone Park East Devonport.

Track and field events



NW Athletics Team

Grade 3-6 only

Top 6 girls and 6 boys from each grade level make the team.

Athletes must have completed all events and have top 3 placings/times in most running and field events.

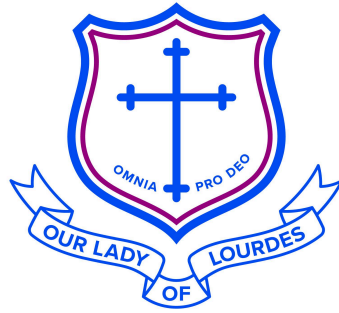
Athletes will not be chosen for just one event, ie highjump only.

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