

11. ACC Fixtured Competition Rules

1. COMPETITION LEVELS

- 1.1 Senior fixtured competition for Year 11/12 students will take place on Wednesday. Year 9 and 10 competitions will take place on Tuesday and will be single year representation, ie. a distinct Year 9 and a distinct Year 10 team and a student may not participate out of his Year Level, except as provided in 2. The Years 7 and 8 fixtured competitions will take place on Thursday and operate as for Years 9 & 10 with single year representation.
- 1.2 Colleges under 1000 students have the option for exemption for participating in both Years 7 & 8 and 9 & 10 sports. If exercising this option, schools will field a composite team in the Year 8 and Year 10 competitions.

2. PLAYING ABOVE AGE GROUPS

- 2.1 For senior fixtured competition only, in the event of player shortages due to injuries/illness or where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated in relation to specific student participation, a College may request exemption for student(s) from Year 10 or below to participate at senior level.
- 2.2 Such application for exemption must be made in writing to the Executive Officer at least 24 hours prior to the match.
- 2.3 Should the Executive Officer judge that neither of the afore-mentioned criteria are met he may in consultation with the Chairman of the Sports Activities Committee deny a request for such exemption.

3. STARTING TIMES AND MATCH DURATION

- 3.1 All matches must commence at 1.30 pm.
- 3.2 If a side has not arrived 20 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be abandoned and the matter shall be referred to the Executive Officer for a decision, awarding of points, or allotting of another date of play, unless both sides agree to go ahead with the game even though the stipulated 20 minutes has elapsed. Where possible, coaches should liaise with the Director of Sport from their school before a match is abandoned.
- 3.3 If Colleges are planning to shorten games, opposing Directors of Sport must liaise as early as possible prior to game and agree on match conditions before passing this information onto coaches. Where a team has no sound reason to finish early (EG above pre-arranged conditions, an emergency or extreme climatic conditions) they shall forfeit match points if they cannot finish the game for the allocated duration as per ACC Rules.

4. UNIFORM

Representatives must wear the official sports uniform recognised by the member College. If there is a uniform clash in a particular sport, the home team will have the right to choose the uniform.

5. UMPIRES & OFFICIALS

- 5.1 Each College shall appoint officials for home fixtures, except for Football and Soccer, where the Executive Officer shall appoint umpires/referees for all Year Levels in conjunction with the nominated service provider.
- 5.2 Senior (Yr 11/12) students who umpire home games for Year 7 and 8 fixtured matches must have the basic level of officiating accreditation with their respective State Sports Governing Body.
- 5.3 Colleges are to ensure appointed officials are preferably dressed in appropriate referee/officiating attire or at least in non-school colours (eg white) to ensure professional presentation.
- 5.4 In the event of the Umpire being later than fifteen minutes after the official starting time of the match or in the event of the Umpire having to be replaced, the two Coaches shall confer in an attempt to reach mutual agreement as to who shall umpire the match. If no agreement can be arrived at, the match shall be abandoned and the matter shall be referred to the Protests Committee for a decision re awarding of points or the allotting of another date of play. (25/11/02).
- 5.5 Schools should endeavour to engage umpires and referees for cricket, football, basketball, hockey and soccer that hold official accreditation from the governing body of their sport (25/8/06)

6. CHANGES OF DATE:

- 6.1 A change of date for competition matches should not normally occur. A change can be granted only by the Executive Officer, if an application for the change of date from the respective Director of Sport, is lodged with the Executive Officer at least two full days before the fixtured date for the match.
- 6.2 Both participating schools must agree to the change of date and if at all possible the match should be completed prior to the next fixtured match date.
- 6.3 If a deferred game has not been completed by the last round of fixtures, the game will be abandoned. Ruling on allocation of points will be that the College which requested the initial deferral of the game will forfeit points from that deferred fixture.

7. DISPUTES

The handling of disputes is ultimately the responsibility of Principals. The initial step in matters of dispute is for the Executive Officer to be notified in writing before the next fixture and the Principals of the schools concerned to discuss the matter. If the matter is not resolved, a meeting of the ACC Principals Executive shall be called in order to resolve the dispute, or the matter may be referred to the Sporting Activities Committee.

8. PROTESTS

Protests concerning fixtures shall be made to the Executive Officer, in writing, within three days of the fixture. All protests will be considered by the Executive Officer who will gather reports from relevant officials before consulting with at least two Directors of Sport from schools not directly or indirectly involved in the incident, before handing down his decision.

9. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

- 9.1 Incidents involving alleged violent and/or verbal assaults which have brought the ACC into disrepute are to be reported, in writing, to the Executive Officer within three days of the fixture. The Executive Officer, after receiving such written report, shall seek further reports from other relevant officials before passing this information onto the Principal of the school involved. Such Principal shall deal with this matter, and the disciplining of student(s) and/or staff, under his own school policy but in accord with the ethos of the ACC.
- 9.2 In the event of a student receiving a further penalty from his school as a result of the school's disciplinary process the Executive Officer must be notified in writing as soon as practical. (24/11/03).
- 9.3 In dealing with an incident at an ACC sporting event or activity, the relevant parties within each school should follow the Incident Management process as outlined on the following page.

Incident at an ACC Event

Breach of Code of Conduct

Sports Coach to email report to Director of Sport.
Director of Sport forwards report to Principal, Deputy Principal and ACC Executive Officer.

Minor Breach

Directors of Sport to liaise and resolve the issue.
Principal, Deputy Principal and ACC Executive Officer advised of outcome.

An example of a minor breach could include (but is not limited to): a player, coach or spectator not abiding by ACC rules or guidelines; poor behaviour or sportsmanship; swearing or general misconduct.

An example of a serious breach could include (but is not limited to): physical violence; racial abuse; personal abuse directed at an official, student or spectator; any conduct likely to bring the ACC or its member schools into disrepute.

Injury to Competitor

Sports Coach to email report to Director of Sport.
Director of Sport forwards report to Principal, Deputy Principal and ACC Executive Officer.

Serious Breach

The ACC Executive Officer, in consultation with the Principal/s and Deputy Principal/s, shall seek further reports from other relevant officials/witnesses.

Discipline for Serious Breach

Principal/s shall deal with breach, and the disciplining of student(s) and/or staff, with reference to the behaviour management policy of the school, but also in accord with the ethos of the ACC.

Communication re Serious Breach

Communicate outcomes with other school and ACC Executive Officer.

10. RESULTS

All results must be submitted online by the nominated “Home” school via the ACC results website by 2pm following each day of competition (28/8/09).

11. BLEEDING & BLOOD BORNE INFECTIONS

- 11.1 No College shall allow any player to participate in any ACC match or continue to participate in any ACC match for so long as such player is bleeding or has blood on any part of his person or uniform
- 11.2 A player shall immediately on the direction of any officiating Umpire, leave the playing area where such Umpire is of the opinion that the player is bleeding or has blood on any part of his person or uniform. After being directed to leave the arena a player shall not return or take any further part in the match until:
 - a) Such bleeding has been abated and the injury is securely covered.
 - b) Any blood stained article of uniform has been removed and replaced.
 - c) Any blood on any part of the player’s person has been thoroughly cleansed and removed.
- 11.3 Any player thus directed to leave the field can be replaced immediately in accordance with normal interchange rules.
- 11.4 Each College shall ensure that any bloodied item of uniform or clothing of a player or official is placed as soon as possible in a hygienic sealed container i.e. closed plastic bag and laundered to ensure the removal of all blood.
- 11.5 Each College shall ensure that all towels, wipes, bandages, dressings and other materials used in the treatment of bleeding players shall be placed as soon as possible in a hygienic sealed container and discarded or laundered in such a way as to remove all blood and risk of infection.
- 11.6 It is strongly recommended that all coaches, students and officials participating in body contact sports should be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

12. FINALS

12.1 FINALS FORMAT

Finals will be played at the conclusion of the home and away season in all fixtured sports at all levels. At Year 9, Year 10 and Senior level, the only finals matches that will take place will be major semi-finals and Grand Finals. At Year 7 and 8 level, all teams in a draw will participate in a semi-final round, with the winning teams from the two major semi-finals progressing through to compete in a Grand Final. Finals will be determined by the position on the ladder at the end of the home and away season as detailed below. (15/11/19)

12.2 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 12.2.1 In order to participate in finals for a particular sport, students must have played in at least 40 % of games for a current home and away season. (24/11/03)
- 12.2.2 If a student has played enough games to qualify in Seconds or “B” teams he is still eligible to play finals in firsts or “A” teams. (24/11/03)

- 12.2.3 If rules 12.2.1 or 12.2.2 prevent a student from participating in finals and there are special circumstances involved E.G. injury, illness or extenuating circumstances, Colleges must make written application for exemption(s) to the Executive Officer at least 48 hours prior to the final.

12.3 PREMIERSHIP FINALS (15/11/19)

- 12.3.1 The two winning teams from the major semi-finals shall play for the premiership. Seniors shall compete at a neutral venue to be determined by the Executive Officer. Where a neutral venue is not possible, the highest ranked College shall host the final.
- 12.3.2 For Years 7-10, the highest ranked College shall host the Grand Final. The grand final will be hosted by the team ranked higher in their division at the end of the home and away matches (or if points are equal by the team with the higher percentage).
- 12.3.3 Neutral umpires and referees will be appointed by the Executive Officer for Seniors and by the highest ranked College for Years 7-10. Appointed officials shall not be from competing teams.
- 12.3.4 The home team for Yr 7-10 Grand Finals shall cover the costs of officials and venue hire as per normal home/away games during the season.
- 12.3.5 Pennant presentations for Grand Finals shall be organised by the Executive Officer for Seniors and by the home school Director of Sport for Years 7-10.

12.4 FINALS AFFECTED BY WEATHER (12/3/10)

- 12.4.1 In the event of a Semi Final round being abandoned due to weather conditions (excessive heat, washout, lightning or storm activity), the two higher ranked teams shall progress through to the Grand Final.
- 12.4.2 In the event of a Grand Final round for Years 7 – 10 being abandoned due to weather conditions (excessive heat, washout, lightning or storm activity), the two teams scheduled to compete in the Grand Final shall be declared joint premiers.
- 12.4.3 In the case of a senior Grand Final being abandoned due to weather, the Executive Officer shall attempt to arrange an alternate date to complete the match that is suitable for both competing schools. If no suitable date is available, then the match shall be considered drawn and a joint premiership declared.

12.5 FORFEITS IN FINALS

If a team forfeits any finals match, that team shall be demoted to last in the final rankings for that year level sport no matter what the circumstances.

12.6 SEMI FINALS STRUCTURE – **YEAR 7 & 8** COMPETITION (26/11/12)

12.6.1 TWO POOL FIXTURE (*Blue & White*):

Major semi finals: Blue 1 v White 2
 White 1 v Blue 2

The number indicates the position on the ladder at the conclusion of the home and away rounds. The two winning teams from the major semi-finals shall compete in the grand final – no other finals matches are played, with final rankings determined

by semi-final results and ladder positions at the conclusion of the home and away season.

12.6.2 *SINGLE POOL FIXTURE:*

Major semi finals: 1st v 4th
 2nd v 3rd

The two winning teams from the major semi-finals shall compete in the grand final – no other finals matches are played, with final rankings determined by semi-final results and ladder positions at the conclusion of the home and away season.

12.7 SEMI FINALS STRUCTURE – **YEAR 9, 10 & SENIOR** COMPETITION (26/11/12)

12.7.1 TWO POOL FIXTURE (Blue & White)

Semi Finals: Blue 1 v White 2
 White 1 v Blue 2

12.7.2 SINGLE POOL FIXTURE

Semi Finals: 1st v 4th
 2nd v 3rd

The two winning teams from the Semi Finals shall compete in the grand final – no other finals matches are played, with final rankings determined by semi final results and ladder positions at the conclusion of the home and away season.

13. AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING

- 13.1 An Aggregate points award for fixtured sport will be made to the Champion School for each of Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and senior levels. To determine the Champion school for each year level, the number of points scored for each sport will be directly related to the number of schools competing in that sport with the first team scoring two points above the 2nd team e.g. For 11 teams the winner will be awarded 12 points, 2nd is awarded 10 points, third 9 points and so on.
- 13.2 For Volleyball and Basketball, "A" Grade competitions will be awarded 2/3rds points of the normal scoring system whilst "B" Grade competitions will be awarded 1/3rd points of the normal scoring system.
- 13.3 There will be a separate award for Division Two Schools (less than 1000 students) in Seniors Year 10 and Year 8.
- 13.4 Senior Seconds and Division 2 competitions will be awarded half points of the normal scoring system.
- 13.5 If a team forfeits any finals match that team shall be demoted to last place in the final rankings for that year level sport no matter what the circumstances. (16/7/01)
- 13.6 If a school fields two teams in the same year level competition their "B" team does not record a ranking when aggregate scores are calculated.