

SPORT POLICY

Scope and purpose of policy

The School Sport Policy applies to all schools in the Republic of South Africa governed by the *South African Schools Act* 84 of 1996. The purpose of this policy is to regulate the delivery of school sport for all learners, irrespective of ability, across all schools in an age-appropriate and/or grade appropriate way, based on the principle of equity and access.

Sports philosophy

School-based sport encourages a healthy lifestyle where enjoyment and participation are key elements. Participation in sport can lead to improved physical and emotional health in all our learners, irrespective of talent or ability.

The school's sport programme creates an important learning environment outside of our classroom, for learners where they can learn to cope, adapt, and function in a team or individual environment. These are all important skills that learners will need to acquire and apply later in adult life. Values, as set out in the Code of Conduct, are also instilled and entrenched through sport.

Although the aim of sport is participation and enjoyment, our learners are encouraged to perform optimally at all times, and have a healthy desire to win.

The school's Board of Governors, in consultation with the School Management Team, determines the school's official sporting codes. These sporting codes are organised by the school and receive funding allocated from the annual school budget.

Aim of sport at Camps Bay Primary School

Learners:

- To develop a passion and enjoyment of the sport.
- To promote exposure to and participation in a variety of school sports offered by CBPS.
- To develop good sportsmanship, camaraderie and perseverance amongst peers.
- To develop sporting skills suitable to a particular code.

Teachers:

- To offer quality coaching through appropriate coaching techniques, coaching courses and clinics.
- To realise and develop our children's talents irrespective of ability.
- To promote the image of our school by focusing on key values as outlined in the CBPS Code of Conduct.
- Foster and encourage good relationships with learners outside of the formal classroom.

Coaches and coaching

Teachers:

All teachers employed at CBPS are obligated to assist with sport administration and coaching as part of their pastoral duties and commitments as set out in their employment contracts. At least one teacher must be present as a primary coach/team manager at the various sporting codes.

Parents and guardians are to recognise that teachers are predominantly appointed at school for their **academic teaching skills** within the classroom and it must be appreciated that not all teachers are competent in coaching. To extend our children and to give them as many opportunities as possible as well as developing teachers' skills, teachers are encouraged to attend coaching, administration and officiating courses. The School Management Team, with the input of teachers, will determine suitable courses for staff. Teacher involvement in extra-murals at the school forms part of the IQMS appraisal system.

We will endeavour to enlist parents with the required competencies, to become involved with the training, coaching or transport of players. Teachers must be present when parents are helping with training and coaching.

Teachers must always ensure that all learners are brought safely back to school and that no child is left behind after practices or matches.

Additional coaches:

Where possible, and with the consent of the SGB, CBPS will employ coaches who specialise in certain sports.

Our coaches will:

- Be subject to police clearance.
- Treat each player as an individual and place the emotional and physical wellbeing of players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Do our best to organise practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that they coach, and teach these rules to players.
- Use coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that they teach.
- Ensure that their teams are ready for the match on match days.
- Rally our team together for pre-match strategizing and to motivate them.
- Regardless of winning or losing, after every match coaches will bring their team together to give them feedback and a post-match talk.

Team selection

Team selection to represent our school at matches or special competitions is at the discretion of the team manager (teacher).

Teams will be placed on the Sport Notice Board at least two days before the match or competition.

It is our policy at CBPS to select A-teams on merit. As far as possible, we will aim to rotate players to play in other teams.

Competitions for B teams are limited but we will endeavour to give each child an opportunity to participate in a match or competition during the season.

The management, correspondence with parents, team selection, arranging of transport is the responsibility of the teacher in charge who may consult with assistant coaches. Pupils and parents should be well informed in advance of dates, times, venues and transport arrangements of all activities, particularly for away matches. Should a pupil not attend the practice preceding a match, he/she will not be eligible for team selection.

Absence from practices and matches

At the beginning of a season, pupils sign up to play a sport. This signing up constitutes a contract by which the child undertakes to attend all practices, matches and tournaments.

If a pupil is unable to attend a practice, the teacher in charge must be notified on the morning of the scheduled practice. A letter or email from a parent is recommended. If a pupil does not provide a valid notification of absence in advance from a practice, he/she may receive a demerit.

Should a child miss a practice, he/she will not be considered for selection for that week's match.

Should a child be unable to participate in a match due to illness, the parent or guardian must inform the school or teacher in charge during the **first hour of the day**. If a pupil does not provide a valid notification of absence in advance from a match, he/she will receive a detention.

Fixtures

Matches are played after school during the week. There are, however, occasions when children participate in tours, tournaments and competitions on Saturdays and during school holidays. On these occasions, children are expected to represent their school in preference to their outside clubs.

Cancellation of matches and practices

Camps Bay Primary has a 'no cancellation of sport' policy. However, in the case of inclement weather, we make the decision whether to proceed or not at 12:00 for Foundation Phase (Grades R-3) activities or 12:30 for Senior Primary (Grades 4-7) activities.

Should a practice or match be cancelled, we inform parents thereof by means of an SMS. Indoor codes are not affected by weather and will most likely continue irrespective of the weather. Parents should ensure their contact details are updated with the office so that they can be contacted. Parents should not contact the office or make a decision on behalf of their child(ren) regarding a cancellation.

Unfortunately, the cancellation of away matches is at the discretion of the opposing school, and we cannot control the timing thereof.

Sport injuries

While every effort is made to avoid serious sport injuries, CBPS cannot be held responsible should a pupil be injured during a sports match or practice. The school can also not be held accountable for any medical bills incurred from such injuries.

Pupil's responsibilities with regard to sport

- Pupils should attend all scheduled practices and matches.
- Pupils should always be correctly attired.
- Pupils should be punctual, display good sportsmanship and be respectful of coaches, referees, umpires and opponents.

Parent responsibilities with regard to sport

- Parents must ensure that their children have the correct (neat and clean) kit for the sport.
- Parents are encouraged to support their children by attending matches where possible.
- Parents must respect the decisions of the teacher in charge – particularly with the selection of teams and positions of players on the field of play.
- Parents must ensure their children are punctual for all practices, matches, competitions and tournaments.
- Parents cannot collect their children from the Symmonds Field after practices, however, when parents watch and support their children at matches (home or away), they are allowed to collect their children.

Spectators code of conduct

- Spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that does not put the school, staff or pupils in a bad light.
- Spectators will practise self-control and show mutual respect, courtesy and tolerance towards each other, the staff, coaches, outside coaches and pupils.
- Teachers, coaches, outside coaches, pupils, participants, referees or adjudicators may not be intimidated.
- Physical violence, profane and insulting language or rude signs during sports matches or any other extra-mural activities are not allowed.
- Spectators will show self-control and not react in any improper manner regarding decisions made by referees - even if they possibly made a mistake.
- Coaches may not be interrupted during practices even if it is to give advice, make plans, to demand feedback or to discuss problems or complaints.
- Sport practices may not be interrupted to interfere with team positions or team selections.
- Parents may make an appointment with the Principal / Sports Administrator / Sport Code Head / Coaches at a suitable time and place, to discuss any enquiries, complaints, and suggestions.

Learner's code of conduct for sportsmanship

- Always act as ambassadors of CBPS.
- Know the rules of the game and adhere to them.
- Accept all decisions made by the umpire or referee without backchat, moaning or negative body language.
- Emotions must be controlled at all times.
- A true sportsman/woman never loses his/her temper.
- A true sportsman/woman will not look for excuses if he/she loses. Accept the fact that a loss was because the opposition was superior on the day.
- Be modest when winning and accept defeat with grace.
- Always respect your team members, opposition, coaches and the staff of CBPS.
- Treat all facilities and equipment with respect.
- Be friendly and hospitable to visiting teams.
- Any incidents of poor sportsmanship will be referred to the Principal and Head of Sport and appropriate disciplinary measures will be imposed as a corrective measure and to preserve the reputation of the school.
- Always wear the correct (neat and clean) sports dress and attire.
- Hair must be neatly pinned up and out of the face for both girls and boys as outlined in the uniform policy of CBPS.

Tours and special competitions

Teams for tours and special competitions are picked on merit.

In addition, for school tours, preference will be given to learners who have played regularly in the A-team the previous season. For special competitions preference will be given to those who are currently playing regularly for CBPS.

Non-school extra-mural participation

In addition to the codes provided by CBPS, pupils may also participate in activities provided by approved persons other than teachers or staff at CBPS.

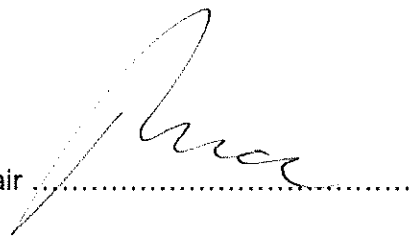
In these cases, the sole role of the school is providing the venues for these activities. All administration and responsibility for these activities, including the collection of fees, rests with the "service provider".

While we encourage participation in these activities, school sport engagements take preference to outside service providers.

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SGB Chair

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