



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK

RALLY DAY POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The procedures in this policy shall be absolutely binding on all CSEN Participating Schools that participate in Rally Days.

COMPETITIONS

1. Competitions will be conducted in the various sports that change from time to time as determined by the CSEN Board, after a proposal has been submitted by the Sports Coordinators.
2. The rules for each of the sports can be found on the CSEN website.
3. The scoresheets for each sport can be found on the CSEN website.
4. Notice must be given at a CSEN Board Meeting of any proposal to alter these regulations, and no alteration shall be valid until endorsed at a meeting.
5. Any amendment to a rule/regulation implemented by the governing body of a sport will only apply to CSEN Regulations after it is ratified at a CSEN Board Meeting.
6. The CSEN Executive Officer shall ensure that a copy of this policy is available on the CSEN website.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any student participating in any CSEN competition must be enrolled with a CSEN school, be in regular attendance (more than 70%) and under regular instruction, and under 19 years of age on the first day of January in the year of competition.
2. All Rally Days will be organised in Year levels; Primary (Years 5 & 6), Junior (Years 7 & 8), Intermediate (Years 9 & 10) and Senior (Years 11 & 12) unless otherwise stated in the sport specific rules.
3. There will be no mixed gender competitions, other than Western Secondary Rally Day (Senior Sport) and some sports in Primary Rally Days. The sports that are named "mixed" may have mixed genders participating. Should extenuating circumstances arise, this must be communicated to the CSEN Executive Officer for a ruling prior to participation by the student.
4. Primary students may compete at the Secondary Championships providing:
 - a. They are an emergency replacement for a secondary student
 - b. There is no more than one primary boy and one primary girl representing the school throughout the day.
5. Selection of teams – it is up to individual schools to select teams for a specific sport on any day. Once a student has played in any team in a given sport, they may not play in any other team in either the same sport or a different sport for the remainder of that Rally Day.
6. If any student takes part in any CSEN Rally Day in contravention of eligibility regulations or regulations and rules specific to that sport, the school which the student represents shall forfeit all matches in which the student took part. Special cases shall be referred to the CSEN Executive Officer.



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TEAM ENTRY

1. Schools are to submit the fully completed Rally Day entry form by the due date. Schools will be charged the full team entry fee, based on the teams entered on the entry form.
2. Further teams may be added at the discretion of the CSEN Executive Officer. Acceptance of any extra teams will require a new entry form to be submitted before a team is added to the fixture.
3. Teams may be withdrawn after the entry form due date at the discretion of the School Sports Coordinator. Schools will be charged a full team entry fee once fixturing has commenced even if they withdraw the team prior to the start of the competition.
4. The CSEN Executive Officer will place schools in divisions according to what is best for CSEN and the overall competition, based on the number of teams entered and the perceived ability of schools in each sport. The decision of the Executive Officer is final.

CONVENERS

1. All schools that participate are expected to convene a Rally Day each term.
2. If a school has a preference for convening, this must be communicated to the CSEN Coordinator when the entry forms are submitted.
3. If no preference is given regarding convening, the CSEN Coordinator will allocate a sport for schools to convene.
4. The Sports Coordinator for a school must convene the Rally Day. Should a Sports Coordinator be unable to convene the Rally Day after being allocated the position, a substitute convener can be appointed from the same school, providing the CSEN Coordinator is informed 72 hours prior to the start of the day and he / she is comfortable with the replacement being able to convene the day to a satisfactory and safe standard.
5. If a replacement convener is approved, the Sports Coordinators from the school requesting the change must ensure all competing schools are aware of the change. This must be completed 36 hours prior to the commencement of the day.
6. Schools can only change a Rally Day convener once per calendar year.

FIXTURES

1. The Rally Day fixtures will be determined by the CSEN Executive Officer.
2. It is accepted that all CSEN Rally Days will be played according to the day and date scheduled.
3. Fixtures will be sent to schools prior to the day, at least one week before the competition.



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MATCH PROCEDURES

1. Coaches have a right to play with a full team of players on the court / pitch / field etc.
2. If a team is short of players prior to the day of the match, communication should be made with the opposition school before 10:30am Monday to make appropriate arrangements. A match should not be cancelled if a team is short of players on the day. There are three options recommended:
 - Negotiation between teams, (always encouraged), or
 - The team short of players be given some players by the other team to make up equal numbers, or
 - Both teams field the same number of players as the team that is short.
3. Should the withdrawal of a team be absolutely necessary on the Rally Day, the Sports Coordinator must forfeit the lowest ranked team in any given sport. This should be communicated to the convener prior to the arrival of teams.
4. Coaches and/or staff members will be the sole person(s) in charge of their school team.
5. The convener of the sport will liaise with all staff regarding finishing times and any other details that should be agreed upon (e.g. boundary line).
6. Late Arrival – schools that arrive after the commencement of the Rally Day will forfeit games missed.
7. No school may make any concessions to any other school in contravention of any of these regulations without the consent of the sport convener. The CSEN Executive Officer should be informed as a matter of courtesy.

SCORESHEETS

1. CSEN scoresheets should be used for all matches and completed fully.
2. The convener of the sport must retain the scoresheets for all matches for the duration of the day and until one week after the finals match has been played in case of a protest / dispute over player eligibility.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The convener of the sport will email the final results to the Sports Coordinators from the competing schools within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Rally Day.

LADDERS

For any competition where finals are to be played, ladder positions will be determined by:

- a. wins, and if equal
- b. the head to head result, and if equal
- c. the percentage



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UMPIRES / REFEREES

1. CSEN will endeavour to provide referees for AFL, Netball and Basketball. It is the responsibility of entered teams to organise and provide a suitable person should an organised referee not show up for the day.
2. The exception to the above is: Tennis / Badminton / Table Tennis – no umpire required as students umpire themselves.
3. The exception to the above is: All other sports. Schools must provide a staff member that is capable of umpiring for the day. This should be at a ratio of 1 team to 1 umpire, to ensure all courts / fields are covered.
4. The Umpires decision is final and will be the sole person(s) in charge of the game.

AFTER MATCH PROTOCOL

Players must shake hands at the conclusion of the game. Ideally, all teams will socialise throughout the day.

UNIFORM

1. The correct sport uniform must be worn for all matches regardless of grade.
2. Leggings are not considered to be part of official school sports uniform.
3. Track pants should not be worn in any sports matches unless there is a medical reason for a student to do so.
4. Only the school logo and school name and playing numbers should appear on competition uniforms.
5. Any change to a school sports uniform should be presented to CSEN Executive Officer to prevent any unforeseen clashes in either colours or design.
6. All teams should carry a set of bibs (of a different colour to their uniform) in case of colour clash. Usually it will be the second named team that will wear the bibs if required.
7. Students not in correct attire should not be permitted to participate.

EQUIPMENT CONDITION

As part of the Risk Assessment for competing schools, equipment condition should be inspected by the school coaches prior to the start of a match to determine if the equipment is suitable for the activity being undertaken. Any defects in the quality of the equipment must not be used in the match and must be replaced by the school prior to the next match.



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As part of the Risk Assessment for competing schools, ground conditions should be inspected by both coaches prior to the start of a match to determine if the ground is suitable for the activity being undertaken. Any defects should be reported to the CSEN Executive Officer as soon as practicable.

EXTREME WEATHER

The CSEN Extreme Weather Policy shall be invoked and play suspended or cancelled once the ambient temperature reaches 36°. For detailed information please refer to the CSEN Extreme Weather Policy.

MEDICAL

1. The minimum requirement for all venues used in CSEN sport is:
 - a. First Aid kit
 - b. Mobile Phone (or telephone access)
 - c. Name, address and telephone number of nearest emergency hospital (available to Sports Coordinators)
 - d. Ambulance telephone number
2. Blood Rule: In all CSEN sport at all levels it is accepted that a player must leave the playing area and be replaced while a blood injury is attended to. When attended to the player may return, in line with the CSEN First Aid Policy found on the website.

AMBULANCE

1. Should a student require transport to hospital via ambulance, a staff member from that school must travel in the ambulance with the student if the parent is not present.
2. It is expected that in such circumstances if the school does not have another staff member available to supervise the students, the convening school will supervise the students until alternative arrangements can be made by the appropriate schools.

BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

1. The CSEN Behaviour Guidelines shall be adhered to in all circumstances. For detailed information please refer to the CSEN Website.
2. It is the responsibility of the Sports Coordinator to ensure that all coaches and students are aware of the CSEN Behaviour Guidelines.
3. Please remember you have a duty of care to your students – they should be actively supervised at a 1:20 ratio. This ratio should not include any adult umpires / referees etc.



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STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Players are responsible for conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules. Most of us can clearly distinguish between fair play and gamesmanship or taking advantage of loopholes in the rules.
2. Coaches and Sports Coordinators are expected to set the example to others at all times and ensure that the spirit of the game and the essence of the regulations are upheld.
3. Each school should be responsible for the behaviour of parents. An occasional mention of behaviour in a newsletter could be quite useful. Spectators should applaud not only their own team but should show appreciation of good play or noteworthy effort by players in the opposing team. They should not barrack against their opponents, or direct unpleasant comments at the opposing team or at any player in that team.
4. Further information regarding codes of behaviour can be found on the CSEN website.

DISPUTES

All disputes arising out of sport matches at Rally Days between Schools, should follow the procedure outlined in the disputes policy.

MERCY RULE / TERMINATION SCORES

1. Given the nature of Rally Day and short, sharp games, there is no need for termination scores.
2. In the case of a one-sided game, the coach of the winning team is expected to implement strategies to respect the opposition.

DRUG TESTING

CSEN complies with the current ASADA Drug Testing Policies and Procedures and expects students that are part of the Registered Testing Pool of athletes to notify ASADA of their intention to compete in CSEN events.

REFERENCES

- Adapted from the APS General Regulations with permission from Mr L Soulos, APS Executive Officer – April 2019