



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK

SEMESTER SPORT POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

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

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 team sport 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. Should extenuating circumstances arise, this must be communicated to the CSEN Executive Officer for a ruling prior to participation by the student.
4. Selection of teams – it is up to individual schools to select teams for a specific division in any given competition. Once a student has played in one division in a given sport, it is expected they will not play in a lower division in the same sport for the remainder of the calendar year. Extenuating circumstances may be referred to the CSEN Executive Officer 72 hours prior to the commencement of the match for a ruling.
5. If any student takes part in any CSEN Sport 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 Semester Sport 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 first team submitted by a school will be allocated into Division One. Subsequent teams will be allocated as Division Two. Schools seeking a variation to this rule must seek variation via written application to the CSEN Executive Officer within three business days of the receipt of the entry form, or the due date (whichever is earlier).
5. The CSEN Executive Officer will endeavour to accommodate school requests, but this may be limited by the total number of schools entering a division / sport. The CSEN Executive Officer will place schools in divisions according to what is best for CSEN and the overall competition. The decision of the Executive Officer is final.

FIXTURES

1. Each semester the fixture will be determined by the CSEN Executive Officer.
2. It is accepted that all CSEN Semester Sport will be played on a Wednesday according to the date scheduled.
3. Matches are to be confirmed prior to the match by both teams by Monday 10:30am via email to the opposition Sports Coordinator.
4. If a school wishes to fixture a game on an alternate date to the original fixture, the Sports Coordinators from the schools concerned must agree to the change and inform the CSEN Executive Officer.
5. If the competing schools do not agree the fixture will remain as per the original fixture.
6. In the event of school camps / whole year level excursions etc schools must play the match on the scheduled catch up week. If one school already has a match on this week, a forfeit will be recorded unless a mutually agreeable time is arranged to play the fixture.
7. Fixtures with Northside Christian College: games will be fixtured at a suitable venue approximately halfway between Northside Christian College and the competing school. Under no circumstances can the venue for these fixtures be altered, unless Northside Christian College agrees and the CSEN Executive Officer has been notified. Finals allocations will be based on the higher placed team venue, not the Northside Christian College venue.



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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 a forfeit be absolutely necessary, the Sports Coordinator must forfeit the lowest ranked team in any given sport, so that the team and players are not in breach of eligibility rule number 4.
4. Coaches and/or staff members will be the sole person(s) in charge of their school team. Staff/coaches are strongly encouraged to discuss with the opposition prior to the commencement of the fixture, finishing times and any other details that should be agreed upon (e.g. boundary line).
5. Late Arrival - for all sports at all levels the scoring penalty for late teams will be according to the sport rules.
6. Should a school be late / forfeit a double header match, they will be charged a court hire fee and an umpire fee the equivalent of both teams cost.
7. No school may make any concessions to any other school in contravention of any of these Regulations without the consent of the CSEN Executive Officer.

SCORESHEETS

1. CSEN scoresheets should be used for all matches and completed fully.
2. In AFL matches, the coach of each team must sign the scoresheet indicating that to the best of their knowledge:
 - Players in their team have not suffered a concussion in the previous 14 days at any level of sport, including community and school prior to a match.
 - The coach will download and use of the head check app if a player suffers a suspected concussion in the match.
 - All coaches, umpires and players involved in the match will adopt a policy of "if in doubt, sit them out".

Failure to sign the scoresheet will result in "no result" recorded for the match.

3. Sports Coordinators must retain the scoresheets for all matches for the duration of the term and until one week after the finals match has been played in case of a protest / dispute over player eligibility. Should the scoresheets be required and the Sports Coordinator of the school in question cannot locate the scoresheets, the player will be deemed ineligible and the game forfeited.



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NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The school winning the match will take the scoresheet and submit all winning scoresheets for the week via one scanned .pdf document to cse@csen.au within 24 hours of the commencement of the match. Failure to do so will result in a draw being recorded for the match.

LADDERS

1. Are published for all grades and available on the CSEN website on the Monday after the scheduled match.
2. 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
3. In the event of a total round cancellation by the CSEN Executive Officer, all matches scheduled for that round, irrespective of whether they were played prior to or post that week, will be considered abandoned. Points for those matches will be shared.

UMPIRES / REFEREES

1. CSEN does not provide referees for Semester Sport. It is the responsibility of both teams to organise and provide a suitable umpire for the match.
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 a double header for Netball / Basketball / Volleyball within the one division and sport at a non – school venue. CSEN will endeavour to provide umpires for these matches, according to the fixture.
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, both teams will socialise briefly prior to departure.

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.



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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 home team's 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.

GROUND CONDITION

As part of the home team's 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
 - e. CSEN Emergency Information Contact sheet (available to Sports Coordinators via the website)



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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.

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 Semester Sport between Schools, should follow the procedure outlined in the disputes policy.



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MERCY RULE / TERMINATION SCORES

Sport	Mercy Rule Score	Suggested Strategies	Termination Score
Basketball	20 points	Introduce 3 point line defence Rotate key players	40 points
Football	5 goals	Restart play back at centre square after a point Restart play at centre square with possession after a goal Rotate key players	15 goals
Netball	10 goals	Abolish held ball rule for losing team Rotate key players Possession at centre circle after a goal for losing team Minimum passes for winning team before they can score a goal.	25 goals
Soccer	5 goals	Rotate key players	8 goals
Softball	7 runs	Change pitcher No stealing bases	10 runs
Volleyball	15 points	Rotate key players 3 hits must be played 3 serves only from one player before rotating, although the team retains possession.	25 points

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