

## Expectations and Sport Selections

### Expectations

It is an expectation that every student participates actively in the College Sport programme and this includes committing to at least one ISA team sport per year. ISA Sports require attendance at all training sessions and all games. As a member of an Oxley College team, students are expected to train after school two afternoons a week. The majority of after school trainings will take place on Tuesday or Thursday and students must attend all weekend games.

In the event that a student is unable to participate in sport due to injury, misadventure or higher level state or national representation in other activities students can apply for an exemption. A sport exemption application form can be found on the website – Exemption Form. Please note that sports exemption will only be granted by the Head of Sport and Deputy Head of School based strictly on a student meeting the criteria listed on the exemption form.

Once student choices are collated, the number of teams will then be determined and submitted to the various competitions. **Please choose carefully as students will be unable to alter their selection or withdraw from a team once the form is received by the Sports Department. Once teams are selected the positions are final and students are unable to withdraw from the sport. Doing so will carry additional ramifications to other students and potential involvement in other co-curricular activities.**

It is an expectation that School sport take priority over additional club or local sport. Students may be granted comprise or exemption from certain school sport trainings if they compete as part of a state level team or national representative team under contract. Examples include NPL division Football, State Age Netball Teams, State level Hockey Teams. Club teams, academies, or development programs such as SAP or DAP programs do not constitute a level acceptable of exemption from school training or games. Students need to contact the Sports department directly and before the season if they expect a clash in school and external commitments will occur.

If a student has other school commitments such as senior productions or debating they are to see the sports department to discuss a way that students can manage and retain multiple students.

# Commitment to Oxley College Sport

## **This commitment includes:**

- Attendance at all training sessions except if injured or sick
- Attendance at all games, both home and away for the entire season regardless of the team a student is selected into
- Upholding the ISA Code of Conduct
- Uphold all behaviour and uniform expectations of Oxley College relevant to sport

## Absence and Attendance

### **Reasons for absence from Training/Saturday Sport: *(correspondence must be made by parents)***

1. Sickness: Email or phone call after training or prior to Saturday Game/Bus departure.
2. Misadventure: There is an acceptable reason for not attending. Email or phone call before training or prior to Saturday Game/Bus departure.
3. Approved Leave: In writing to the Sports Administrator one week prior to the game.

It is an expectation that prior to a game/training, coaches are aware of any students who will not be playing or training.

### **Behavioural management processes for absences**

If a student does meet the commitments listed above the following student management processes are in place.

- One unexplained or unreasonable absence will be listed as a warning
- Second unexplained or unreasonable absence the student will be required to fulfill additional sport set up and pack up duties at Saturday sport or on Friday afternoons.
- One unexplained or unreasonable absence to a Saturday fixture will result in a additional sport duty at a Saturday fixture or Friday afternoon.
- If a student has missed multiple trainings or games without reason or explanation further behavioural management process will be undertaken by the Deputy Head of School. The student may be removed from the sport and will need to complete an ISA sport in the following season.
- As per the co-curricular awards policy students may not be awarded relevant school awards

# Grading and Selection

## Team Grading

Oxley sport teams are graded in competitions based on the ISA grading system. This is based on the most suitable competition for all schools with consideration to previous year's results, size and structure of all ISA member schools. Often teams may need to be regraded due to mismatched results or unforeseen circumstances between schools. The ISA office manages this process and works closely with schools to ensure the best fit competition for all member schools.

## Oxley Team Selection process

All students will be selected into teams based on the following 4 criteria.

- Commitment and attendance at trials
- Behaviour and attitude
- Skill level
- Position experience or demand (if applicable to sport)

All trials for winter sport will be conducted throughout weeks 8 and 9 of term 1. All winter teams will be announced on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of March**.

Our coaching staff will conduct a range of skill and games based trials in order to observe students trialing for teams.

## Oxley College ISA Opens 1sts teams

The Oxley College 1sts teams are the highest representative team within our College sporting program. Therefore, any selection into these teams comes with a higher expectation on the training and behaviour expected of these students selected. 1sts teams are open teams, meaning the selection for these teams is open to any students in the Senior school. Selection into these teams is therefore not based on age but on the students that display the highest levels of selection criteria listed above.

Please be aware that coaches and staff can only select teams based on what is observable at trials they cannot base selections on future potential or any underperformance at trials. To maintain the integrity and transparency of trials we set out these parameters. Whilst no trial process is perfect it is a requirement to ensure we can aim to provide the best experience for all students in the sport of their choice, however students may from time to time be disappointed with the outcome of their selection. In these cases students are encouraged to develop a growth mindset and seek feedback personally in order to learn from the process for future opportunities both within and outside sport.