



SHORE SPORT POLICY

Principles: -

- Represent Shore and develop school spirit.
- Develop perseverance and learn how to cope with disappointment.
- Maintain a healthy life style.
- Develop self-esteem.
- Experience a variety of sports which may become a lifelong interest.
- Learn about commitment, discipline, team work and sportsmanship.
- Develop new friendships outside of one's own peer group, including staff / adults.
- Gain enjoyment from competition.
- Experience the challenge of competition.

General Policies

1. It is expected that as part of enrolment at Shore, boys participate in the sports programme offered by the school. Boys with physical or medical difficulties, or who wish to play sport not offered by the school, or who wish to represent State or Australia, must apply to the Sportsmaster in writing. Shore requires substantial lead time to consider such requests e.g. At least 3 months, and each case will be considered on an individual basis without prejudice.
2. Shore forms the primary community for the boys and, as such, school teams must take precedence over district, village or local clubs. A boy is not permitted to participate in such competitions at the expense of the school team. **Where a clash occurs, the school team and commitment must always come first.** Boys who have exceptional talent in a sport which is offered by Shore, are expected to participate in the school sport/team. Written parental permission to the Sportsmaster is required if any boy wishes to play with outside clubs/districts instead of representing Shore.
3. **Once a commitment to a sport or activity is made it must be honoured throughout the season.** Only in exceptional circumstances may a boy change, or cease his chosen activity mid-season. Parents are required to contact the Sportsmaster in such cases. Saturday or mid-week part time jobs, which preclude participation in a school team, do not represent grounds for exemption.
4. **In Year 9 and above, boys with a significant music co-curricular commitment to the School may apply for exemption from one season of sport.** Written parental permission to the Director of Activities is required prior to the commencement of the sporting season.

Principles relating to specific sports

Basketball

Boys playing basketball at Shore are expected to honour their commitments to their team in terms of both practice and games on Saturdays for the duration of the season. Boys can choose to play both school and club basketball but, where there is a clash of fixtures, the School fixture is to take precedence.

Cricket

Boys playing cricket at Shore are expected to honour their commitments to their team in terms of both practice and matches on Saturdays for the duration of the season. Boys can choose to play both school cricket and club cricket but, where there is a clash of fixtures, the School fixture is to take precedence.

Cross Country Running

It is an expectation of the School that all boys will participate in training and carnival days at a level commensurate with their ability. It is also expected that representative runners, irrespective of their level, will train and run for their school team before any representative fixtures in accordance with School policy.

Football

It is an expectation of the School that all boys will participate in training and match days at a level commensurate with their ability. It is also expected that representative players, irrespective of their level, will train and play for their school team before any representative fixtures in accordance with School policy. Where possible, certain fixtures can be scheduled to accommodate boys involved in representative teams until the end of Year 10. Boys must fulfil their commitments to Shore's GPS fixtures throughout their final years.

Rowing

Those boys who wish to represent NSW or Australian crews out of the Shore season are asked to make written parental application for permission to the Deputy Headmaster at the start of the Shore rowing season. The School would prefer that, after a long and arduous rowing season, boys move to another school sport thereby broadening their involvement and circle of friends in the Shore community.

Rugby

Boys must honour all commitments to their school team. The Under 15 & 16 age groups are regarded as stepping stones to the 1st and 2nd XVs and are particularly important. Boys who have been given permission to participate in club fixtures must honour all training and fixtures with their school team.

Surf Life Saving

Boys are expected to attend each Saturday at Long Reef Beach for patrols and instruction. Boys who wish to compete for their Surf Life Saving clubs in inter-club, State and National carnivals must apply to the Sportsmaster at the start of the season. All inter school carnivals in which Shore participates will take precedence over other carnivals.

Tennis

It is an expectation of the School that all boys will participate in training and match days at a level commensurate with their ability. It is also expected that representative players, irrespective of their level, will train and play for their school team before any representative fixtures in accordance with School policy.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Every effort will be made to accommodate the boys' involvement in the DEAS. Participants must remember that their first commitment is to their school sport's team.

Under age students playing in Opens

Generally, all players are expected to play in their correct age group in all sports at Shore. Ages are taken from the first of January in the year of competition. Boys who turn 19 before the start of the GPS competition are ineligible to represent the School in that sport.

The only exemptions are:

- Some under age players may be invited by the MIC or Sportsmaster to play in the First or Second team. **NO** player may play up in any age group by his own decision.
- No underage player may play in the Open Third team.

MICs, coaches and players are expected to understand these principles. Decisions in these matters are made for the benefit of individuals concerned, the First or Second team, the age group in which the boy is placed and the School.

Parental and Housemaster advice is also sought in relation to these matters. Serious consideration will be given to the selection of players for older age groups for contact sports.

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