



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK

RALLY DAY / LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP POLICY – 2019

INTRODUCTION

The procedures in this policy shall be absolutely binding on all CSEN Member Schools that participate in Rally Day / Lightning Premierhips.

COMPETITIONS

1. Competitions will be conducted in the various sports that change from time to time as determined by the CSEN Heads of Sport. The rules for each of the sports can be found on the scoresheet document on the website.
2. Notice must be given at a Heads of Sport Meeting of any proposal to alter these regulations, and no alteration shall be valid until endorsed at a meeting.
3. 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 Heads of Sport Meeting.
4. The CSEN Coordinator shall ensure that copies of the policies are 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 and under regular instruction. and under 19 years of age on the first day of January in the year of competition.
2. All Rally Day / Lightning Premierhips will be organised in Year levels; Primary (Years 5 & 6), Junior (Years 7 & 8), Intermediate (Years 9 7 10) and Senior (Years 11 & 12) unless otherwise stated in the sport specific rules.
3. Generally speaking, there will be no mixed gender competitions, other than Western Region Rally Day (Senior Sport) and Primary Lightning Premierhips. The sports that are named “mixed” may have mixed genders participating. Should extenuating circumstances arise, this must be communicated to the CSEN Coordinator 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 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 / Lightning Premierhip.
5. If any student takes part in any CSEN Rally Day / Lightning Premierhip 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 Coordinator.

TEAM ENTRY

1. Schools are to submit the fully completed Rally Day / Lightning Premiership 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 Coordinator. 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 Head of Sport. 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 Coordinator 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 a given sport.

CONVENERS

1. All schools that participate are expected to convene a Rally Day / Lightning Premiership each term.
2. If a school has a particular 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 Head of Sport for a particular school must convene the Rally Day / Lightning Premiership. Should a Head of Sport be unable to convene the Rally Day / Lightning Premiership 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 standard.
5. If a replacement convener is approved, it is the conveners Head of Sport's responsibility to 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 / Lightning Premiership convener once per calendar year.

FIXTURES

1. The Rally Day / Lightning Premiership fixtures will be determined by the CSEN Coordinator,
2. It is accepted that all CSEN Rally Day / Lightning Premierships will be played according to the day and date scheduled.
3. Fixtures will be sent to schools prior to the day, usually one week before the competition.

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:
 - a. Negotiation between teams, (always encouraged), or
 - b. The team short of players be given some players by the other team to make up equal numbers, or
 - c. 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 / Lightning Premiership, the Head of Sport 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 / Lightning Premiership 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 Coordinator should be informed as a matter of courtesy.

SCORESHEETS

1. CSEN scoresheets must 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

1. The convener of the sport will email the final results to the Heads of Sport from the competing schools within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Rally Day / Lightning Premiership.

LADDERS

1. 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

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

1. 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 Coordinator 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.
7. Students not in correct uniform should not be permitted to participate in the Rally Day / Lightning Premiership.

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 website.

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 on CSEN website)
 - 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 policy found on the website.

AMBULANCE

1. Should one of your students 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 competing school will supervise the students until alternative arrangements can be made by the appropriate schools.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The CSEN Code of Conduct shall be adhered to in all circumstances. For detailed information please refer to the CSEN Website.
2. It is the responsibility of the Head of Sport to ensure that all coaches are aware of the CSEN Code of Conduct.

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 Heads of Sport 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

1. All disputes arising out of sport matches at Rally Day / Lightning Premierships between Schools, shall in the first instance be referred to the convener for a ruling. Should he / she feel that a dispute tribunal is required, they shall call on a minimum of three Heads of Sport for a conference to decide the dispute.

MERCY RULE / TERMINATION SCORES

1. Given the nature of Rally Day / Lightning Premierships 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 “limit the damage” to the opposition.

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