



# CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK

## TERM SPORT POLICY – 2019

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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

### **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 CSEN 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 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. Generally speaking, there will be no mixed gender competitions. 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 division in any given term. Once a student has played in one division in a given sport, they may 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 Coordinator 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 Coordinator.

### **TEAM ENTRY**

1. Schools are to submit the fully completed Term 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 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. Schools should enter all teams at a level commensurate with their ability. Division requests must be indicated on the Term Sport entry form.
5. The CSEN Coordinator will endeavour to accommodate school requests, but this may be limited by the total number of schools entering a division / sport. The CSEN Coordinator will place schools in divisions according to what is best for CSEN and the overall competition.

## **FIXTURES**

1. Each term the fixture will be determined by the CSEN Coordinator,
2. It is accepted that all CSEN Term 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 Head of Sport.
4. If a school wishes to fixture a game on an alternate date to the original fixture, the Heads of Sport from the schools concerned must agree to the change and inform the CSEN Coordinator.
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 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 half way between Northside Christian College and the competing school. Under no circumstances can the venue for these fixtures be altered, unless Northside Christian College is in agreement and the CSEN Coordinator has been notified.

## **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 a forfeit be absolutely necessary, the Head of Sport 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. No school may make any concessions to any other school in contravention of any of these Regulations without the consent of the CSEN Coordinator.

### **SCORESHEETS**

1. CSEN scoresheets must be used for all matches and completed fully.
2. Heads of Sport 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 Head of Sport of the school in question cannot locate the scoresheets, the player will be deemed ineligible and the game forfeited.

### **NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS**

1. Heads of Sport must submit match results on the official CSEN Results Document within 24 hours of the commencement of the match. If a school does not notify the CSEN Coordinator of the scores of all matches, the opposition school's scorecard will be used for the ladder.

### **LADDERS**

1. Are published for all grades and available on the CSEN website on the Friday 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 Coordinator, 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 Term 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 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. 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.
5. 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, 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.
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 attire should not be permitted to participate.

### **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
  - e. CSEN Emergency Information Contact sheet.
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. b. 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 between Schools, shall in the first instance be referred to the CSEN Coordinator 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 phone conference to decide the dispute.

## **MERCY RULE / TERMINATION SCORES**

| <b><u>Sport</u></b> | <b><u>Mercy Rule Score</u></b> | <b><u>Suggested Strategies</u></b>  | <b><u>Termination Score</u></b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Basketball          | 20 points                      | Introduce 3 point line defence<br>Rotate key players  | 40 points                       |
| Football            | 5 goals                        | Restart play back at centre square after a point<br>Restart play at centre square with possession after a goal<br>Rotate key players  | 15 goals                        |
| Netball             | 10 goals                       | Abolish held ball rule for losing team<br>Rotate key players<br>Possession at centre circle after a goal for losing team<br>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<br>No stealing bases   | 10 runs                         |
| Volleyball          | 15 points                      | Rotate key players<br>3 hits must be played<br>3 serves only from one player before rotating, although the team retains possession.   | 25 points                       |

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