

CODES OF ETHICS

THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF JUNIOR SPORT PARTICIPANTS

All young Australians have the right to:

- Enjoy sporting activities
- Be treated with dignity
- Experience a wide range of physical activities and sports
- Participate at a level commensurate with their maturity and ability
- Play according to rules and values appropriate to their level of development
- Safe and healthy sporting environments
- Share in leadership and decision-making roles related to their sporting activities
- Equal opportunity for successful participation
- Coaches and teachers who will foster positive attitudes towards physical activity and sport, and who will help young people to develop and learn quality sporting skills

All young Australians, and their parents, also have a responsibility to practice good sporting behaviour.

PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official at an appropriate time
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players is not acceptable
- Work equally hard for your team as for yourself. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team or the opposition
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself, with respect and consideration
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches

PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance, rather than on winning or losing
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Applaud good plays by all teams. Remember that children learn by example
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Remember that without them your child could not participate

School Sport Information Handbook For Parents



	Grades/Yr Level	Term/s Played	General Information
Basketball	3 to 7	1,2,3,4	Blackwood Rec Centre—Various Nights after school depending on year levels
Cricket	2 to 7	1 & 4	Saturday a.m. - Sturt Zone
Milo in2 Cricket	Rec to Yr 2	1 or 4	South Aust Cricket Assoc www.cricketsa.com.au/
Aus Kick	Rec to Yr 2	2	West Adelaide Football Club www.westadelaidefc.com.au/
Netball	3 to 7	2 & 3	Saturday a.m. - Southern Hills Area
SAPSASA	3 to 7	All Year	Various venues /districts / times
Soccer	U8 to U12	2 & 3	Saturday am - Southern Districts

INTRODUCTION

Sport is an integral part of the life at Bellevue Heights. The importance of sport for the physical and emotional development of young children is well recognised. A range of opportunities is available to Bellevue Heights students across a variety of sports.

Many of our students participate in school sports and a large number of volunteer helpers assist and support teams in a host of ways. We aim to cater equally for girls and boys to ensure that sporting opportunities are available to all children, to allow the development of skills and to provide enjoyment for all who take part.

This booklet has been prepared to help families support students to take up opportunities to participate in a sport at Bellevue Heights. We hope you will really enjoy your role in being part of our school sporting programme and look forward to the many opportunities that arise where we can work together.

WHAT SCHOOL SPORT IS OFFERED AT BELLEVUE HEIGHTS?

SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

We offer team sports in Basketball, Cricket, Netball and Soccer. (see the table at the front of this booklet). These are played out of school hours and are dependent on numbers.

Students can participate in School Sports Teams from the year they turn 8.

It is a requirement that a commitment to a particular sport by a student be for the entire season, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

SKILLS CLINICS

From time to time, Sports Skills Clinics are organised for the students. These are often conducted during the school day, as an adjunct to the school physical education program. These clinics are usually provided free of charge or subsidised through the school budget. The clinics are an opportunity for all children to experience and develop skills, even if they have no prior involvement in that sport. In this way, the sporting options available to all children are expanded

SAPSASA

Bellevue Heights Primary School is affiliated with SAPSASA (South Australian Primary School Amateur Sports Association). We are one of twenty schools that make up the Southern Heights District.

As an affiliated member, students at Bellevue Heights are given the opportunity to compete at a higher level. This may occur through the student being selected to represent a district team or by the school being involved in a District Knockout Competition for a particular sport, eg netball, soccer etc. Bellevue Heights is classified as a medium school when it comes to SAPSASA competitions. Teams are made up through consideration of the skills and the abilities of players. Young players will at times be chosen as a result of this. SAPSASA usually only involves students in Years 5 to 7.

Sports which form district representative teams include soccer, netball, football, hockey, swimming, athletics, cricket, softball, volleyball, cross country and basketball.

PRIVATE SPORT PROVIDERS

Several sporting groups run activities for the Reception to Year 7 age group on school grounds at different times of the year. These are usually held straight after school. They include Karate and fitness. Fees are paid directly to the provider.

COACHES

Coaches of all sports need to be approved by the Governing Council via the Principal. This is essential as it provides coaches with protection through Council. DECD Policy requires Team Managers and Coaches to have a Criminal History Clearance. This will be organised by the school for a minimal charge.

FEES

Fees of \$35 apply for most School Sport Teams. These fees cover equipment, registration fees and charges, uniforms, umpires (if required) and any other expenses incurred by the sport.

TEAM STRUCTURE

Students from other schools may be invited to join the team in a particular age grouping, where lack of numbers would otherwise prevent students from being able to play in competition. Our policy is to ensure, however, that Bellevue Heights students are not disadvantaged in their participation through the involvement of students from other schools.

TRAINING & PRACTICE

Training is held after school. Students will be advised if practices or matches are to be cancelled, or if any special practice sessions have been arranged. If you have not been notified, then attend practices and matches as usual.

HOT AND WET WEATHER

Summer practice will be cancelled if the forecast is 35 C or above.

Winter practice will be cancelled if it is raining heavily at 3 pm. Contact the front office if in doubt.

IMPORTANT: Parents are strongly encouraged to register their children in After School Care or to make definite alternative arrangements for their children's safety in the unlikely but possible event where coaches are delayed. It is imperative that children are not left unattended after school hours. Please collect children promptly after training.

It is accepted that the Parents/Caregiver is responsible for collecting students ON TIME from training and if delayed, students will be sent to Out of School Hours Care. OSHC fees will apply. Coaches must use their discretion to decide whether or not it is in the best interests of the children to play if conditions are extreme. No child must be left unattended if the game is cancelled.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES:

In the event of the rules of conduct being breached by players the following disciplinary measures will be applied:

- For minor breaches the coach has the authority to deprive players of playing time by removing them from the field
- For serious misconduct the coach has the authority to refer the matter to the Principal.

GRIEVANCES;

Any major grievances of parents should be made in writing and addressed to the Principal.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between players, parents, coaches and the school staff is most important. Coaches volunteer their time and effort. It is expected that the behaviour of players is appropriate and that parents encourage respect for the coach. School rules apply to users of the grounds and facilities out of school hours.

Parents wishing to know information about school sport in general may contact the school office. Coaches/ managers will seek contact information from all players through the use of a registration form for use in emergencies. Messages and team information will be relayed through the school office via email and/or class teachers.

NEWSLETTER and ASSEMBLIES

The school newsletter (published every second Wednesday of the term, starting in week one) is prepared well in advance of being brought home. Sports notices of a general nature can be placed in the newsletter as a way of communicating to all players. Readers are keen to hear about the major activities of School Sports. Look there for important dates which affect your sport. Important reminders, information and results are brought directly to students at assemblies.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - PARTICIPATION SHIELD

Each sport holds an End of Season celebrations where players service will be acknowledged with a gold plate to put on their participation shield. See the office staff form more information about Participation Shields.