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ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE SPORT POLICY

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We believe that it is important to set high expectations of our students in relation to academic completion and achievement, personal presentation, attendance and behaviour in order for us to achieve our school vision of “at Orange High School we ignite a lifelong love of learning which supports us to explore, challenge and create our place in the world.”

Orange High School’s Representative Sport Policy is designed to:

- Reinforce positive expectations of students and develop a commitment to their own development through enacting the school’s expectations of being safe, being respectful and being a learner
- Ensure students are provided with every opportunity to achieve requirements for success
- Encourage students to find a balance between their academic studies and extracurricular involvement
- Acknowledge students engagement and participation in the life of the school, school community and promote self and school pride
- Promote enjoyable involvement in physical activity and promote and develop fitness and health
- Foster and develop positive attitudes, teamwork skills and self confidence

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CREATE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF REPRESENTATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

1. EXPECTATIONS AT SCHOOL

It is expected that students wishing to represent Orange High School meet high standards in all aspects of their schooling. Students must ensure that they conform fully with Orange High School’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations at all times.

i. Be a learner

- Attendance must be 87% or higher. Considerations may be made on an individual basis for students who provide documentation for extenuating absences such as medical conditions or higher sporting representative duties.
- Attend scheduled training and team meetings.
- Completion of class work and assessment tasks; a student representing Orange High School should have no outstanding N award warnings and demonstrate an acceptable work ethic.

ii. Be respectful

- Behave appropriately at all times in class and in the playground. Show respect to teachers and other students through speaking politely, following teacher instructions, and avoiding using rude or aggressive language and behaviour.
- Adhere to the Orange High School uniform policy.
 - This specifically includes wearing sports uniform in all practical PDHPE/PASS/SLR and sport lessons and wearing the Orange High School summer or winter uniform for all other lessons.
 - Wearing the correct uniform when representing Orange High School on the sporting field eg correct shorts, shirt, jumpers etc.

iii. Be safe

- Following teacher instructions whilst in their duty of care. Teachers must trust their students to follow all instructions when on excursions.
- Protective equipment must be worn for all specified trainings and games.



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2. COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY ON AND OFF THE FIELD

i. Trials and training

Students who wish to participate in a representative team or sport must demonstrate commitment to participate appropriately in trials and training. Students who have a good reason for missing a trial or training session, such as illness, injury, a meeting with a teacher, or another excursion, must inform the coach/teacher at the soonest possible opportunity. The coach/teacher may still decide not to select a student if they have not attended trials or training even if there is a good reason for the student missing the session, as team selections are at the discretion of the coach. Enough students need to attend trials and training for the school to be able to field a team, otherwise the team may be required to forfeit from the event or competition.

ii. Team selection

Team selection is at the discretion of the coach/teacher, with possible consultation with the Head Teacher PDHPE. Teams are not solely selected on playing ability. There are a number of criteria that coaches may use to select their team including attendance at trials and training, teamwork, commitment, sportsmanship, behavioural restrictions (EG return from suspension) or a student's ability to abide by this policy. Students who are not selected may request feedback from the coach/teacher. Students may jeopardise future selection in representative teams and sports if the coach/teacher is subjected to rude or aggressive behaviour after notification of non-selection for a team.

iii. Permission notes

Students who are selected to represent the school will be given a permission note for each event that they are involved in. There will also be a cost associated with most sporting events. Students must make sure that the permission note is filled in by their parent/carer and returned with the necessary money by the date outlined on the note. Enough students must return their notes in time for the school to be able to field a team, otherwise the team may be required to forfeit from the event or competition. Students requiring financial assistance can contact the HT Wellbeing for further support.

iv. Travelling uniform

The uniform that players must wear to travel to the sport will be determined by coach/teacher and communicated to students. This will be the case for all representative sports.

v. Playing uniform and equipment

The playing uniform and sport specific protective equipment that is required for competition will be communicated to the players by the coach. Some playing uniforms and equipment will be provided by the school, although some items such as shorts, socks, mouth-guards, boots, shin-pads, etc., will be the responsibility of the student to provide. Players without correct uniform or protective equipment, including the correct shorts and socks, must see the coach/teacher prior to the day of the game to arrange alternative equipment.

vi. Behaviour off the field on sporting trips

Students attending sporting trips, excursions and events are expected to show high standards of behaviour at all times, including when travelling to and from the event, whilst waiting to compete, between games and after completion of the event. This includes all overnight excursions as well. Students should behave in a manner that shows respect to each other, their teacher/coach, parents associated with the team, students and teachers from other schools, and members of the public.

vii. Behaviour on the field

All students representing Orange High School are expected to participate to the best of their ability and show appropriate sportsmanship at all times. This involves following the guidelines outlined below:

- Compete within the rules of the chosen sport.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players, swearing, deliberately provoking opponents, or use of physical violence are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.



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- Follow all instructions given by your teacher/coach.
- Show good sportsmanship before, during and on completion of competition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of a teammate, opposition player or another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, match officials and opponents.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO REPRESENT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

Students will be eligible to represent Orange High School if they complete the accompanying agreement and meet the expectations outlined in this policy. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from a representative team or sport at any time if the student does not meet their responsibilities outlined in this policy. Students who do not meet their expectations at school will not be considered for selection for representative teams or sports. This includes students in the following situations:

- Students who have recently returned from suspension (within the previous 14 days).
- Students who have an N-award warning letter that has not been resolved.
- Students who are on a current Head Teacher level.

A student may also be withdrawn from a representative team or sport if they have a record of repeated poor behaviour, poor attendance, truancy, or lack of school uniform. This may also include students who have shown a lack of respect to teachers or other students through rudeness, swearing at others, aggressive behaviour, failure to follow teacher instructions, or bullying. Students who breach this policy when representing the school may also face sanctions as a result of their behaviour.

The decision about a student's eligibility to represent the school or about sanctions that will be imposed for breaching this policy will be made by the Principal or Deputy Principal, after consultation with the Head Teacher PDHPE.

4. GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS AND COACHES

Teachers who coach a team need to assist in the implementation of this policy and should be familiar with its expectations. In organising a sporting team or excursion, teachers will need to:

- Conduct trials to select the team prior to the date of the first competition or event.
- When required, conduct training sessions prior to each game or competition to prepare students for the event or competition. This will also give the opportunity to reinforce expectations for permission notes, uniforms and equipment, and behaviour on and off the field.
- Do not select students who do fail to trial or train, unless they have seen the teacher/coach as soon as possible to explain a suitable reason. Be prepared to make this tough decision even if it results in a team being forfeited from the competition.
- Check school calendar and consult with Head Teacher Administration to find an appropriate date, and communicate the date to the Sport Organiser or Head Teacher PDHPE as soon as possible.
- Submit all variation of routine excursion forms, risk assessment forms and permission notes (including permission to travel in private vehicle where applicable) as soon as possible to the relevant administration staff.
- Check all students attendance levels (meeting minimum of 87%) and sendral entries one week prior to competition date. Discuss attendance concerns of individual students with HT ADMIN to clarify exemptions eg medical, higher representation.
- Organise uniform and equipment needs in sufficient time prior to the event or competition.



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- Notify students of uniform and equipment requirements, including any items that they are expected to bring themselves. Assist students who do not have certain items of uniform or equipment in borrowing or finding it when required.
- Ensure that all students are dressed in Sport or full school uniform prior to departure and/or on arrival at the competition.
- Reinforce the expectations for behaviour on and off the field that are outlined in this policy to students on the day of the event or competition.
- Refer any issues or incidents of poor behaviour on and off the field to the Head Teacher PDHPE and/or Deputy Principal.
- Reinforce this policy by not selecting any student who has not returned the Representative Player Agreement, and support decisions made to withdraw students from a team, event or competition if they have breached this policy.
- Communicate any changes or cancellations to competition or event to the Sport Organiser, Head Teacher Administration, office staff and competition convener (if required).
- Promote achievements of players and teams, and provide results to the Sport Organiser.
- Seek the assistance of the Sport Organiser or Head Teacher PDHPE if any issues, questions or concerns arise when organising a sporting team, event or competition.

5. GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/SPECTATORS

- Encourage your children to participate but remember that they participate for their enjoyment, not for the entertainment of spectators.
- Ensure that your child attends all trainings/practices and matches wearing the appropriate school sports uniform.
- Ensure that your child follows the behaviour code for the sport.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy. Acknowledge good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
 - Do not interfere with the conduct of events in any way.
 - Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
 - Never ridicule or yell at a student for making a mistake or not winning.
 - Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players. Any game day concerns or issues should be addressed to your child's supervising teachers or the Sports Coordinator.
- Any photos or video footage taken must only be of your own child. No photos or video footage is to be taken at school sporting events without the explicit permission of students or parents, due to student safety and privacy issues.



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OHS REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER AGREEMENT - STUDENT COPY

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2. COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Students are expected to meet the following standards of commitment and behaviour once they are selected in a representative team or sport:

- Demonstrate commitment to participate appropriately in trials and training.
- Respect the coach's decision on team or squad selection.
- Ensure that permission notes are filled in by their parent/caregiver and returned with payment by the due date.
- Travel to the sport or event in the uniform outlined by the team coach/teacher in charge of the event.
- Participate in the sport or event with the required playing uniform and sport specific protective equipment, or see the coach/teacher prior to the day of the game to arrange assistance acquiring necessary equipment.
- Show high standards of behaviour when travelling to and from the event, whilst waiting to compete, between games and after completion of the event.
- Participate to the best of their ability and show appropriate sportsmanship at all times.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO REPRESENT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

Students should read this policy in the company of their parent/caregiver and are encouraged to discuss it so they understand their responsibilities. The attached Representative Sport Student Agreement must be completed and signed by both the student and their parent/caregiver before a student will be considered for further selection in any representative team or sport. The Orange High School Representative Sport Policy can be found in more detail on the school website. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any questions or concerns about this policy.

Ms Tegan Dray
OHS HT PDHPE

Mr Andrew Jones
Rel. OHS Principal

Student section

I, _____ (student's full name), hereby agree to the terms of the Orange High School Representative Sport Policy. I understand that I must fulfil my responsibilities outlined in this policy to be eligible to represent the school. I understand that I may be withdrawn from sporting teams and events if I demonstrate the need to make improvements to my commitment, attitude or behaviour in relation to this policy.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent section

I have read the Orange High School Representative Sport Policy. I understand that this agreement is for an extra-curricular activity which is subject to the conditions mentioned in this policy. I understand that my child must fulfil their responsibilities outlined in this policy to be eligible to represent the school. I understand that my child may be withdrawn from sporting teams and events if they demonstrate the need to make improvements to their commitment, attitude or behaviour in relation to this policy.

Parent/Carer Details:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____