



SPORT PARTICIPATION POLICY

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OVERVIEW

Horsham College participates in sport as part of the School Sports Victoria associations. Students from Horsham College have the opportunity to compete at school, local, regional, state and national levels. Only students who are enrolled at Horsham College can participate as part of Horsham College teams.

Students who participate in the Horsham College sporting program are expected to represent the College in a positive light by demonstrating the Horsham College values of Care, Commitment, Collaboration and Character. Students may have the opportunity to coach, volunteer, mentor and be leaders, especially for the younger players. Any student regardless of ability, social economic background is welcome to participate in the sporting program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Horsham College Sport Program is aimed at ensuring the provision of opportunity to all students to develop and enrich their lives through participation in sport and physical activity. The school aims to provide an environment where a student may follow a pathway to sports participation and, if so motivated, to representative level opportunities.

The objectives of the Horsham College Sport Program are to:

1. Encourage lifelong participation in sport for all students.
2. Provide a supportive environment for enjoyable participation in a wide variety of physical activities.
3. Provide the safest possible environment for the conduct of sport at Horsham College.
4. Provide for the allocation of appropriate resources and facilities.
5. Provide opportunities for students to participate in representative sport.

PROGRAM RATIONALE

Horsham College encourages students to choose to participate in sport for the following reasons:

- To encourage the enjoyment of physical activity and the acquisition of motor skills.
- To develop a sense of personal achievement.

- To provide an opportunity to experience competition and show leadership.
- To provide for the development of personal identity through participation in sport.
- To encourage social interaction in team environments.
- Provide balance in the curriculum.
- To introduce leisure and recreational activities.
- To develop physical fitness and promote healthy lifestyle habits.
- To provide students with opportunities to participate in highly competitive situations.
- To inspire student loyalty to their House Group and school through participation and competition in whole school events such as swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals.

Tier Level of Sports:

Sports offered at Horsham College will be categorised into three tiers:

Tier One sports are common team and individual sports that large numbers of students participate in. The compulsory sports of swimming, cross-country and athletics are part of Tier One. They are sports where the College usually supplies uniform for teams.

Tier Two sports are less common, not compulsory and have fewer participants than Tier One sports.

Tier Three sports are usually, but not always individual sports. These are less common sports that often require specialist coaching, equipment and can be more expensive to participate in. Participation in Tier Three sports require Principal approval.

Travel and Transport:

- Horsham College will aim to provide transportation to and from sporting events for Tier one sports. Students will be required to pay to cover the costs of such transportation.
- Students who have a licence are not permitted to drive to sporting events
- Parents/guardians can transport their own children to sporting events and may take other students providing there is clear communication of approval from parents or guardians. Such arrangements must be communicated to the College. Horsham College is a Child Safe School and recommends that parents/guardians who are transporting any children other than their own, must have a Working With Children Check and COVID Vaccination Passport.

Costs:

- The College will cover registration costs for Tier one sporting events within the School Sports Victoria competitions

Training:

- Students are expected to attend 85% of set training as required by their specific coach
- Training will be provided during school hours for up to a maximum of six sessions. If a team progresses to further levels, then extra training sessions may be required. Times and number of extra training sessions required by the College will be overseen by the College Principal.

Sports Offered at Horsham College:

Horsham College will offer the following sports to students. This list is not limited to the sports listed below.

Tier One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Netball▪ Volleyball▪ Football▪ Cricket▪ Athletics▪ Swimming▪ Cross country▪ Soccer▪ Hockey▪ Basketball▪ Tennis
Tier Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Badminton
Tier Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Equestrian events▪ Triathlon▪ Clay Target▪ Golf <p>*Other sports as approved by the Principal</p>

Participation:**(A) House Competitions - Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country (Years 7 to 9)**

- All students are expected to attend and participate in House Sports.
- Students can sign up to events through their House Captains at the House Sports meetings.
- If selected in House teams it is expected the students will attend and participate unless there is a valid personal or medical reason. This reason must be documented and in writing and contact must be made with the Sports Coordinator.

(B) Interschool Sport

- If selected in Interschool teams it is expected that the students will attend and

participate unless there is a valid personal or medical reason. This reason must be documented and in writing and contact must be made with the Sports Coordinator.

(C) Bans from Sport

- Students can be banned from participating in school sports for poor behaviour in the classroom and/or the College yard.
- Any student with a Level 3 Behaviour recorded will not be able to participate without Principal approval.
- Students can be banned from participating in school sports for poor attendance below 80%.
- Students who are selected in House or Interschool teams for sport and fail to attend and notify the Sports Coordinator may face being banned from all sport for a period of up to six months or a semester. The Sports Coordinator in conjunction with the Year Level Coordinator and relevant Sub-School Leader will make the decision regarding the ban.

(D) Limits on Student Participation

(School Sport Victoria – General Conditions of Competition)

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Downloads%20Library/General%20Conditions%20of%20Competition.pdf>

Students will be able to participate in the following number of team sports:

- **Year 7, Year 8 and Intermediate**
Two sports per term.
- **Senior**
Students are permitted to compete in a maximum of two sports in Summer Team Championships and two sports in Winter Team Championships.
- A student may compete in any number of Individual Sports.

Uniform:

- College approved uniform.

Coaching:

- Horsham College teaching staff and/or coaches approved and overseen by Horsham College staff. All parents or support people must have a Working With Children Check and current COVID Vaccination Certificate. Any persons working with students who are not Horsham College teaching staff must be approved by School Council.

Team Selection Criteria:

- Team selections are made by the appointed coach or coaches based on

attendance at training, effort, behaviour and ability to embrace the College values

Player Behaviour:

All students selected to represent the College are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the College policies and values:

- Team members are to behave appropriately at all times and follow all directions from their team coach
- Team members are to provide encouragement and support to other team members irrespective of the level of skill
- Students are required to show respect for their opponents and acknowledge the efforts of opposition players and match officials
- Students must be punctual for all team training and matches
- Any student behaviour that is a Level 3 Behaviour, may be asked to leave the venue requiring parents/guardian to transport the student home.
- The Sports Coordinator will communicate team selections to Year Level Coordinators prior to competitions, any student with ongoing behavioural issues will not be able to compete.

Parent/Guardian Behaviour:

- Inappropriate behaviour by parents or guardians may be reported to the College Principal. Repeated inappropriate behaviour will also be reported to the College Principal who may consider further action

Academic Expectations:

- Students participating in sport who missed timetabled classes are expected to complete any missed work in their own time. Students can communicate with their teachers to complete any work requirements.
- Any student with an academic concern may not be able to participate in interschool sports. Year Level Coordinators to liaise with the Sports Coordinator.

Awards for Excellence in Sport:

Sponsor:	Horsham College
Year Level:	Students from Year 7 to 12 (2 per year level)
Criteria:	Students who have competed and earned the right to represent the College at State or National Championships or students who have achieved a high level of performance across multiple school sports. Two students from each year level. No citation.
Selection Procedure:	Sports Coordinator/s to allocate awards
Award:	Pennant and Certificate

Governing Decisions:

- Final decisions regarding this program are made by the Horsham College Principal

Appendix A - Volleyball National Schools Cup:

- To attend Volleyball National Schools Cup, students have to participate in the SSV/Black Ranges competition for Horsham College.
- Students are expected to attend 85% of set training as required by their specific coach.
- Training will be provided during school hours for up to a maximum of six sessions. Times and number of extra training sessions required by the College will be overseen by the College Principal.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule