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**This policy has been developed by members of School Council.  
This includes both parent and DET representatives.**

### **PURPOSE**

Through involvement in the Interschool Sport Program, children will learn to play cooperatively, develop good sportsmanship and develop confidence and discipline in a team situation. Children will have the opportunity to refine their understanding of rules and skills involved in team sport.

### **GUIDELINES**

The Interschool Sport Program:

- Provides an organised sport competition for students in Grades 5-6.
- Promotes an understanding of the values and traditions of sport and team ideals, including; loyalty, acceptance of rules, leadership, trust, dependence on others, tolerance, empathy, adaptability, persistence, motivation and sportsmanship.
- Provides equal opportunity for girls and boys to participate in sport.
- Gives as many children as possible the opportunity to participate in sport.
- Ensures sport is an enjoyable experience and promotes positive life-long attitudes towards participation and fitness.
- Promotes in students a sense of pride in being selected to represent the school.
- Promotes the importance of life-long participation in sport.
- Fosters the spirit of participation.
- Provide a balance between maximum participation and a minimum of pressure upon the team or individual.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Greenhills Primary School is a member of the Diamond Valley Primary School Sports Association (DVPSSA) and will participate in accordance with their General Conditions of Competition (see Appendix 1).
- Students will be included in one team for the Summer Competition and one team for the Winter competition.
- Sport teams will be selected based on the following criteria:
  - ability
  - behaviour
  - attitude
  - commitment



### **IMPLEMENTATION (continued)**

- Greenhills Primary School teachers will actively train, coach teams and perform umpiring duties at each match.
- Training for teams will be held once a week (weather and timetabling permitting).
- Permission forms for participation in the Interschool Sport Program will be distributed at the commencement of each year.

### **EVALUATION**

The effectiveness of the Interschool Sport Policy will be evaluated by:

- Principal and School Leadership Team
- Physical Education Specialist
- Year 5 and 6 Teaching Staff

### **REVIEW**

The Principal, Assistant Principal, Team Leaders and Physical Education Specialist monitor and review the effectiveness of the Interschool Sport Program Policy (at least once every three years) and revise the policy as required based.



### Appendix 1

#### Diamond Valley Primary School Sports Association (DVPSSA)

#### Interschool Sport – General Conditions of Competition

##### Team Sports offered:

Summer (Term 1 & 4)	Winter (Term 2 & 3)
Cricket: Boys/Mixed	Football: Boys/Mixed
Rounders: Girls	Netball: Girls
Volleyball: Boys & Girls	Soccer: Boys & Girls
Bat Tennis: Boys & Girls	Softball: Boys & Girls
Basketball: Boys & Girls	

- Boys/Mixed are not offered a rounders or netball competition, as there is an inability to field teams across all DVPSSA schools
- Girls are not offered a football or cricket competition, as there is an inability to field teams across all DVPSSA schools
- Not all SSV sports can be offered for Interschool Sport, as schools do not have enough numbers to fill them

##### Team Classification:

- Girls: A Girls team must consist of only girls
- Boys/Mixed: A Boys/Mixed team must be made up of at least one Boy, who must have playing time in each game

##### Number of Sports:

- An eligible primary school student is permitted to compete in one Summer Sport plus one Winter Sport
- It is advised that students do not change sports throughout the season

##### Convenors:

- DVPSSA convenors are in charge of setting and monitoring Interschool Sport rules, in accordance with School Sport Victoria (SSV). These will be provided to coaches before the commencement of the season

##### Coaching:

- During Interschool Sport, no coaching is permitted while a match is in progress. Coaches may only instruct players during intervals
- Spectators must confine their comments to positive encouragement. Coaching and unsportsmanlike comments from spectators are not permitted