



BRIDGE HOUSE

PRE-PRIMARY · PREPARATORY · COLLEGE

COLLEGE SPORTS POLICY GRADES 8 TO 12

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Sport

DNA OF BRIDGE HOUSE SPORT



- In order to be competitive and to use our resources as effectively as possible, the school focuses on a few selected sports.
- All students must participate in at least one activity, as per the co-curricular policy, per term. Grade 12 students are not required to do sport in Term 4.
- Students may participate in two sports per term, but this needs to be cleared with the Heads of Sport.
- All students are expected to play the chosen sport for a Bridge House team – playing for a club does not count towards school participation.
- A sport choice is valid for the duration of the term.

- Any exceptions to the above requirements must be agreed to by the Heads of Sport, the Deputy Head of the College (Wider Curriculum) and the Head of School.

College Sport choices

- See co-curricular programme for more details.

Over-subscription

- If a sport is over-subscribed, the Heads of Sport can select players who will have to choose another sport option.

Dress

- The official BH sport uniform must be worn for matches and practices.
- Permission for any extra sport items for tours or special occasions must be obtained from College MANCO and/or EXCO.

Sport Practices

- Practices and fixtures can be found in Resources on the d6 communicator and the weekly newsletter.
- Cancellations of practices and/or fixtures are sent out as d6 alerts.

Examinations and Sport

- Where possible, league fixtures will not take place during examinations.
- Students will not be required to participate in practices during examinations and will receive a timetable of voluntary practices/activities.

Selection and age groups

- Selection of players is based on merit and at the discretion of the coach/coaches and/or the College Heads of Sport.
- Players must play in their appropriate age groups, however:
 - In order to field a team, over-age players may play in a younger age group, but approval by the opponents must be obtained before the fixture.
 - Players from younger age groups may play in teams above their age group.
 - Coaches must act responsibly to ensure that younger players are able to face the challenges that participation in an older age group will present and within the laws of the sporting body.
 - It is not possible for children in the Prep teams to play in College teams unless they exceed the prep age group divisions, or another good reason is agreed upon. Such a decision is dependent on consultation with the Heads of Prep and College.

Absence from practices and matches

- In the case of absence, the staff member in charge of the sport should be notified as soon as possible before the practice or match.
- If a student does not excuse himself/herself from a practice or a match they will be placed in a Friday detention.
- If a student is repeatedly late or repeatedly wears the incorrect kit, they will be placed in a Friday detention.

- For all absences, a note or an e-mail from the parent is required. This must be e-mailed to the staff member in charge of the respective sport. (See separate sheet for staff contact details) or an e-mail can be sent to:-
- *Girls* Mrs de Villiers E-mail: coldev@bridgehouse.org.za
- *Boys* Mr le Roux E-mail: jacler@bridgehouse.org.za

Safety

- It is the player's responsibility to inform their manager or coach if they are ill or injured.
- It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they are wearing the correct protective gear.
- First Aid will be available in the sports office. Professional medical care assistance will be contacted, if necessary.
- The sun policy is to be adhered to.

Transport

- Transport to some fixtures will be arranged by the school.
- A staff member will travel on the bus to and from the venue.
- There may be occasions where parents are asked to assist with transporting their children to matches.

Behaviour

- School rules apply at all times.
- Exemplary sportsmanship is expected. A player may be withdrawn from participation at any time by the coach or manager if he/she is guilty of misconduct.
- School disciplinary action may follow if deemed necessary.

Tours

- The MANCO must be informed about a proposed tour before such a tour is discussed with parents or students.
- The cost of tours is the parents' responsibility.
- Tour costs and payment instructions will be communicated to the parents by the tour organiser.
- All fundraising issues connected to tours must be approved by the EXCO.

Awards.

- Refer to Sport Awards criteria.