

School Sport SA Sapsasa knockout rules of the competition

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1. Eligibility

Schools affiliated with School Sport SA may enter teams in these competitions. Only students attending that school can be selected in the school team.

2. Age

Students must be in year 6 or 7 for all knockout competitions. The School Sport Team Leader must be consulted and give approval for year 5 students to be included in a knockout team.

3. Amalgamations

Combined teams are only permitted in the small schools competitions. The combined schools request form must be completed and approved by the School Sport Team Leader. Competitions are offered for small and large schools with the delineation calculated annually from the previous year's data and using the 50% mark of the year 4 to 7 enrolment numbers for the affiliated metro government and non-government schools rounded to the nearest 10. For 2018 the schools with year 4 to 7 enrolments less than 170 are eligible to compete in the small schools division. All single gender schools must enter in the large school section. High schools or middle schools with year 7 or years 6 and 7 only will generally be considered as a large school for knockouts.

4. Campus Schools

School Sport SA believes that it is important to maximise the number of children who are able to participate in sporting programs.

For schools that comprise more than one campus the following will apply:

- 4.1. Each campus that has an individual location number is to affiliate with School Sport SA and enter competitions independently.
- 4.2. Each school with more than one campus at the same site or on sites within the same Sapsasa district and having the same location number is to affiliate with School Sport SA and to enter competitions as one school.
- 4.3. Each school with more than one campus on different sites and in different Sapsasa districts and having the same location number is to affiliate with School Sport SA and to enter competitions independently.

For any variation to the above the school will need to seek approval from the School Sport Team Leader

5. Selection guidelines for schools

Schools should have a sports policy that includes selection guidelines. School Sport SA recommends: A teacher is responsible for the selection of the team but they must establish a panel of at least one other person (e.g. coach) and preferably a panel of three persons.

A minimum of two trials are conducted.

Selection for each school team should be based on ability.

Students must be given as close to equal court/field time during trials to demonstrate their skills and abilities. Allowance during trials must be made for students who are absent for legitimate reasons such as illness.

Please note that the intent is that girls may not play in boys' teams and vice versa as competitions are offered for both genders. However in examples where there is no reasonable opportunity for a player to participate in an equivalent competition then approval to play in an opposite gender team may be requested from the School Sport Team Leader. Each individual request will be considered on age, strength, stamina & physical size plus current involvement in that sport.



6. **Playing times & dates**

Schools entering this competition do so expecting to play matches in school time. Minor round matches are to be arranged by mutual agreement.

Matches must be played by the date listed on the draw. An extension of one week only may be negotiated with the School Sport Officer coordinating the draw provided the negotiation occurs prior to the listed playing date. School/s not playing by the listed date will be forfeited from competition.

7. **Equal playing time**

All players selected in a team for a knock out game must play a minimum of 25% of the playing time available and the rotation of players is encouraged. Where a team wins and continues in a knockout competition it is appropriate for all players to be rotated so that playing times increase to a minimum of 50% for all players depending on the number of additional games played.

8. **Supervision**

Each school has the duty of care responsibility of their students participating in School Sport SA events. A teacher or a supervisor approved by the school principal must accompany every team. All coaches, players and spectators must be made aware of the Codes of Behaviour. If student supporters are to be present this should be negotiated with the visiting school prior to the event. Umpires shall report to the teacher / responsible adult concerned, any person (player, official, and spectator) who, in their opinion, is acting inappropriately. Reports shall then be forwarded to the School Sport Team Leader.

9. **Coaching**

Coaching is permissible by the appointed manager/coach only. However, coaching must not interfere with the flow of the game or violate any rules that may apply. Coaches, officials and teachers should be supplied with and know the codes of behaviour.

10. **Umpires**

Each school that enters these competitions has the opportunity to organise umpires. Once schools have agreed on umpires, School Sport SA expects all schools to abide by the codes of behaviour which state that all children, officials and spectators accept the decision of umpires as being fair and called to the best of their ability. School Sport SA staff will not enter into discussions about the quality of umpiring. It is therefore appropriate that the most qualified and/or independent people umpire these games.

11. **Draw**

Schools will be able to download a copy of the playing conditions, rules and actual playing dates from the School Sport SA website – www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport

12. **Hot weather at minor round matches**

Competing schools need to liaise with each other and make decision re playing times, rule modifications and re-scheduling.

13. **Match results**

The manager of the winning team shall phone in the results to the School Sport SA office (Phone: 8416 5900) or email DECD.SAPSASA@sa.gov.au on completion of the match.

14. **Finals**

All finals will be organised by School Sport SA. Finals days will not be changed to accommodate schools or individual needs and programs. For the actual final date for each knockout sport please refer to the sport draw or the School Sport SA calendar. Presentations of gold medals and a plaque to the winning team(s) will take place immediately after the finals have been completed. The team placed second will receive runner-up certificates.

Hot weather for finals

When the forecast is 35 degrees or over schools will need to undertake the following strategies to

accommodate playing in these conditions. All schools need to provide shade, fluids, hats and sunscreen. Modifications to the format and length of games may need to occur.

15. **Summary of sports** (Please also refer to the specific rules for each sport)

Term 1 and 4

- Cricket

This competition is for boys only or girls only teams. Teams shall consist of 11 players plus twelfth person. Each team is entitled to bat for a maximum of 25 overs.

- Softball

This competition is for boys only or girls only teams. Teams shall consist of 11 players. Games are to consist of seven (7) innings

- Tennis

This competition is for boys only or girls only teams. Teams shall consist of 4 players. Singles and doubles are played with each set to be the first player to reach six (6) games

Term 2 and 3

- Australian football

This competition is for boys only teams or girls only teams. Boys teams shall consist of 21 players / girls teams shall consist of up to a maximum of 15 players who may take the ground at any one time and a maximum of 6 reserves. Boys' games are to comprise 4 x 15 minute quarters / girls' games are to comprise 4 x 10 minute quarters.

- Football (soccer)

This competition is for boys only or girls only teams. Teams shall consist of 14 players. Games are to comprise 2 x 25 minute halves.

- Hockey

This competition is for boys only or girls only teams. Teams shall consist of a maximum of 14 players with teams being allowed to interchange throughout the match. Games are to comprise 2 x 20 minute halves

- Netball

This competition is for girls only or boys only teams. Teams shall consist of up to 12 players with interchanges permitted at each quarter interval. Games are to comprise 4 x 10 minute quarters.