



**BRACKENFELL PRIMARY**  
**SPORT POLICY**



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## 1. SPORT 2022

The winter sports programme will be followed from Thursday, 7 April 2022.

Welcome to all our Gr. 1's who will have their first winter sport season as a Brackie, as well as our Gr. 4's who will be taking on their first senior winter sports season. We are happy to provide you with general sports information to answer some frequently asked questions.

Sport is an important component of any school and can be a very powerful unifying factor in a school community. It therefore remains important that we work together to focus on the goals that are being pursued.

## 2. GOALS FOR SPORT

- To promote mass participation.
- To develop love and enjoyment for the sport.
- To develop good sportsmanship, camaraderie and perseverance.
- To offer quality coaching using the latest techniques, coaching courses and clinics.
- To exploit and develop the talent of our children.

## 3. SPORT COORDINATORS

SPORT	ORGANISER
Hockey	Colette Nortje
Cross Country	Neil Terblans
Netball	Tammy Coetzee
Rugby	Wayne van de Venter
Chess	Sias Janse van Vuuren

Due to a lack of physical facilities and with our Astro being built, it was decided not to further expand the sports programme we currently have. All outdoor sports receive recognition within the school for achievements. Please note that only school sports gain recognition at our Prestige Event. Our wish is that you will encourage your child to participate in a school sport.

## 4. PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The school gratefully experiences a strong parental involvement in sport. Your support is a demonstration of your loyalty. In the same way, your children experience your involvement as very important and strengthening.

Healthy and balanced encouragement is important. Extreme reaction or over-involvement in practices and matches has negative outcomes.

These are undoubtedly our clear experiences. Parents are therefore requested to:

- persevere to motivate and encourage children at all times.
- Refrain from getting involved in the sport during practices.
- where possible, preferably drop off your child at the field or courts and pick them up after practice.
- leave the team talk before, during and after each match in the control of the coach.
- remember that the coaches have already discussed certain strategies with teams before matches.
- refrain from making remarks towards players (not necessarily your children) during matches, which they experience as prescriptions from the sidelines and sow confusion.
- accept the jurisdiction of coaches and referees / umpires on and off the field / court and therefore not question their integrity. No true educator wants to intentionally disadvantage any student or team.

Summary:

The school supports an effective and well-planned programme where educational values can be realised against the background of healthy competition. The school recognises, as set out above, the impact of parental support, provided it is compatible with the objectives of sport at school level (primary school level). The school therefore rejects any emotional and unacceptable conduct that is contrary to the above beliefs.

## **5. DISCIPLINE AND PRIDE**

There is a clear connection between discipline, pride, motivation and success. The school wants to cherish these important determinants so that sport can achieve its goals. There are many practical measures that can be taken to ensure the above:

Some examples are the following:

- Being on time for practices and matches.
- Appropriate, neat and clean clothing is a requirement (any deviation is an embarrassment)
- The focus on team unity while preparing for a match.
- The team moves orderly to the fields as a unit.
- A neat storage of tog bags and other equipment during the match.

Learners are expected to arrive in their Brackie tracksuits at any sporting event.

We would like to request that every learner purchase an official school tog bag that must be clearly marked and then used for sports matches. It is easier to keep a close eye on these tog bags.

## **6. OTHER POLICY ASPECTS**

### **6.1) SPORTS COMMITTEE:**

The sports committee consists of all the Sports Heads and the Sports Manager. You are welcome to share any problem with the committee, which will try to address it as soon as possible. It is definitely a better strategy to refer problems to the sports office, rather than trying to generate solutions on the field.

### **6.2) TEAM CHOICES:**

- Team choices are the sole judgment of the coach (es)
- From u/7 to u/13 all teams are selected on merit.

### **6.3) AGE GROUPS:**

All learners participate in sports in specific age groups. The year in which the learner reaches a specific age, is the age group in which he / she must participate. E.g. If a learner turns seven in 2022, he / she will participate in u/7, regardless of whether the learner turns seven on 1 January 2022 or 31 December 2022.

In noncontact sports, players may participate outside their age group.

### **6.4) ABSENT FROM PRACTICES AND MATCHES:**

Players must inform their coaches in writing and timeously. Oral messages by means of peers are not accepted. Pupils who are absent from practice without a valid reason, risk not playing the week's match, playing in a lower team or not being eligible to play. Absence without apology is unacceptable and creates tremendous problems.

### **6.5) NOTICE OF MATCH PROVISIONS:**

u/7 - u/13 players receive written notice of matches. If your child has to play a match for his / her team, he / she will receive a match letter from their coach  $\pm$  2 days before the match day. If he / she does not receive such a letter, they have not been selected for that match.

You will receive all the dates at the beginning of the season on which the matches will take place. It is also available on the D6 Connect. We request that you do not go away on weekends when your child has to take part in a sports day or match. You should also understand that sometimes invitations are received late, which are not necessarily indicated on the year planner.

#### 6.6) MATCH ATTIRE:

No extra clothing (e.g. second skins, skipants or any clothing of any kind) will be allowed during matches or practices. Only the prescribed clothing will be allowed as mentioned above per sport code.

- ❖ **Rugby:** Rugby jersey and rugby pants - Learners play barefoot
- ❖ **Netball:** Brackie shirt (sleeveless), netball skirt and white socks.
- ❖ **Hockey:** Normal Brackies and long navy socks
- ❖ **Chess:** Normal Brackies and white socks.

Please ensure that the learners wear the correct uniform, if a learner does not have the complete match uniform, the learner will unfortunately not be able to participate.

Please note that you can purchase the match attire at our school's clothing bank, De Jagers or Mini-me. The clothing bank's times are as follows:

- Wednesdays: 17:00-18:00
- Saturdays: 09:00-10:30

Please keep an eye on the D6 Connect for any changes regarding the times. Parents will be kept up to date weekly.

#### 6.7) CLOTHING ON MATCH DAYS:

Players who have been selected to take part in matches may, on the day of a match, come to school wearing their Brackies tracksuit along with their match uniform under it. This arrangement was created to avoid logistical problems. In exceptional cases, only the principal may give permission to a team to change earlier (during 2nd break).

#### 6.8) TRANSPORT:

Matches: We ask that you please use your own transport if possible. Brackenfell Primary School will always have bus transport available for our learners, but only for learners who really need it and whose parents cannot drop them off. We find that parents send learners with the buses to matches “because they **want to** ride on the bus” and not because they **have to**. Parents then meet their child at the other school

and then drive them back themselves. This makes us book and pay unnecessary money for large buses. We ask that you help us in this regard.

#### 6.9) INJURIES:

The school arranges trained medics for matches and sports days. In the event of an injury, parents will be informed as soon as possible. We strive to obtain the best medical care for an injured person as soon as possible. Medical expenses and bills are exclusively for the parents' account.

#### 6.10) RESULTS:

All results are published on the D6 Connect and the school's website. Prescriptions on the submission of results were clearly communicated to coaches. The school relies on regular feedback where players participate in the outdoor sports. Parents must communicate children's achievements and all results with the school so that the necessary recognition is given.

We would like to request that you faithfully communicate your child's achievements to the sports office by e-mail ( [sport@brackies.co.za](mailto:sport@brackies.co.za) ).

Please note the new policy of sport and cultural achievements from Term 2:

This only applies to learners who have received Provincial or National colours, as well as learners who have participated in a National or Interprovincial tournament / events and achieved Top 3:

- Any school sport will be posted via D6, Facebook and Instagram. Learners will also receive a congratulatory letter in the hall.
- Extramural activities: (Any sport not offered by the school). Will only be posted via D6 Connect. Learners who have received Provincial or National colours will also receive a congratulatory letter in the hall.

To manage the above successfully, we need parents' co-operation in this regard.

## **7. CANCELLATION OF MATCHES OR PRACTICES**

Cancellation is limited as far as possible. Brackenfell Primary School never cancels a match or practice unless weather conditions require it. If a practice or match is cancelled, you will be notified via the class WhatsApp group and D6 Connect. The decision is only made at 12:00, therefore Alerts will only be sent out after 12:00. Please do not contact the sports office before 12:00.

## **8. AVAILABILITY OF COACHES**

The school has only a limited number of coaches. At this stage, the availability of ladies for the netball are more favorable while the men undoubtedly cannot coach 30 rugby teams. This reality forces the school to appoint coaches from elsewhere.

The school will do a full projection of teams and the coaches needed for next year. This will be advertised. A panel of experts will be involved in the selection of each applicant and finally ensure that a contract is entered into with the successful candidates. This contract will clearly spell out minimum requirements.

Parents who have the necessary expertise and are available for the required hours may apply for the position of coach. However, the school places one condition, and that is that the coach will not be involved in the coaching of a team in which their child is involved. Neither parent or teacher's integrity is questioned by this.

Our goal is to appoint a coach for each team and we put a lot of effort into identifying suitable candidates.

## **9. INVITATION**

The school invites all role players to remain constructive in the school's sport. Where the school itself offers the sporting code, club representation will be discouraged especially contact sports. The school should enjoy preference when considering school or club.

## **10. D6 CONNECT APP and SMS SYSTEM**

In 2020, the school upgraded its administrative system. As part of the upgrade, the D6 Connect App replaced the old Communicator system, so we urge you to download this App as soon as possible so that you can stay up to date. The app is available on both Apple App Store and Android Play store.

## **11. HOCKEY ASTRO**

We are privileged to be able to use our own Astro from May 2022. The senior teams get preference when using the Astro. Our Astro will only be ready at the end of May so we ask that you please be patient regarding the sport times and training days.

For general inquiries please contact [sport@brackies.co.za](mailto:sport@brackies.co.za)

Brackie greetings

Sports Office