



Kincumber High School Representative Sport Policy

Background

Kincumber High School has a proud tradition of success on the sporting field. Representing Kincumber High School is a privilege that students must earn through their ability, effort and attitude, both on and off the sporting field. Students who wish to participate in representative school sport at any level should be proud of their school and will demonstrate this through their actions at all times.

1. EXPECTATIONS AT SCHOOL

It is expected that students wishing to represent Kincumber High School meet high standards in all aspects of the school. Students must ensure that they conform fully with Kincumber High School's expectation of **RESPECT** towards others at all times.

To be eligible to represent Kincumber HS, students must meet the following expectations:

- Attend school regularly. Acceptable attendance is considered to be 85% or higher.
- Attend all classes regularly.
- Behave appropriately at all times in class and in the playground. In particular, it is important to show respect to teachers and other students through talking politely, following teacher instructions, and avoiding using rude or aggressive language and behaviour.
- Work to the best of their ability in all classes.
- Complete all assignments and assessment tasks on time.
- Adhere to the Kincumber High School uniform policy.

2 – COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY ON & OFF THE FIELD

2.1 Trials and training – Students who wish to participate in a representative team or sport must demonstrate commitment to participate appropriately in trials and training. Students who have a good reason for missing a trial or training session, such as illness, injury, a meeting with a teacher, or another excursion, must inform the coach/teacher at the soonest possible opportunity. The coach/teacher may still decide not to select a student if they have not attended trials or training even if there is a good reason for the student missing the session, as team selections are at the discretion of the coach. Enough students need to attend trials and training for the school to be able to field a team, otherwise the team may be required to forfeit from the event or competition.

2.2 Team selection – Team selection is at the discretion of the coach/teacher, under consultation with the Head Teacher PDHPE and Sport Organiser. Teams are not solely selected on playing ability. There are a number of criteria that coaches may use to select their team including attendance at trials and training, teamwork, commitment, sportsmanship, or a student's ability to abide by this policy. Students who are not selected must respect the coach's decision. Students may jeopardise future selection in representative teams and sports if the coach or teacher is subjected to rude or aggressive behaviour after notification of non-selection for a team.

2.3 Permission notes – Students who are selected to represent the school will be given a permission note for each event that they are involved in. There will also be a small cost associated with most sporting events. Students must make sure that the permission note is filled in by their parent/carer and returned with the necessary money by the date outlined on the note. Enough students must return their notes in time for the school to be able to field a team, otherwise the team may be required to forfeit from the event or competition.

2.4 Travelling uniform – The uniform that players must wear to travel to the sport will be the school PE/Sport uniform or full school uniform. This will be the case for all representative sports, unless alternative arrangements are advised by the coach. Alternative arrangements will occur in a few situations where it is more appropriate to wear other clothing, such as cricket teams wearing whites.

2.5 Playing uniform and equipment – The playing uniform and sport specific protective equipment that is required for competition will be communicated to the players by the coach. Most playing uniforms and equipment will be provided by the school, although some items such as shorts, socks, mouth-guards, boots, shin-pads, etc., will be the responsibility of the student to provide. Players without correct uniform or protective equipment, including the correct shorts and socks, must see the coach/teacher prior to the day of the game to arrange alternative equipment.

2.6 Behaviour off the field on sporting trips – Students attending sporting trips, excursions and events are expected to show high standards of behaviour at all times, including when travelling to and from the event, whilst waiting to compete, between games and after completion of the event. Students should behave in a manner that shows respect to each other, their teacher/coach, parents associated with the team, students and teachers from other schools, and members of the public.

2.7 Behaviour on the field - All students representing Kincumber HS are expected to participate to the best of their ability and show appropriate sportsmanship at all times. This involves following the guidelines outlined below:

- Compete within the rules of the chosen sport.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players, deliberately provoking opponents, or use of physical violence are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Follow all instructions given by your teacher/coach.
- Show good sportsmanship during and on completion of competition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of a team mate, opposition player or another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates, match officials and opponents.

3 – ELIGIBILITY TO REPRESENT KHS

Students will be eligible to represent Kincumber HS if they complete the accompanying agreement and meet the expectations outlined in this policy. The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from a representative team or sport at any time if the student does not meet their responsibilities outlined in this policy.

Students who do not meet their expectations at school may not be considered for selection for representative teams or sports. This includes students in the following situations:

- Students on Level 2 or students whose monitoring book on Level 2 was unsatisfactory.
- Students who have an unsatisfactory monitoring book on Level 1.
- Students who have not completed an After School Detention that has been issued.
- Students who have an N-award warning letter that has not been resolved.

A student may also be withdrawn from a representative team or sport if they have a record of repeated poor behaviour, poor attendance, truancy, or lack of school uniform. This may also include students who have shown a lack of respect to teachers or other students through rudeness, swearing at others, aggressive behaviour, failure to follow teacher instructions, or bullying. Students who breach this policy when representing the school may also face sanctions as a result of their behaviour.

The decision about a student's eligibility to represent the school or about sanctions that will be imposed for breaching this policy will be made on behalf of the Principal by the Deputy Principal, after consultation with the Sport Organiser and Head Teacher PDHPE.

4. GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS AND COACHES

Teachers who coach a team need to assist in the implementation of this policy and should be familiar with its expectations. In organising a sporting team or excursion, teachers will need to:

- Conduct trials to select the team at least two weeks prior to the date of the first competition or event. This will allow time to provide the team list to the Sport Organiser or Head Teacher PDHPE for approval.
- Conduct training sessions prior to each game or competition to prepare students for the event or competition. This will also give the opportunity to reinforce expectations for permission notes, uniforms and equipment, and behaviour on and off the field.
- Do not select students who do fail to trial or train, unless they have seen the teacher/coach as soon as possible to explain a suitable reason. Be prepared to make this tough decision even if it results in a team being forfeited from the competition.
- Check calendar and consult with Head Teacher Administration to find appropriate date, and communicate the date to the Sport Organiser or Head Teacher PDHPE as soon as possible.
- Submit all excursion forms, risk assessment forms and permission notes (including permission to travel in private vehicle where applicable) as soon as possible to Head Teacher PDHPE/Sport Organiser, Head Teacher Administration, SAM and Deputy Principal. This should be done at least three school days prior to competition.
- Withdraw from the team any students who do not return permission notes and money on time. Be prepared to make this tough decision even if it results in a team being forfeited from the competition.

- See Sport Organiser/Head Teacher PDHPE about uniform and equipment needs in sufficient time prior to the event or competition.
- Notify students of uniform and equipment requirements, including any items that they are expected to bring themselves. Assist students who do not have certain items of uniform or equipment in borrowing or finding it when required.
- Ensure that all students are dressed in PE or full school uniform prior to departure and/or on arrival at the competition.
- Reinforce the expectations for behaviour on and off the field that are outlined in this policy to students on the day of the event or competition.
- Refer any issues or incidents of poor behaviour on and off the field to the Sport Organiser or Head Teacher PDHPE. This should be done both verbally and electronically (via Millennium), and must include any serious incident such as a player being sent off by a referee, umpire or match official.
- Reinforce this policy by not selecting any student who has not returned the Representative Player Agreement, and support decisions made to withdraw students from a team, event or competition if they have breached this policy.
- Communicate any changes or cancellations to competition or event to Sport Organiser, Head Teacher Administration, office staff and competition convener (if required).
- Promote achievements of players and teams with article and photos in newsletter, and provide results to Sport Organiser.
- Seek the assistance of the Sport Organiser or Head Teacher PDHPE if any issues, questions or concerns arise when organising a sporting team, event or competition.



Kincumber High School Representative Sport Policy Student Copy

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2 – COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY ON & OFF THE FIELD

Students are expected to meet the following standards of commitment and behaviour once they are selected in a representative team or sport:

- Demonstrate commitment to participate appropriately in trials and training.
- Respect the coach's decision on team or squad selection
- Make sure that permission notes are filled in by their parent/carer and returned with the necessary money by the date outlined on the note.
- Travel to the sport or event in the school PE/Sport uniform or full school uniform unless alternative arrangements are advised by the coach.
- Participate in the sport or event with the required playing uniform and sport specific protective equipment, or see the coach/teacher prior to the day of the game to arrange assistance acquiring necessary equipment.
- Show high standards of behaviour when travelling to and from the event, whilst waiting to compete, between games and after completion of the event.
- Participate to the best of their ability and show appropriate sportsmanship at all times.

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The Kincumber HS Representative Sport Policy can be found in more detail on the school website. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any questions or concerns about this policy.



Kincumber High School Representative Sport Policy Student Agreement

Students should read this policy in the company of their parent/carer and are encouraged to discuss it so they understand their responsibilities. The attached Representative Sport Agreement must be completed and signed by both the student and their parent/carer before a student will be considered for selection in any representative team or sport.

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Mr P Batey
Head Teacher PDHPE

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Sport Organiser

Student section

I, _____ (student's full name), hereby agree to the terms of the Kincumber High School Representative Sport Policy. I understand that I must fulfill my responsibilities outlined in this policy to be eligible to represent the school. I understand that I may be withdrawn from sporting teams and events if I demonstrate the need to make improvements to my commitment, attitude or behaviour in relation to this policy.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent section

I have read the Kincumber HS Representative Sport Policy. I understand that this agreement is for an extra-curricular activity which is subject to the conditions mentioned in this policy. I understand that my child must fulfill their responsibilities outlined in this policy to be eligible to represent the school. I understand that my child may be withdrawn from sporting teams and events if they demonstrate the need to make improvements to their commitment, attitude or behaviour in relation to this policy.

Parent/Carer Details:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Care Signature: _____ Date: _____