SPORTS PARTICPATION & LEVY POLICY

Rationale
Mildura Senior Colleges has no “house” sport competition however all students are able to represent the College in a wide range of sports at local, zone, state and national level.

Aims
This policy aims to provide a fair and equitable system to encourage students to participate in sport and provide clear guidelines for parent payments and college contributions.

Definitions
Local and Northern Zone participation: Sports competitions held within regional centres including Mildura, Robinvale, Swan Hill and Bendigo.
State: State finals held within metropolitan centres such as Melbourne and it’s surrounds.
National: Representation for the state at a national completion, maybe held anywhere in Australia.
CRT: Casual Relief Teacher
VSSSA: Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association
SSV: School Sport Victoria
DEECD: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
MSC: Mildura Senior College

Guidelines
1. All students are encouraged to participate in a range of sports that have been endorsed SSV competitions.
2. Team selection maybe based on tri-outs for sports that have a large number of expressions of interest and student selection will then be based on ability/previous experience or representation or current grade and local performances.
3. Students maybe expected to attend training sessions.
4. All students participating in Local and Northern Zone competitions are expected to pay a $50.00 sports levy regardless of the venue. This levy is to contribute to the costs associated with participating in the competition. Such items covered by the levy include VPSSA membership and competition entry fees, upkeep of college sports uniforms, travel & accommodation expenses and CRT to cover lessons left at school.
5. Students are only required to pay the $50.00 sports levy once, regardless of the sports they participate in.
6. Students participating in State finals are required to pay an additional $150.00 fee to cover the additional costs to travel to Melbourne; this is to be paid for each sport. The fee may be reduced if there is no expense incurred by the college.
7. Students participating in State finals will also have the opportunity to purchase, at their cost a commemorative college sports jumper “hoodie”. Some sports may require additional uniforms to be purchased for State Finals i.e. softball singlet.
8. Students are able to use their own sports equipment.
9. Where a student is travelling to individual state event endorsed by the Principal with a parent/guardian and they may apply for reimbursement of expenses for travel & accommodation that exceed $150.00
10. All sports competitions held away from Mildura Senior College must adhere to MSC and DEECD excursion and activities guidelines and policies.
11. Reimbursements for costs associated with National competitions are required to be negotiated and agreed upon with the Principal prior to the competition.

**Grievance Procedures**

1. Grievances in the first instance are to be lodged in writing to the Principal for consideration.
2. The Principal (or their delegate) must respond within 1 week from when the grievance is received.
3. If the grievance remains unresolved then the family may make further appeal to the Mildura Senior College Council.

**Implementation**

**Student Participation**

1. Competitions are held throughout the year, and students should read noticeboards and the online Bulletin for details about training, team selection and competition formats. To be considered for selection students must express an interest by registering on the Sports “moodle” page on the intranet. In some cases sports will not run if there is not a significant interest.
2. As we are a Senior College, it is expected that students will sometimes play a role in organising or even coaching a team.
3. The supervising teacher must complete relevant excursion documentation and ensure all permission and medicals forms are completed prior to the event. Where applicable College Council permission must be obtained prior to the event. All requirements of the MSC Excursions & Activities and First Aid Policies must be adhered too.

**Student Payments**

1. Student Sports Levy is raised on all family statements at the commencement of the school year.
2. Administration Staff are responsible for co-ordinating the purchase of the sports jumpers and uniform requirements. Normal MSC purchasing guidelines are to be adhered to.
3. Teachers are to provide administration staff with student lists for each event when additional charges are required.
4. Teachers are to work with Administration Staff to ensure students have paid the appropriate levy.

**Resources**

SSV Website: https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

**Appendices**

Excursion Quickguide: http://intranet.milsen.vic.edu.au/ews/General-Information-/Excursions
Excursion Information: MSC Intranet/General Information/Excursions
MSC First Aid Policy

**Evaluation**

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