



Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. The nine member schools will be known as the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria: Assumption College, Camberwell Grammar School, Ivanhoe Grammar School, Marcellin College, Mentone Grammar, Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School, The Peninsula School, Trinity Grammar School and Yarra Valley Grammar.
2. All nine member schools are involved in the Boys' AGSV Sporting Program. Six member schools (Assumption College, Ivanhoe Grammar School, Mentone Grammar, Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School, The Peninsula School and Yarra Valley Grammar) compete in the Girls' Sporting Program which is only partly AGSV – Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country. The remainder of the program is shared with the Associated Public Schools (APS) under the title of AGSV/APS Summer and Winter Sport.
3. Details of sporting arrangements will be determined by the Sports Coordinators' Committee. This committee consists of a Boys Sports Coordinator from each of the nine schools and a Girls Sports Coordinator from each of the six co-educational schools, with an Honorary Chairman and an Executive Officer appointed by the Heads Association. No resolution or decision of this Committee will be binding unless approved by a meeting of the Heads of the above listed schools.

The Committee will meet as a single entity for joint issues, but gender specific agenda will be addressed at separate meetings of the Boys' and Girls' Sports Coordinators. The Girls' Sports Coordinators also attend meetings each term with the APS Girls' Sport Delegates in order to make arrangements for their joint sporting seasons.
4. At all meetings of the above Committee (or its sub groups) it is expected that schools will be fully represented. Meetings will be held at least once per term provided that emergency meetings may be called by the Executive Officer after consultation with the Chairman.
5. (a) In the event of serious problems arising during the conduct of any inter-school match, a Head (or a representative) should be prepared to take appropriate action either at the time or subsequently. Such action may include the termination of the match.

(b) Any disputes or claims arising out of any contravention of any Regulations governing sporting contests or charges against a school, or individual, will be reported to the Executive Officer of the Sports Coordinators' Committee for consideration and a decision will be made by that body, subject to the right of appeal to the Heads. The decision of the Committee will remain, pending the hearing of any such appeal.
6. No change to these Regulations will be made without the consent of a majority of the Heads of Schools.

All schools should be familiar with and where appropriate, follow the contents of the following AGSV Policies: ADVERSE WEATHER, MEDICAL ATTENTION, QUALITY AND CONDITION OF SPORTING FACILITIES.

Players and Teams

7. All students on the school roll, whether full or part time, are eligible to participate in interschool sport. Where a student is aged twenty or more on 1 January, application must be made to the Executive of the Sports Coordinators' Committee for permission to participate in a Premiership sport, each case to be considered on its merits.

Students attending a school on exchange are eligible to represent that school. However, to participate in a Premiership sport, including Athletics and Swimming, the duration of the exchange must be a minimum of one school term.

8. (a) Boys Summer and Winter team sports are played on a Year Level basis, with Years 11 and 12 combining for Open teams.
Girls Summer and Winter team sports are played in three divisions, Open, Intermediate and Junior.
 - (b) Age groupings for Swimming and Athletics are determined by the age of the student on 28 February, for Swimming, and on 30 June for Athletics.
 - (c) Any student listed by their school as a Year 12 student is not permitted to participate in any summer sports team in Term IV of that year. Any departure from this rule must have the unanimous support of the Heads.
 - (d) A student may only play one Summer and one Winter premiership sport per season (excluding Athletics and Swimming), except with the express permission of the Executive of the Sports Coordinators Committee. A student may only move mid-season from a non-premiership team to a premiership team in another sport, under extenuating circumstances, and with the permission of the Executive.
 - (e) No student who plays in a Firsts match may play in a Seconds or a Year Level match in the same round.
9. Any school infringing these Regulations may be excluded from all contests by vote of the Heads
 10. Before the Combined Athletics and Swimming Sports and the Cross Country season, lists of teams must be entered by Schools into the computer program provided by the Executive Officer of the Sports Coordinators' Committee, by a date that is set by the Executive Officer.

Boys Premierships (Firsts Teams)

11. (a) In sports where no finals are played, each school will play all others once on a home and away basis. When there are six teams entered into a competition, that competition will have a ten round season, where each school plays each other twice over the course of that season. In the event of two or more schools being equal on points at season's end, the Premiership will be awarded to the team finishing top of the ladder at the end of the home and away season. Where premiership points are equal, the team with the greater set index or difference, rubber index, goal difference or percentage will win the Premiership. If both teams are equal on premiership points *and* percentage, the result of their home and away game will decide the Premiership.
- (b) Sports with nine schools entered, the season will include an additional round where a 1 v 2 Grand Final will be played to decide the Premiership. In the event of a draw (including washout) or tie in the final, no extra time will be played, nor will the game will not be replayed. The team with finishing top of the ladder at the end of the Home and Away season will be declared the winner. If both teams are equal on premiership points *and* percentage, the result of their home and away game will decide the Premiership.
- (c) Sports with seven or eight teams entered will play a semi-final, then a final round. Before finals, teams equal on premiership points will be separated by percentage, goal difference, set difference, etc. Failing that, on the head to head result.
- (d) A school may enter a second team in a Firsts competition if a bye exists. Matches involving that team will not be played for premiership points.
- (e) In order to have premiership status, it is necessary for two thirds of the member schools to participate, unless otherwise decided by the Heads of Schools Committee.

Matches

12. All school matches will be played under the laws recognised by the Football Victoria / Victorian Amateur Football Association, Netball Victoria, Badminton Victoria, Basketball Victoria, Cricket Victoria, Football Federation of Victoria (Soccer), Hockey Victoria, Victorian Softball Association, Victorian Squash Federation, Table Tennis Victoria, Tennis Victoria, Volleyball Victoria Inc., respectively, insofar as they apply to the games in question, provided that they do not clash with any of these Regulations.

Athletics and Swimming Sports will be conducted under the rules of Athletics Victoria and Swimming Victoria respectively.

13. The match ground will be chosen by the home school. Matches will be played on grounds and courts approved by the Association, or at a central venue hired by the Association.

Boys Sport Venues

14. (a) In Firsts Cricket, if the allotted ground is unfit or unavailable for play, the match may be transferred to another ground, **on the day the match is scheduled to be played**.
 - (b) In Firsts Tennis, if the allotted courts are unfit or unavailable for play (outdoors only, for Firsts), the match may be transferred to other courts **on the day the match is scheduled to be played**. However, there will be no change in venue after play commences.
 - (c) In Firsts Football, **Hockey** and / or Soccer, if an allotted ground is unfit or unavailable for play, the match may be transferred to another ground **on the day the match is scheduled to be played**. In the event of a disagreement between the coaches as to the fitness of the ground, the central umpire / referee will decide.
 - (d) Any change in venue or date **made prior to day the match is scheduled to be played**, must be approved by the Heads of the schools concerned or their representatives. The Executive Officer of the Sports Coordinators' Committee should be notified of any such change.
 - (e) **Where Firsts Cricket, Tennis, Football, Hockey or Soccer is cancelled on the day of play due to unplayable grounds (and no other option is agreed to or available as outlined above in 14. a), b), c) or d), the game will not be replayed and both teams receive points equivalent to a drawn match for that competition.**
15. In all sport, the umpires or referees are responsible for removing players who are bleeding, from the field of play.
 16. Year level teams arriving late for a game are not to be penalised points / goals for their lateness. Games are to be played in the remaining time allotted.

ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA

REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTING COMPETITIONS

FOR THE ASSOCIATED GRAMMAR SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA & THE ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA GIRLS SPORT COMPETITIONS 2012

1. Any student participating in any APS Sport competition must be a bona-fide student. A bona-fide student is one whose name is on the school roll and who is in regular attendance and under regular instruction.

No student shall be eligible to represent the school in any APS Sport competition who has not been a bona-fide student of that School within the first fortnight of that term, unless they can show by medical certificate that they have been prevented by illness from attending school. Special cases shall be referred to the Heads.

2. All members of First Teams and Crews shall be under 19 years of age on the first day of January in the year of competition.
3. **AGE GROUPS:** For all sports where age groups are used, a competitor will be under that age if their date of birth in the year of competition is on or after the date mentioned as follows:

Summer Sports (eg, Swimming)	1 April
Winter Sports (eg, Cross Country)	1 June
Athletics	1 November

For Girls' Team sport, competition will be played at three levels:

Junior:	Yr 7 & 8
Intermediate:	Yr 9 & 10
Open	Yr 11 & 12

Students in their final year are ineligible to play in Term 4 AGSV/APS Summer Sport. Special cases should be referred to the Chair of Heads.

4. If any student takes part in any APS Sport in contravention of Regulations General 1, General 2, or Athletics 5 and Swimming/Diving 5, the school the student represents shall forfeit all matches, or in the case of the Swimming/Diving/Athletics Combined Sports, all places in all events in which the student took part.
5. Competitions will be conducted in the following sports and played under the rules of the governing body in Victoria except where varied by these Regulations:

ATHLETICS	Athletics Victoria
BADMINTON	Badminton Victoria
BASKETBALL	Basketball Victoria
CROSS COUNTRY	Athletics Victoria
DIVING	Diving Victoria
HOCKEY	Hockey Victoria Inc.
NETBALL	Netball Victoria
ROWING	Rowing Victoria
SOCCER	Football Federation Victoria
SOFTBALL	Softball Victoria
SWIMMING	Swimming Victoria
TENNIS	Tennis Victoria
VOLLEYBALL	Volleyball Victoria
WATER POLO	Water Polo Victoria Inc.

Unofficial competitions may be held in other sports under the rules of the governing body in Victoria in each sport insofar as they do not conflict with anything hereafter.

6. These regulations shall be absolutely binding on the following Public Schools:

Carey Grammar School, Caulfield Grammar School, The Geelong College, Geelong Grammar School, Haileybury and Wesley College.

and the following AGSV Schools: Assumption College, Ivanhoe Grammar School, Mentone Grammar, Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School, The Peninsula School, Yarra Valley Grammar.

7. One month's notice must be given of any proposal to alter these Regulations, and no alteration shall be valid until it has been confirmed at a meeting of Heads.

8.
 - a. The Committee for Girls Sport shall control all inter-school contests. The Delegates for this Committee from each School shall be appointed by the Head of that school.
 - b. The APS Delegates shall appoint from their own numbers a Chair who shall hold office for two years on a rotational basis.
 - c. For the AGSV Sport Coordinators/APS Delegates meeting the Chair will be held each about, i.e.; AGSV: 2013 & 2015 and APS: 2012 & 2014.
 - d. The Executive Officer to the Delegates Committee shall be appointed by the Heads and shall not be a Delegate from one of the schools.
 - e. The Delegates Committee shall meet at least once during each school term.
 - f. The Chair of the Girls' Committee, along with the Executive Officer shall report to the Heads at each of their meetings.
9. Where there is no equivalent Girls' competition, girls may play in the Boys' competition eg. Table Tennis.
10. In the interests of safety and enjoyment, a student should be selected to play in a team commensurate with the student's strength and/or ability.
11. Schools should enter all teams and crews at a level commensurate with their ability, especially where a School does not enter all divisions. A Gradings Committee operates for Rowing.
12. All Intermediate and older 'A' teams in principle are to play at 'A' level unless a special documented request based on past performance is granted through the executive of that sport and the Delegates Committee.
13.
 - a. In **PREMIERSHIP SPORTS** should any two or more teams be equal and have played one another, the team winning that contest shall take precedence. Otherwise the teams will share the premiership, except in Tennis where the premiership is decided on points. Ladders are only published for Firsts teams. To qualify as an AGSV/APS Premiership sport eight or more schools need to participate. To qualify as an APS Premiership sport four or more schools need to participate. **An APS Premiership will be invoked when the APS Premiership criteria is met and no AGSV school participates in the competition.**
 - b. **Premiership points** in AGSV/APS Firsts competition for Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Softball and Volleyball - 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw, Hockey and Soccer - 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw and Tennis on points. If there is a bye in Firsts competition schools may nominate a second team but points will not be awarded.
 - c. **Redraws:** When a redraw is required in Firsts Team Sport, it will be determined by Premiership points, then head to head, then runs conceded or goal difference (depending on the respective sport).
14. **DISPUTES:** All disputes or claims arising out of any contravention of any Regulations governing sporting contests between AGSV/APS schools, or charges against individual players, shall in the first instance be referred to the Delegate/Sport Coordinator of the respective school. If the matter is not resolved it will be referred to the APS Executive Officer of the AGSV/APS Girls Sport Committee for consideration. Any recommendations shall be transmitted to the Chair of Heads for consideration through the Executive Officer.
15. Any student who plays in a First game may not play in another match in the same sport during that weekend. **In some sports there are specific variations to this regulation.**
16. The Umpires decision is final and will be the sole person(s) in charge of the game.
17. The Executive Officer shall ensure that copies of these Regulations are issued annually to all schools. These Regulations shall be checked and, if necessary, amended annually by a sub-committee appointed for this purpose by the Delegates, and when approved, re-issued to schools before the end of the school year.
18. **FIXTURES**
 - a. It is accepted that all AGSV/APS Sport will be played on Saturday. If a School wishes to fixture a game on a Friday or some other day for special reasons, the opposing School must agree. If the opposing School does not agree the fixture will remain as a Saturday game. This agreement must be made by the Heads concerned.
 - b. The official fixtures as distributed will take precedence over any private arrangements between schools unless agreed to by the Heads of all the schools concerned and approved by the Chair of Heads through the Executive Officer. Matches are to be confirmed in writing early in the week.
 - c. Each year the draw will move on three rounds, both in Summer and Winter Sports. Term 4 fixtures will be one practice match and three official rounds.
 - d. **Fixtures with Geelong Schools:** Schools are to arrange matches so that the Geelong grounds are fully utilised. The Geelong schools are to arrange with the opposing school which teams travel to Melbourne so that the number of trips to Melbourne can be minimised for a team or individual. Those who make the fixtures are to keep this in mind. If a Melbourne school team plays against the same Geelong school twice in a season, one game should be played at each school.
 - e. The length of the seasons is made uniform across all sports (10 rounds if possible). Where redrawn rounds are utilised, only three redrawn rounds will be implemented.

19. **Committee Responsibilities:**
- As a matter of principle, it should be clearly understood that the Chairs of APS Sport Sub-Committees are the representatives of the APS Heads and Delegates Committees rather than the representatives of their own school. As such, they are expected to advocate and vote for the policy laid down by APS Heads and Delegates.
 - Where a representative is a non-delegate, it is the responsibility of both the Executive Officer and the Delegate of the school to thoroughly acquaint themselves with APS Sport policies.
 - The Executive Officer (or appointee) will act as Minute Secretary to all Delegates Meetings, Review Meetings of all Sports and Sub-Committee Meetings.
20. No school may make any concessions to any other school in contravention of any of these regulations unless with the consent of a Heads meeting.
21. **Selection of First, Second & Third Teams:**
First Teams will be selected from the best players regardless of year level.
For summer sport, open teams will be selected from Year 10 & 11 in Term 4, and Year 11 & 12 in Term 1 of the following year.
22. **After match refreshment:**
The home school will provide refreshments for First team games for Girls Basketball, Girls Hockey, Netball, Girls Soccer, Softball and Girls Tennis. Time should be allowed so that both teams can gather socially after the game. All First teams travelling Melbourne/Geelong/Assumption/Peninsula/Ivanhoe (Plenty campus) or Geelong/Melbourne should be provided with morning tea by the host school.
23. **Blood Rule:**
In all AGSV/APS competition it is accepted that a player must leave the playing area and be replaced while a blood injury is attended to. When attended to the player may return.
24. **First Team Forfeits:**
In the event of unforeseen circumstances - transport breakdowns or for reasons other than the usual course of a 'no-game' situation, i.e. weather - any First game (any sport) that is not commenced should be re-scheduled with the authority of the Executive Officer and the Chair of Heads as soon as possible.
25. **APS Representative Teams:**
That for the selection of all APS Representative Teams, nominations are called for from all Schools (nominated students to receive an APS Representative Badge) then a selection procedure (to suit each sport); select a team on merit. Refer to the APS Representative Teams Selection Criteria policy. All team members to receive the APS Representative uniform or equivalent.
26. **First Aid:** The minimum requirements for off-campus venue is:
- First Aid kit
 - Mobile Phone (or telephone access)
 - Name, address and telephone number of nearest emergency hospital and
 - Ambulance telephone number
27. **Sports Uniform:** The correct school sport uniform must be worn for all matches regardless of grade. Only the School logo and School name and playing numbers appear on competition uniforms.
28. **Late Arrival:** For all sports at all levels there will be no scoring penalties for late teams. Firsts games will be played in their entirety.
29. **Adverse Weather Policy:** **The AGSV/APS Adverse Weather Policy shall be invoked when the ambient temperature reaches 31° and play suspended or cancelled once the ambient temperature reaches 36°. For detailed information please refer to the Adverse Weather Policy on the APS Sport Website (www.apssport.org.au)**

CONDUCT

Standards of Behaviour:

- Players** are responsible for conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules. Most of us can clearly distinguish between fair play and gamesmanship, or taking advantage of loopholes in the rules. These comments are intended to assist students to avoid thoughtless and unintentional breaches of the accepted code of conduct.
The home captain should extend the normal courtesies of a host to visiting teams.
- Spectators:**
 - Whatever interferes with the orderly conduct of an event, or the comfort and freedom of others to watch and enjoy the event is unacceptable.
 - Spectators are encouraged to applaud good play by both sides.
 - There should be no streamers, either in rolls or bunches, banners, bugles, car horns, or other noisy instruments.
 - There should be no cheerleaders or other exhibitionists.
 - Areas used by spectators should be left free of litter.
- Coaches** are expected to set the example to others at all times and ensure that the spirit of the game and the essence of the regulations are upheld.