



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 2021

**Regulatory Procedures**

1. The AGSV/APS regulations shall be absolutely binding on the following 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.

2. 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:

<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Athletics Victoria
<b>BADMINTON</b>	Badminton Victoria
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	Basketball Victoria
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	Athletics Victoria
<b>DIVING</b>	Diving Victoria
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	AFL Victoria
<b>HOCKEY</b>	Hockey Victoria Inc.
<b>NETBALL</b>	Netball Australia
<b>ROWING</b>	Rowing Victoria
<b>SOCCER</b>	Football Victoria
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	Softball Australia
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Swimming Victoria
<b>TENNIS</b>	Tennis Victoria
<b>TOUCH</b>	Touch Victoria
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	Volleyball Victoria
<b>WATER POLO</b>	Water Polo Victoria Inc.

3. Notice must be given at a Delegates Meeting of any proposal to alter these Regulations, and no alteration shall be valid until it has been confirmed at both meetings of Heads.
4. Any amendment to a rule/regulation implemented by the governing body of a sport will only apply to AGSV/APS Regulations after it is ratified according to AGSV/APS procedures.



5.
  - a. The Girls' Delegates Committee shall control all inter-school contests. The Delegates of this Committee from each school shall be appointed by the Head of that school.
  - b. The Executive Officer (EO) of the APS shall be appointed by the APS Heads and shall not be a Delegate from one of the schools. The EO shall chair the Delegates Committee which shall meet at least once during each term.
  - c. For the AGSV Sport Coordinators/APS Delegates meeting the Chair will be held each about, i.e. APS 2021 & 2022; AGSV 2021 & 2023.
  - d. The Executive Officer of each Association shall report to their Heads at each of their respective meetings.
  
6. The Executive Officer shall ensure that copies of the 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 Delegates and, when approved, issued to schools prior to the start of each season.

#### Eligibility

7. Any student participating in any AGSV/APS Sport competition must be enrolled with an APS or AGSV school and under 19 years of age on the first day of January in the year of competition.

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

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

9. Selection of Open teams: First teams may be selected from any enrolled student.
  
10. No Year 12 student is eligible to compete in Term 4 AGSV/APS Summer Sport. Special cases should be referred to the Chair of Heads of the respective Association.
  
11. 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 (e.g., Swimming)	1 April
Winter Sports (e.g., Cross Country)	1 June
Athletics	1 November

12. 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.**
  
13. If any student takes part in any AGSV/APS Sport in contravention of Eligibility Regulations or regulations specific to that sport, 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.



Note: Special cases shall be referred to the AGSV & APS Heads.

### Team Entry

14. Where there is no equivalent Girls' competition, girls may play in the Boys' competition e.g. Table Tennis.
15. Schools should enter all teams and crews at a level commensurate with their ability, especially where a School does not enter all divisions.
16. 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.

### Premierships

17.
  - a. All First Premierships will be decided on points. Refer to sport specific regulations.
  - b. Ladders are published for First team competitions.
  - c. To qualify as an AGSV/APS Premiership sport eight or more schools need to participate.
  - d. To qualify as an APS Premiership sport four or more schools need to participate. Should the AGSV/APS Premiership criteria not be met, an APS Premiership will be invoked when an APS team finishes top of the ladder and four APS schools participate.
  - e. **Redraws:** For any competition where fixtures are redrawn, ladder positions will be determined by:
    - i. Wins, and if equal
    - ii. The Head to Head result and if equal
    - iii. By percentage between the games played between those teams (set/run/try/goal differential)
    - iv. Matches will be played at the opposite venue played in the home and away season.'
  - f. **In the event of a total round cancellation by the AGSV/APS Heads, all matches scheduled for that round, irrespective of whether they were played prior to or post that weekend, will be considered abandoned. Points for those matches will be shared.**

### Fixtures

18.
  - a. It is accepted that all AGSV/APS Sport will be played on Saturday.
  - b. Matches are to be confirmed prior to the match.
  - c. The official fixtures as distributed will take precedence.
  - d. If a school wishes to fixture a game on an alternate date to the original fixture:
    - i. the Heads of all the schools concerned must agree to the change
    - ii. if the opposing schools do not agree the fixture will remain as per the original fixture.
  - e. 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.
  - f. **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.

- g. The length of the seasons is made uniform across all sports (10 rounds if possible). Where redrawn rounds are utilised only three rounds will be implemented.
- h. In any Winter sport, if the number of schools entering any Firsts competition equals or falls below nine (9) then the default fixture would include a three (3) round redraw.

## Match procedures

- 19. **Late Arrival:** For all sports at all levels there will be no scoring penalty for late teams. First games will be played in their entirety.
- 20. **First team forfeits:** In the event of unforeseen circumstances – transport breakdowns or for reason other than the usual course of a ‘no game’ situation, i.e. weather – any First games (any sport) that is not commenced should be re-scheduled with the authority of the Executive Officer and the respective Chair of Heads as soon as possible. **Should such games be unable to be rescheduled, the teams shall share the points.**
- 21. **Umpires/Referees:** If either or both umpires do not arrive within 30 minutes of the starting time for a Boys’ Firsts game, then there will be consultation between the Coaches about the matter. If suitable umpire(s)/referee(s) cannot be found the game shall be postponed. The Umpires’ decision is final and will be the sole person(s) in charge of the game.
- 22. **After match Protocol:** Opportunities should be provided so that both teams can gather socially during or after matches.

## Uniform

- 23. 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.

## APS Representative Team

- 24. For the selection of all APS Representative Teams, nominations are called for from all Schools then a selection procedure (to suit each sport) to select a team on merit. Refer APS Representative Teams Selection Criteria policy. All team members shall receive the APS Representative badge, uniform or equivalent.

## Adverse Weather Policy

- 25. 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 APS Adverse Weather Policy on the APS Sport Website ([www.apssport.org.au](http://www.apssport.org.au)).

**In an event of a total round cancellation (due to adverse weather) all matches in that round shall be considered abandoned and points for those matches will be shared.**



## Medical

26. First Aid: The minimum requirement for off campus venues is:
- First Aid kit
  - Mobile phone (or telephone access)
  - Name, address and telephone number of nearest emergency hospital and
  - Ambulance telephone number

## Conduct

27. The AGSV/AP Code of Conduct shall be adhered to in all circumstances. For detailed information please refer the APS Code of Conduct on the APS Sport Website ([www.apssport.org.au](http://www.apssport.org.au)).

## Disputes

28. 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 Chair** (APS/AGSV Executive Officer/s) of the AGSV/APS Committee for consideration. Any recommendations shall be transmitted to the relevant Chair of Heads for consideration through the Executive Officer.

## Committee Responsibilities

29. The Chairs of the AGSV/APS Sport Sub-Committees are the representatives of the AGSV/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 AGSV/APS Heads and Delegates. When a representative is a non-delegate it is the responsibility of both the Executive Officer and the Delegate/Sport Coordinator of that school to thoroughly acquaint themselves with AGSV/APS Sport policies.
30. For APS Sport Major Events, a Jury will be established to preside over protests against any decision/s made by the presiding Chief Event Official on the day, in which the Chief Event Official on the day overruled the decision of another Official. The Jury will consist of the Chair of APS Heads, the APS Executive Officer and the two Chairs (Delegates) of the respective Sport (i.e. Athletics, Diving, Rowing and Swimming), excluding the Chair and/or Delegate/s of the Schools involved in the protest.

Procedure: In the event of a protest concerning any decision made by the presiding Chief Event Official during the Event in which the Chief Event Official overruled the decision of another Official, such protest must be lodged in writing with the APS Executive Officer, within thirty minutes of that decision being made during the event and within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the final event of the day.

The APS Chair of Heads (or their Nominee), shall be chairperson, and shall have a casting vote only. The Executive Officer shall summon a meeting of the 'Sport' Jury as soon as possible after the receipt of the protest. No further appeal shall be made and the decision of the Jury shall be final.



Note: On the occasion that the Chair of Heads needs to be replaced, then the order shall be as follows: by the current Secretary, followed by the former Chair of Heads, followed by the next longest serving Head on the Committee. The order for replacing a Delegate will be determined by their seniority on the respective Delegates Committee. Such appointment/s will be determined and advised by the Executive Officer.