



## GENERAL REGULATIONS

The South Eastern Independent Schools Association gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Gippsland Independent Schools, in conjunction with the Association of Public Schools in the creation of these regulations. Competitions will be conducted in sports under the rules of the governing body in Victoria in each sport,

- Athletics Victoria
- Cricket Victoria
- Netball Victoria
- Victorian Softball Association
- Badminton Australia
- Hockey Victoria
- Football Federation Victoria
- Swimming Victoria
- Basketball Victoria
- AFL Victoria
- Tennis Victoria
- Volleyball Victoria

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

The following regulations shall be absolutely binding on all of the SEISA Member Schools:

1. The SEISA handbook can be updated on an as needs basis, in consultation with SEISA stakeholders (principals, sports coordinators, cultural coordinators). After any changes, **all** stakeholders must be emailed with a link to the new version of the handbook.
2. A committee of one Sport Coordinator and one Cultural Coordinator from each School, appointed by the Principal of that School, shall control all inter-school contests. The Executive Officer shall act as Chairperson, with meetings of each group to be held at least once during each term.

The SEISA Executive Officer, who is appointed by the Executive, shall convene meetings.

3. No student shall be eligible to take part in any inter-school competition unless they are a bona fide pupil. A bona fide pupil is one who is enrolled at a SEISA member school. Exchange and visiting pupils are available to participate in SEISA competitions only if they are available for the entire competition and enrolled within the school for their length of stay at the school. If any student takes part in any inter-school contests in contravention of this rule, the school they represent shall forfeit all matches in which the student took part.
4. Students may participate in **one** summer and **one** winter sport only. Students should be selected to play in a team corresponding to their correct year level or age group but must only participate in one game on each match day. If a school is short on numbers, coaches can agree to vary these rules; however, the school who is forced to play students in more than one match will forfeit the game(s) and will not be eligible to receive winners' points for that game.

The exception to this rule is for senior teams, who may be comprised of students from lower year levels if the student is deemed capable of participating at senior level and has not competed in a junior summer/winter team in that year. Senior teams will be deemed 'open' to the best and most capable students across all secondary year levels. U/12 age divisions at major carnivals will be restricted to year 5 and 6 students only, as well as eligible year 7 and year 8 students.

5. All disputes or claims arising out of any contravention of any regulations governing sporting or cultural contests between South Eastern Independent Schools, or charges against individual competitors, shall in the first instance be referred to the Sport or Cultural Coordinators of the school lodging the dispute or claim by the coach of the team or competitor involved who shall also complete an **Incident Report Form**. This is to be done immediately following the completion of the competition.

This **Incident Report Form** is then to be forwarded to the offending school's principal for action

and must be submitted not later than 3pm on the following Friday. A copy is also sent to the SESIA Executive Officer for noting purposes. The allegedly offending school shall complete a written explanation of the action taken on the Incident report form and shall return it as soon as possible to the school lodging the complaint and to the SEISA Executive Officer.

6. At each SEISA Inter-school competition, the host school shall distribute prior to, and collect back following the competition, a **Match Report Form** which will contain the results and details of the game, and any comments made by the umpires/referees in relation to it. These **Match Report Forms** shall initially be given to the sports coordinator who shall in turn, forward them on to the SEISA Executive Officer.
7. In all SEISA finals matches, the host school is the school who finishes in top ladder position. They shall be responsible for distributing and collecting the Match Report Forms, and for any other duties which may arise at a particular venue. Venues for finals are determined by the final ladder position with the team finishing first having the option of hosting the final for that sport. Agreed neutral venues are to be used when schools do not have the 'best' venues for finals available to them. Host schools are responsible for first aid, equipment, and arranging umpires for the final match/es. Final matches resulting in a drawn result will play extra time, per the match guidelines.
8. **Blood Rule:** In the event of a 'blood injury' the game shall stop, and the injured player removed from the field of play and be replaced before play resumes. The injured player may return at any time once the bleeding has ceased.
9. The SEISA Executive Officer shall ensure that copies of these regulations are issued annually to all schools. These regulations shall be checked and, if necessary, amended by the sport and cultural coordinators committees.
10. No school may make any concession to any other school in the contravention of any of these regulations unless with consent of the sport and cultural coordinators committees.
11. Overtime is not played during the fixture competition should game scored be drawn. Overtime will be played in final matches to ensure a result is reached, or in the case of soccer and hockey a penalty shootout will be played.
12. The following score will be recorded in the event of a team forfeiting a game:

Sport	Forfeit Results
Hockey	5:0
Soccer	5:0
Netball	20:0
Basketball	20:0
Football	60:0
Cricket	100:0
Tennis	8:0
Softball	20:0

13. If a final is washed out and not able to be played, the winners will be allocated by the ladder position.
14. If a round game is cancelled due to weather, venue compliance or Covid-19 operations guidelines the result will be deemed a draw.