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**Associated & Catholic Colleges
of
Western Australia (Inc)**

***Charter of Operations
for
ACC Inclusive Sport Program***

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1.0 Aim

Inclusive Sports Program (ISP)

The aim of the Associated and Catholic Colleges of WA (ACC) is to provide quality sport and recreation activities that cater to all levels of student ability. The Inclusive Sports Program (ISP) is integral to the ACC mission and provides students with a disability equitable access to sporting and recreational opportunities.

The program is specifically targeted at *students whose disabilities may hinder their inclusion in school based or interschool sporting events.*

1.1 Disability definition

The ACC takes the definition of *disability* from the Western Australia Disability Services Act 1993. The act defines *disability* as meaning a disability:

- which is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory, or physical impairment or a combination of those impairments
- which is permanent or likely to be permanent
- which may or may not be of a chronic or episodic nature and which results in substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility, and a need for continuing support services.

Disabilities can result in a person having a substantially reduced capacity for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services in daily life.

2.0 Participating schools

The Inclusive Sports Sporting program is open to any student with a disability from a member school, whether that school has a designated education support/special needs unit or not. Traditionally the following schools with support units have been involved in the program and the host school would come from within this group each year.

John XXIII College

Lumen Christi College

Servite College

Sacred Heart College

Newman College

Corpus Christi College

Ursula Frayne College

La Salle College

Mercedes College

Seton College

Mandurah Catholic College

Prendiville Catholic College

Mercy College

Kolbe Catholic College

Peter Moyes ACS

John Septimus Roe ACS

Guildford Grammar School

John Wollaston ACS

Mater Dei College

St Norbert College

Invited school status

Christ Church Grammar School

Methodist Ladies College

Trinity College

3.0 Involvement

It is the policy of the ACC that students competing in ACC sport must be under 19 years of age as of 31st December. Students who have turned 19 years of age are not permitted to participate in ACC sport. It is also ACC policy that student participation is limited to "secondary school students" and that the minimum level for participation is enrolment in Year 7.

The criteria for nomination are as follows:

“Any student with a disability (Years 7 to 12) who has not and are unlikely to represent their school in this sport will be eligible, whether enrolled in an Education Support unit or not. Schools are also encouraged to nominate students whose disabilities prevent them from inclusion in events in school based or house carnivals.”

ACC inclusion sporting events and programs will not be categorized by or into specific disabilities, but open to all disabilities.

4.0 Events

Activities conducted within the Inclusive sports program are focused on participation rather than competitive performance. Some events are conducted as “stand alone” events whilst others are conducted as parallel events alongside existing divisional carnivals.

The current calendar of events offered as part of the ACC Inclusive Sports Program are as below but not limited to:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	NOMINATIONS DUE
16/02/24	ISP Beach Carnival	Sorrento Beach	Fri 2 February
08/03/24	ISP Cricket Carnival	Alderbury Reserve	Fri 23 February
11/03 – 22/03/24	ACC Swimming Carnivals (Multi Class)	HBF Stadium	Fri 23 February
26/03/24	ISP Swimming Carnival	Claremont Pools	Wed 12 March
03/05/24	ISP Multi-Sport Day 1 *	Alderbury Reserve	Thu 28 March
07/05/24	Lightning Carnival (Inclusive Basketball)	Venue TBC	Wed 6 March
07/05/24	Lightning Carnival (Inclusive Netball)	Gold Netball Centre	Wed 6 March
24/05/24	ISP Fun Run	Jackadder Lake Reserve	Fri 10 May
30/05/24	ACC Cross Country (Multi Class)	Alderbury Reserve	Thu 23 May
21/06/24	ISP AFL Carnival	Pat Goodridge Reserve	Fri 7 June
02/08/24	ISP Indoor Soccer & Outdoor Soccer Carnival	Lords Recreation Centre & Pat Goodridge Reserve	Fri 19 July
28/08 – 13/09/24	ACC Athletics Carnivals (Multi Class)	WA Athletics Stadium	Fri 16 Aug
06/09/24	ISP Athletics Carnival	UWA Sports Park	Fri 16 Aug (3 wks)
25/10/24	ISP Multi-Sport Day 2 *	John XXIII College	Fri 11 October
08/11/24	ISP Ten Pin Bowling & ISP Tennis Carnival (TBC)	Zone Bowling Morley & Cannington	Fri 25 October
03/12/24	International Day of People with Disabilities	Multiple Schools	N/A

For an up-to-date listing of all ACC Inclusive Sport Program events please see

<https://www.accsport.asn.au/calendar/dates/2024>

5.0 ACC Multi Class Program

In addition to the ACC Inclusive Sport program of events, the ACC also offer students with a disability the opportunity to compete in a program of ACC Multi Class events. Multi Class events align with ACC major carnivals and inter-school sporting events and are designed to be an integrated competitive sporting program. Multi Class sporting events give students with a disability an opportunity to compete and represent their school.

The three major ACC carnivals of Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country all have an integrated Multi Class component to the event, allowing students with a disability the opportunity to participate alongside members of their school and other competing schools, as well as compete against other students in the Multi Class program.

For students to be eligible for All Stars Team Selection and ACC Records in the ACC carnivals of Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country, students require a disability sport classification relating to that respective sport. Students may ~~participate~~ **compete** at these events **without a classification (inclusive athlete)**, however their performance will not be considered for All Stars selection or ACC records. Please contact the ACC office for more information on participating in the Multi Class program and the classification process.

PLEASE NOTE : the ACC divisional carnivals are competitive events, and Sports Coordinators should take careful consideration before nominating an inclusive athlete into an event(s) at an ACC divisional carnival.

6.0 Sub-Association ~~No Limits~~ Inter-school sport

Several ACC Interschool Sub-Associations also offer ~~No Limits~~ integrated sporting competition as part of their weekly inter-school competition. ~~NAS, CAS and NEAS all offer basketball and soccer as options for students with disabilities to participate in and represent their school in inter-school sport.~~ For more information on Sub-Association sport please see: <https://www.accsport.asn.au/interschool-sport>

7.0 ISP event charters

As per standard ACC operations, all events and activities conducted within the program will be managed according to the Charter of operations for that activity. Schools will be issued with a charter before each event. Charters can also be accessed on the ACC website under the relevant event page.

8.0 ISP ~~Sport~~ levy fees

All events and activities conducted within the Inclusive Sports program will incur a sports levy fee for that event. The sports levy fee will be on a cost recovery basis for all events conducted and will cover associated event costs such as (~~but not limited to~~) venue hire, first aid, equipment ~~hire~~, officials, trophies, ~~medallions~~, administration fee. ~~etc.~~

Where the event is conducted as part of an existing divisional carnival, costs will only be passed onto Inclusive Sports schools if they are specific to their event needs. All ISP sport levy fees will be on a “user pays” basis and only schools participating will incur the cost.

9.0 Host schools and Deputy host school

~~The role of the Host School is to Chair the ISC meetings. Collating and distributing agenda items prior to the scheduled meetings will be the task of the ACC Inclusion Officer.~~

In relation ACC Inclusion events, the Host School will, in conjunction with ACC staff, be responsible for the organisation and operation of the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. Upon request to the ACC, other schools may wish to volunteer to coordinate the two major ISP carnivals. If this occurs, then the host school would no longer take on this duty. Effectively, on the carnival day the Host school will be the Carnival Manager. Ideally, the Host School would have assistance from their Physical Education Department and PE Studies/VET students, to run the carnival. ACC staff will provide carnival management and administration assistance with all events.

The main schools involved with the ISP ~~Sport Program~~ will rotate host duties over regular time intervals.

The following table is the guide to past and future host duty allocations:

YEAR OF DUTY	HOST SCHOOL	DEPUTY HOST SCHOOL
2006	Sacred Heart College	Servite College
2007	Servite College	Newman College
2008	Newman College	La Salle College
2009	La Salle College	Ursula Frayne College
2010	Ursula Frayne College	John XXIII College
2011	John XXIII College	Corpus Christi College
2012	Corpus Christi College	Mercedes College
2013	Mercedes College	Sacred Heart College
2016	Prendiville Catholic College	Ursula Frayne Catholic College
2017	Ursula Frayne Catholic College	La Salle College
2018	La Salle College	Lumen Christi College
2019	Lumen Christi College	Mercy College
2020	Mercy College	Servite College
2021	Servite College	John XXIII College
2022	Corpus Christi College	Mandurah Catholic
2023	Mandurah Catholic	Seton Catholic College
2024	Seton Catholic College	Mater Dei College
2025	Mater Dei College	Prendiville College

The role of the Deputy Host school will be to fulfill the duties of the Host School if the Host School is unable to do so.

Per the ISC meeting held on the 23rd November 2023, the following schools will be responsible for host and deputy host roles for 2024 events :

EVENT	HOST SCHOOL	DEPUTY HOST SCHOOL
Beach	Sacred Heart College	Officials and BBQ volunteers
Cricket	NOT REQUIRED	
Swimming	Seton Catholic College	St Mark's Anglican Community
Multi Sport Day	NOT REQUIRED	
Lightning Carnivals	NOT REQUIRED	
Fun Run	Prendiville Catholic College	BBQ volunteers
AFL	NOT REQUIRED	
Soccer	Mercy College (TBC)	NOT REQUIRED
Athletics	Notre Dame University	St Norbert College (TBC)
Multi Sport Day	John XXIII	Facilities & event day support
Ten Pin Bowling	NOT REQUIRED	

10.0 Inclusive Sport Committee Meetings

The coordination and chairing of the IS Committee meetings will be the responsibility of the ACC **Sport Operations Manager, Inclusion. ~~Inclusion and Participation Officer~~**. The minutes derived from all meetings are to be circulated within one week of the meeting and is the responsibility of the ACC **Sport Operations Manager, Inclusion ~~Inclusion and Participation Officer~~**. New meeting dates will be scheduled as per the ACC calendar. The meetings will take place at least once a term or as a needs basis should more time be required. For 2024 meeting dates please see <https://www.accsport.asn.au/calendar/dates/2024>

It is important that all participating schools have a representative at these scheduled meetings.

11.0 General conditions of participation

- **Staffing** : Suitable teaching staff and carers are assigned a group of students in such a way that each school is accompanied by a teacher or a responsible adult acting on written authorisation from the Principal.
- Schools will be responsible to provide officials at the various carnivals/events to assist the ACC & Host School in the overall operation and management. Participation in events is based on the premise that schools will provide the required officials and staff.
- Individual schools should be aware of “Duty of Care” and ensure the presence of sufficient trained staff at the venues.
- Each school engages all necessary staff and meets its own cost in this regard.
- **Dress** : for all sports, players dress standards must be consistent with, and in line with the traditional expectations for that sport. School sports uniform is to be worn at all ACC **ISP ~~No Limits~~** Carnival events.

12.0 Sue Bigelow Spirit Shield

The Sue Bigelow Spirit Shield is awarded at ~~both~~ the ISP Swimming ~~and Carnival and the ISP Athletics carnivals, and the Fun Run & Activity Day~~. The recipient school is selected by the Host School in consultation with the **ACC Sport Operations Manager, Inclusion. ~~Inclusion and Participation Officer~~**.

12.1 Background

Sue Bigelow was a dedicated educator who stood as an example of commitment to excellence having demonstrated leadership and achievement within the Inclusive Sport Sector. Sue played a significant part in promoting the participation of students with disabilities and represented a positive image of the sector to

the wider community by being one of the driving forces who helped shape the Inclusive Sport portfolio as we know it today. Sue's readiness to improve continually was demonstrated by absorbing and responding to changing skills, needs and attitudes of the Inclusive Sport community.

12.2 Recipient

The receiver of the shield/award will have displayed outstanding commitment and support for the involvement of their students in the respective ACC ISP carnival. The winner of the award will be the school that most embodies the ACC maxim of "Sport in the Right Spirit" and has provided its students with outstanding opportunities for participation, school/team spirit, personal development, and leadership. The following attributes will be used as a guide to assess the merits of each school in the event.

- Participation (competitors, spectators, officials, staff).
- Team spirit/support: cheering, uniform, banners, identity, community.
- Leadership: officials (staff and students), personal responsibility.
- Inspiration/Diversity: participation/involvement above and beyond the norm which serves as inspiration to others.

12.3 Shield rotation

The shield shall be held by the school until the next carnival and rotated from winner to winner. That is recipient of award for ISP Swimming Carnival shall hand over at the time of the following years ISP **Athletics swimming carnival, and likewise for the other two events.** ~~and then in turn hand over the award the following year at ISP swimming carnival.~~ Each school is responsible for engraving the shield at their own cost. Any damage to the shield is the responsibility of the school who is the current holder.