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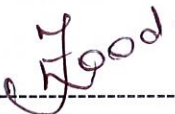
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1. PREAMBLE

This Sports Policy is a generic policy, applicable to all sports offered by Springvale Primary School (SPS). The Annexes attached to this policy must be referred to for sport-specific detail. The school sporting codes are:

Athletics, Chess, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Tennis.

SPS offers Physical Education to ensure all learners are exposed to physical activities. At least two extracurricular sporting activities are offered per term.

- Sports at SPS will be managed by the sports committee
- All learners are encouraged to participate in at least one of the extracurricular activities provided by the school
- Learners who elect to participate in sports for a term are required to attend practice for at least the duration of the term
- All sporting equipment, other than match balls or the minimum requirements for sports fields must be supplied by parents
- The number of coaches that will be appointed by SPS will be determined by the demand of students participating in the sport per term. This appointment of professional coaches will also be subject to the budget allocated by SPS.

2. PARTICIPATION (GENERAL)

All learners registered at SPS will be entitled to participate in school sports. The following rules will apply to all learners:

- Learners may take part in an older age group
 - a. They must participate in all events relating to the chosen sport in the older age group.
 - b. A Learner may not vacillate between different age groups for a specified sport.
 - c. Written consent by parents will be required
- Learners must join an activity within the first two sessions of the activity commencing. No learners may join in the middle of the term, unless they are from another school or they have recovered from an injury or illness.
- Registers will be kept for team selection and sports awards purposes.

3. PRACTICE AND MATCH TIMES

3.1 The rules for the school practice and match times are as follows:

- Learners are to attend practice in their full physical education uniform
- Learners are to attend all practice sessions on the designated practice days
- Should a learner be absent, a reason should be given in writing by the learner's parent, excluding learners who are absent from school on that day
- If necessary, the sports facilitator coaching a session may follow-up with the register facilitator where the learner is absent from practice
- A complete, accurate and up to date register must be kept
- Learners need to be punctual and co-operation as well as a positive attitude will be considered as part of the criteria for awarding sports colours
- Behaviour of learners should, at all times, be indicative of a good sports person and bring honour and credit to the school
- Sports facilitators will supervise and coach at practices. If the school budget permits, professional coaches will be employed and facilitators will then manage the teams.

- Cancellation of practice sessions or matches must be on condition that;
 - a. If at short notice due to stormy weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances, a facilitator will be available to remain with the learners in a classroom for the usual duration of practice; or
 - b. If on a match day and after commencement of extracurricular activities, the weather conditions prevent a match or practice, children may phone parents to be collected; or
 - c. The facilitator will remain on duty until official extra-mural time has ended.

3.2 Team selection for league fixtures

- Springvale participates in the relevant sporting leagues and to this end the team selection will be based on merit
- Team selection shall fall within the sole discretion of the allocated coach
- Learners who wish to be legible for team selection must attend at least two practice sessions a week, subject to the sole discretion of the relevant coach
- Any dispute regarding team selection must be submitted in writing and may be forwarded to the Sports Co-ordinator
- In the event of a further dispute, the matter may be referred to the Sports Committee
- The decision of the Committee is final

3.3 Transport of all sports participants to league fixtures

- All scholars will be provided with public transport to the various venues. Parents may be called upon to assist.
- Should parents wish to transport their children, they are to inform the relevant facilitators timeously.
- Transport for Tennis and Chess will be provided by parents or facilitators.

3.4 Discipline and Grievance Procedure

- Conduct of learners at any sporting facilities must be in line with the Code of conduct of the School
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any learner contravening the Code of Conduct
- Conduct which brings the school into disrepute may cause the learner to be suspended either from a match, or a friendly competition, as may be deemed necessary
- Parents will be contacted in serious cases or offences, where the learner will be suspended either from a match or a friendly competition as may be deemed necessary

3.5 Grievance Procedure (for all sports disciplines/codes)

This procedure is to be followed concerning any complaint, query or problem concerning the sporting disciplines, practices or matches at SPS.

- Where the conduct of the learner falls under the Serious Offences in terms of the Demerit System, the process prescribed by the Code of conduct read with the Demerit system, shall be followed
- In the event of any other query/complaint, a parent shall put the complaint in writing, for the attention of the relevant Coach who will firstly attempt to resolve the issue

- Should the issue not be resolved, the matter may be escalated to the Sports Co-ordinator, who will note all correspondences and communication in this regard
- If the matter is not satisfactorily dealt with by the Sports Co-ordinator, the issue may be escalated to the Principal. The Principal may request any further information as he may deem fit in writing
- In the event of the Principal not being able to resolve the dispute, all written communication and notes must be forwarded to the School Governing Body (SGB)
- The SGB will investigate the query/complaint. The SGB will reply to the complaint with the final decision on the matter in writing and the response will be deemed as final

3.6 Scope and Revision of Policy

- This policy is approved by the SGB and is applicable to all sporting matters
- This policy will be reviewed bi-annually and if and where necessary, amendments will be made accordingly

ANNEXURE 1: ATHLETICS

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO ATHLETICS TEAM

- Learners participating are to abide by rules as laid down by PEPSA's constitution
- Learners in the age groups U/7 to U/14 may participate in Athletics, according to the Athletics programme for Inter-schools and Prestige meetings
- All U/10 learners may enter the field events for high jump, long jump and shotput in the U/11 age group

RUN-OFF'S

Each participating learner is placed at the run-off.

Place will be recorded on a house-list.

Facilitators in charge of houses select the five fastest athletes in each age group to run-off at Inter-House Athletics, according to places achieved at run-off's.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

The first five learners in two houses will run in a heat against one another, i.e. C & O, N & A

- The places of the first five in any specific heat are seated next to the finish line until the final is run
- Names and times of the resulting first six are recorded from the final
- The six athletes will make the school Athletics team

SELECTION FOR INTER-SCHOOL

The first six learners for sprints and first four for long jump, high jump and shotput, are sent letters to confirm that they have been provisionally selected and, informing them of practice times and further selection criteria pertaining to attendance, dress code, attitude and fitness.

Learners for Inter-school are selected on merit and the other criteria as listed. The following PEPSA rules apply.

If a learner wishes to challenge the PEPSA rules, he/she must arrange with the Athletics organizer. Challenges will be arranged at an afternoon practice.

- **PEPSA rules**

May only enter:

2 learners per event – sprints, long jump, high jump and shotput

3 learners per event – long distance

2 learners – hurdles

1 reserve per event is allowed.

Learners may participate in a maximum of four (4) events excluding relays.

PRESTIGE ATHLETICS

Only learners who come first, second or third at Inter-schools Athletics may go to the Prestige event, including relays. They may only participate in the event in which they won a medal.

(Relays – if an athlete is injured or ill and cannot run at Prestige, the reserve may take his/her place.)

Overall

1. The best boy and best girl athlete at the Inter-house Athletics will receive the Best Athlete Trophy, not the Victor and Victrix Ludorum trophies.
2. The Victor and Victrix Ludorum trophies are to be awarded to the U/12 or U/13 boy and girl respectively who has accumulated the most points for field and track events during the entire Athletics season. These are awarded at the Sports Award Evening each year.
3. At the Inter-house Athletics, trophies for the best boy and girl athlete will be awarded in each age group.

ATHLETICS UNIFORM

Practice: Girls and boys should wear red shorts and house T-shirts.

Competitions: Girls should wear red shorts and white sleeveless T-shirt with red and yellow collar and white socks.

Boys should wear red shorts, white golf shirt and white socks.

Spikes are allowed to be worn for practice and competitions.

ANNEXURE 2: CHESS

PRACTICE

- There will be one compulsory Chess practice per week
- A minimum of an 80% attendance per term is required by a learner to be selected for a team
- Initially learners will play challenge games against learners in their own grade
- After the first round, winners play winners, losers play losers and learners who have drawn a game play other who have drawn a game. A player who does not arrive for a challenge, forfeits the points
- Points will be allocated as follows:
 - 1 point - for a win
 - ½ point - for a draw
 - 0 points- for a loss
- Learners will be ranked and then required to challenge each other to determine their position on the Chess ladder
- Challenges for position in ranking will be based on the best of one match during the year. As a result the team will change depending on the results of challenges. Learners may challenge learners who are one or two positions higher than themselves on the ladder rating
- Challenge results will be calculated as follows:
 - If the challenging player loses the game, the positions will remain unchanged
 - If the challenge is a draw, the positions of the players' rating remains unchanged
 - If the challenging player wins, he/she will move into the position of the player challenged and the opponent will move a position down on the ladder.
- Learners coming from another school, will have the opportunity of a once-off challenge to determine their position on the ladder. Hereafter, the normal procedure for challenging will take place
- The following learners can be entered if numbers are in order:
 - U/13A - 6 players Senior Beginners - 10 players
 - U/13B - 10 players Junior Beginners - 10 players
 - U/11A - 6 players Junior Beginners girls - 6 players
 - U/11B - 10 players U/13 Girls - 6 players

MATCHES

Choosing teams

Teams will be selected according to the ranking of learners on the Chess ladder. Other factors will also be taken into consideration: Factors such as:

- Attendance
 - Loyalty
 - Punctuality at practices and matches
 - Appropriate dress
 - Sportsmanship
 - Chess etiquette
 - Attitude to coaches and team mates
 - Participation in at least 1 weekend tournament
- Team members should report to their coaches or captains early on match days to check teams
 - Teams to be chosen depending on interest and attendance of learners
 - At the end of term, one of the teams is selected. Once the names have been forwarded to the league, no changes are allowed to be made to team positions

- Should a match be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, a facilitator will supervise the team for the usual duration of a match
- A copy of the Chess Policy will be given to all Chess players and players will be informed as to how to obtain Northern Gauteng Colours
- All learners to be transported to matches by bus or by car

AWARDING THE SCHOOL'S CHESS TROPHY

- A Junior and Senior Chess trophy, accompanied by a certificate, will be awarded annually if there are suitable candidates. The floating trophies and certificates will be awarded to a Junior (Gr 1-5) and Senior (Gr 6-7) learner who has been a member of a team and;
 - is consistently the number one Chess player on the Chess ladder;
 - shows him/herself to be a willing helper in setting out and packing away boards and Chess pieces at home matches;
 - shows good manners (Chess etiquette) at all times
- Inter-schools achievements will take preference over external competitions

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING CHESS COLOURS

The recipient of Chess Colours will:

- a. be a member of the Junior or Senior A team, which has won its league.
- b. have attended a minimum of 80% of all practices and matches.
- c. be a learner who has received Northern Gauteng Colours.

Learners who do not achieve the above criteria and have been a member of a team, will receive a certificate.

ANNEXURE 3: CRICKET

PREAMBLE

We, the staff and coaches of SPS, commit ourselves to uphold a Cricket Policy that strives to improve and develop our cricketers to the best of our ability and to promote fair play and good sportsmanship.

All learners from U/9 – U/13 are eligible to play.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the smooth running of Cricket at our school.

PRACTICES AND MATCHES

All players must attend practice to be able to play matches. The coach's team selection is final. Two practice sessions will take place per week per team and one match unless arrangements will be made to catch up a game.

DRESS CODE

Practice and matches: official uniform to be worn:

- White sports shirt with short sleeves and school badge
- White shorts (Juniors wear red Springvale pants)
- White cricket socks (long bobby socks)
- White takkies or white cricket shoes
- Official red Springvale Cricket hat or cap

NB: When playing a match or practising in the nets, protective gear shall be worn: pads, box and helmet. Any learner who does not have this gear may not participate in the practice.

AWARDS AND COLOURS

Awards

The Cricket team (team captain) will announce the following names at Assembly following matches played with the results for:

- Best bowler
- Best batsman
- Best fielder

At the end of each year, a "Cricketer of the Year" will be announced (Gareth Laudon Cricket award). This trophy will be accompanied by a certificate. The recipient of this award should be in Gr 7.

At the Sports Award Evening, the team which performed the best in their league matches will receive the trophy for the most promising Cricket team. Each individual will also receive a certificate.

ANNEXURE 4: HOCKEY

WHO MAY PLAY

All girls and boys from U/8 to Open (U/14) attending SPS may play Hockey.

PRACTICE AND MATCH TIMES

- Season: Primarily, Hockey is a winter sport running concurrently with Netball and Soccer.
- Practice will be done twice a week.
- Matches: The fixtures will be held weekly. All Saturday tournaments should be arranged by the clubs and schools that have large enough grounds to accommodate all the clubs in a day. Dates of each tournament will be announced at the beginning of each season and schools will be notified in good time.

HOCKEY UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE WEAR

- Players shall practice in the school physical education uniform
- All matches will be played in the official school sports uniform. Takkies or hockey togs must be worn.
- Protective wear: Goalkeepers must wear goal pads, helmet and chest pad and hockey kickers at all practice and matches when required to do so. Players must wear hockey shin pads for protection. Gum guards are optional but necessary.

PRACTICES

- All players will be given equal opportunity to play at practice matches. Educators and parent coaches will coach and supervise the practice matches. Players will only be eligible to play in teams if they regularly attend practice.
- Registers must be kept by team coaches.

MATCHES

- All teams are selected on merit according to the ability, enthusiasm, attitude and sportsmanship of the player.
- Constant evaluation and progress of players ensures the player's promotion to a more challenging team.
- Primary hockey tournaments are co-ordinated by clubs and schools affiliated to the Northern Gauteng Primary Hockey Association. These festivals offer, to all age groups, the opportunity of participating in a strenuous series of matches against teams of varying strengths.

TOURNAMENTS

- Where possible, all players (especially those not in the league) should participate in a tournament.
- Players are notified of tournament dates via a newsletter at the beginning of the hockey season. They are then notified of their participation at least two days before the tournament.
- A player from the U/12 side who shows an above average ability in hockey may play for the U/13 side.
- League teams must have a graded umpire (referee).
- FUN is the main objective of SPS hockey and through teamwork and the acquiring of basic hockey skills, Hockey will be the WINNER.

TRANSPORT

- Learners will be transported by bus to all league matches.

COACHES

- Educators from SPS will act as co-ordinators for players and parent coaches during the hockey season. It is in the interest of bettering Primary Hockey that all coaches must attend coaching and umpiring (supervise) courses offered by Gauteng Primary Schools Hockey.

FIRST AID AND INJURY

- A First Aid box must be present at all practice and matches and at least one coach should be trained in First Aid.

REFRESHMENTS

- Umpires and players will each receive a cool drink after matches.

DISCIPLINE

- Should a learner's behaviour or conduct be improper, unbecoming and unacceptable, disciplinary action will take place.
- The learner will appear before the Sports Co-ordinator, Principal, Deputy Principal or designate and coach or educator and receive a warning. The next offence will be punishable by suspension from a match, friendly competition, team and sporting discipline as may be deemed necessary.

AWARDS

At the Sports Award Evening, awards will go to:

- Best Open player at end of season (hockey stick will be awarded)
- The most promising team (trophy and certificates will be awarded)
- Most promising tournament side (certificates will be awarded)
- Most promising league side (trophy awarded)

All players will be assessed on:

- Attending practices (at least 80%)
- Arrival at games (when selected)
- Attitude of the whole team at practices and matches

ANNEXURE 5: NETBALL

This Netball Policy is a guideline to educators, parents and learners on how the Netball at SPS is run.

WHO MAY PLAY

All girls from Gr 1 – 7 attending SPS, are welcome to play Netball.

PRACTICE AND MATCH TIMES

- This depends on the extra-curricular timetable however; all practices must be attended. If absent from practice, players must hand in a letter from parents. If a player is absent from practice the day before a match, she will not be considered for the team the next day.
- All players will be given an opportunity to play at practice. Educators will supervise practice. External coaches will also be used where necessary. Girls will only be eligible to play in teams if they regularly attend practices.
- Should practice be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather or for any other reason, an educator will remain with the girls in a classroom, for the duration of practice.

CHOOSING TEAMS

Teams will be selected on merit. The ability to play is important but other factors are also taken into consideration, factors such as:

- loyalty
- punctuality at all practices and matches
- learners must attend 80% of practices and if they are unable to attend, should excuse themselves with a letter
- appropriate dress
- sportsmanship
- court manners
- good attitude to coaches and team mates
- fitness
- willingness to improve and learn

If a team member does not attend practice and gives no legitimate written excuse, she will immediately be dropped from the team for a minimum of one match. Girls must report to their coaches early on match days to check teams.

NETBALL UNIFORM

- Practice: Girls should practice in their physical education uniform. The red short, house shirt and white takkies must be worn at all practices. These takkies must have white soles.
- Matches: The official sports uniform is to be worn for matches: White golf shirt with school badge, red skirt, white socks and white-soled takkies.
- No girl will be allowed to play a match unless she is wearing the official uniform. No ankle takkies or Hi-takkies will be allowed and takkies must be predominately white. No luminous coloured takkies or laces will be allowed. Hair must be tied up and only regulation hair bands will be allowed.
- Gauteng Primary Schools Netball has clearly stated that no jewellery is to be worn, this includes watches and earrings. Watches should be left at home on match days. No long nails are allowed and nail inspections will be held before matches. Long nails will be clipped short.

MATCHES

- Transport: All girls will be transported to matches by bus. Should parents wish to make alternative arrangements to collect their children, they must contact the team coaches to notify them. All learners must be collected on time.
- Refreshments: Parents can volunteer to assist with the making and serving of refreshments to educators and visiting educators.
- Gauteng Primary Schools (Northern Transvaal) Trials: U/13 and girls U/12 selected to go to Gauteng Primary School Trials will be selected by the team coach. This selection will be final. Only girls attending practice regularly will be eligible for selection.
- Educators: One educator or coach will be allocated to U/10, U/11, U/12 and U/13. The coaches will rotate each year, depending on allocation of educators to Netball and their qualifications. There will be two educators or coaches per age group for U/8 and U/9 who will play Mini-netball.
- All educators will have to attend coaching and refereeing courses where necessary. Only accredited educators are allowed to referee matches and all educators will have to become accredited referees.
- Mothers may assist with coaching of teams where necessary.

CAPTAINS

- With the new rules as determined by A.S.A.N.U., captains have well defined functions. Due to this, a captain shall be elected by the team and coach by ballot for the season. The U/13-A team captain will also act as the Netball captain and any player with a problem that she feels she cannot discuss with her coach or captain, can be taken up with the Netball captain.
- Captains shall toss for the first centre pass or choice of goal and notify the umpires of the result. She must notify umpires and opposing captains of substitutions or team changes. The captain may ask the umpires to clarify a rule during half time. She may also ask for injury time for players who have been injured.
- First Aid and injury: A First Aid box will be available to coaches at all practices and will be next to the court during matches.

THE AWARDING OF SCHOOL CERTIFICATES FOR NETBALL ACHIEVEMENTS

- The team that ends the best in the league, will be awarded the team trophy and a certificate per player. The award for the most promising team

DISCIPLINE

- Should a learner's behaviour or conduct be improper, unbecoming and unacceptable, disciplinary action will be taken.
- The learner will appear before the Sport Co-ordinator, Principal, Deputy Principal or designate and coach or educator and receive a warning. The next offence will be punishable by suspension from a match, friendly competition, team and sporting discipline as may be deemed necessary

ANNEXURE 6: SOCCER

PREAMBLE

We, the staff and coaches of SPS, commit ourselves to uphold a Soccer Policy that strives to improve and develop our soccer players to the best of our ability and to promote fair play and good sportsmanship.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the smooth running of soccer at our school.

PRACTICES AND MATCHES

Each team will have two practice sessions of one hour each per week and play one match per week according to the fixture list drawn up by the soccer governing body.

DRESS CODE

Incorrect attire will result in no practice and no practice = no match.

- Practice: Players should wear physical education uniforms for practice. The red school shorts and a house t-shirt.
- Matches: Players should wear red shorts, long white school socks or official school soccer kit or white golf shirt with school badge and soccer boots/togs for matches

CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, coaches and players are expected to behave with dignity and show good sportsmanship at all times. No conflicts will be tolerated. Should any inappropriate behaviour take place, disciplinary action will be taken.

DUTIES

The role of coaches will be:

- To take care of all aspects of coaching
- To select teams
- To draw up team lists
- To take register with educator
- To give result card to educator
- To bring any problem to the attention of the educator helper
- To prepare list for awards and colours to be presented to Sports Co-ordinator

The role of educators will be:

- To draw up a register and keep it up to date with the coach
- To write out letters informing players that they are playing a match and this must show the date and the venue as well as the time that the player can be collected from school
- To give ball to coach for home matches
- To check that eats have been organized
- To help with discipline on the bus and at venues
- To report any problems to soccer organizer
- To give result card to soccer organizer
- To liaise with captain as to the report back

CAPTAIN

The role of the soccer team captain will be:

- To meet and welcome visiting teams and coaches
- To take charge of his team on the field
- To report any problems to his coach
- To help with clean up and packing away after matches
- To thank opposing team captains and coaches for the games at away venues
- To do report back or organize the report back at Assemblies.

The role of the soccer organizer will be:

- To draw up a fixture list for all teams to go to coaches, educator and players
- To organize games
- To organize eats
- To see to any problems or refer problems to Sports Co-ordinator
- To channel results to Sports Co-ordinator and to the appropriate Soccer authorities
- To see to disciplinary hearings
- To liaise with Soccer union in connection with trials
- To co-ordinate lists for awards and colours

AWARDS

At the Sports Awards Evening, the team that has the best league results will win The Most Promising Soccer Team trophy as well as an individual certificate for each team member. The "Kate Hundermark" floating trophy will be awarded to a non-A team player who has:

- attended all practises
- always done his best
- encouraged team mates on the field using positive feedback
- always played the game in good spirit and been respectful to all participants (own team mates, coaches, teachers, opposition, referees, etc.)
- the learner should be a Grade 7 pupil

ANNEXURE 7: TENNIS

This is a guideline for educators, parents and children playing tennis for SPS.

WHO MAY PLAY

All children attending Springvale Primary School may play Tennis if they know and understand the rules and can score correctly. A Mini-tennis coaching programme is available but children of all ages may try out for the school team.

PRACTICE AND MATCH TIMES

Practice:

- The players should wear physical education uniform for practice; white shorts/skirts and house t-shirt. Only white takkies with white soles will be allowed on the courts.
- Matches: The players should wear the school sports uniform. Boys should wear the red shorts, white golf shirt and white socks. Girls should wear red skirt, white golf shirt.
- Any child not conforming to this dress code will be dropped from the school team.
- Teams will supervise practices at the school but children will be encouraged to have professional coaching. Children may challenge each other at practice so that they may secure a place in the school team. Challenge matches may take place any day provided that the supervising educators are aware of them.
- Children will only be eligible for team selection if they attend matches regularly. Any player not attending practice will be dropped from the school team for one match. Players will be excused from practice if they have a valid excuse.

Matches:

Selection of school teams: Ability ranking using the ladder format.

The first four will play in the A team, the second four in the B team and the third four in the C team. Positions on the team will be determined by the positions played the previous season. If any player wishes to move up the ladder, they have to challenge the person in one position above them and move up accordingly.

- A new learner at SPS may have one (1) free challenge
- Bad conduct or poor sportsmanship will put a team player at a disadvantage, i.e. be dropped for one match
- Challenges do not have to take place during official Tennis practice time. They may also take place on alternate days; they should play the best of nine (9) games
- Teams will be selected on merit and all challenge matches that occur during the term
- The Tennis Ladder for the following year is drawn from the Championships results and any player may begin the challenge to get into the school team for the term and or year

Any child not able to play in a match, unless they are ill, must let their coach know at least one practice before the time. Learners picked for a team and not playing in a match, will be dropped from the team for a minimum of one match.

Teams must be picked at least two days before a match is played and the children must all receive a letter telling them where they are playing and against whom. Should there be any changes in the teams, the players must be given every opportunity to let their parents know. This is the educator's responsibility.

TRANSPORT

- Learners will be transported to and from matches by bus and parents may assist where necessary.

REFRESHMENTS

- Provide own lunch for match days. Umpires and players will each receive a cool drink after matches.

CAPTAINS

- A captain must be voted for by each team
- The captain's job is to help the coach with anything that needs to be done. It will be the captain's responsibility to check on match days that the team is at school and available to play. Should a player not be able to play, then the coach must be told and a substitution must be found.
- School Championship: Only learners who have attended regular school practice and those who play in a school team may enter these Championships. The Tennis organizer draws up the ladder.
- The First Aid kit must be available to educators at all practices. If matches are played at home, the First Aid kit must be placed, by the captains, next to the courts. If the teams play away, a First Aid kit must be packed and taken along.

AWARDS

The following awards (certificates and trophies) will be given out at the Sports Awards Evening:

- Most promising team (best team league results): team trophy and individual certificates.
- Most improved player: boy or girl.
- Best boy and girl Tennis player. These children will be those who win the annual Tennis Championships at the school.

DISCIPLINE

- Should a learner's behaviour be improper, disciplinary action will be taken.
- The learner will appear before the Sports Co-ordinator, Principal, Deputy Principal or designate and coach or educator and receive a warning. The next offence will be punishable by suspension from a match, friendly competition, team and sporting discipline as may be deemed necessary.

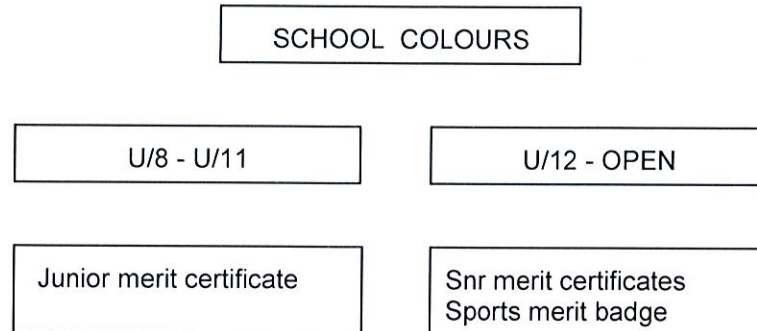
ANNEXURE 8: RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT: AWARDS, COLOURS, TROPHIES

SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADDENDUM TO SPORTS POLICY

AWARDING OF MERIT CERTIFICATES, MERIT BADGES AND COLOURS

This policy is a generic policy, applicable to all sports offered by SPS. Receiving any of these awards should be seen as an honour and privilege, not a right. Through this policy, we acknowledge sport achievers and encourage all our participants to achieve at the highest level. Awards will be made for the following sports: Athletics, Chess, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Tennis.



THE AGE GROUPS: U/8 - U/11

The individual team players will receive junior merit certificates for having:

- Represented their school's A or B teams in a particular sport for an entire season.
- Attended 80% of their practice sessions and matches alike.
- Shown good sportsmanship and behaviour that brings honour and credit to our school.

These age groups are not eligible for the awarding of school colours, except in the case of an elite sports person who does achieve the highest honour - this is being selected and awarded with Tshwane, Gauteng Northern Gauteng A Provincial colours while also representing his/her school in the same sport.

THE AGE GROUPS: U/12 – OPEN

These individual players are eligible for the highest honour - awarding of sports colours. The criteria is:

- They must represent their school's A or B teams in a sport and are simultaneously awarded Tshwane Northern Gauteng A Provincial colours. This will be acknowledged by means of a scroll and a certificate.
- A Junior Chess player who meets the above criteria may also be awarded their colours as a Chess team consists of Junior and Senior players.
- A Chess trophy to be awarded to the best Junior and Senior Chess player who has shown good sportsmanship.

U/12 - Open individual/team players will receive a sport merit badge and senior merit certificate if they:

- Win their particular league during a season
- Have attended 90% of all practice sessions and matches alike

- Have shown good sportsmanship and behaviour that brings honour and credit to our school
- U/12 - Open individual/team players will receive a senior sport merit certificate for having:
- Represented their school's A or B teams in a particular sport for an entire season
 - Attended 90% of all practice sessions and matches alike
 - Displayed good sportsmanship and behaviour that brings honour and credit to our school

ADDENDUM

Athletics

- Our school is affiliated with PEPPSA and not USSASA. As our Athletics season is in the third term of the year, our athletes are not given the opportunity to qualify for Northern Gauteng Colours.

AWARDING OF COLOURS

Age Groups: U/7 - U/11

All athletes in these age groups who received a medal for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places at Prestige (including relays) will be awarded junior merit certificates for having:

- Represented their school's team for an entire season
- Attended 80% of their practice sessions and Athletics meetings alike
- Displayed good sportsmanship and behaviour that brings honour and credit to our school

This age group is not eligible for awarding of school colours.

The age groups: U/12 - Open

All athletes, in these age groups, who receive a medal for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places at Prestige (relays to receive certificate only) will be awarded school colours. Their achievements will be acknowledged by means of a scroll and a certificate, if they have:

- Represented their school's Athletics team for an entire season
- Attended 90% of all practice sessions and Athletics meetings alike
- Displayed good sportsmanship and behaviour that brings honour and credit to the school

NB: An outstanding performance is an athlete who achieves a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place at Prestige.

PROCEDURE

- Individual/team players must be nominated by their coaches to the Sports Committee for the above awards
- Should any queries (disputes) arise that the Sport Co-ordinator, following that the headmaster cannot conclude, the matter will be brought to the attention of the SGB to finalise
- The coaches will nominate pupils for the awards according to the criteria stipulated above
- There will be a Sports Awards Evening in Term 4 where recipients of awards will receive a trophy accompanied by a certificate
- Any awards that involve Gr 7 learners will be announced at Valediction, but awarded at the Sports Awards Evening except for Sportsman and Sportswoman award

AWARDS

These will be announced at an Assembly/ Sports Awards Evening.