

TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT EXPLAINED

What sports are available at TGS?

At Trinity Gardens School we currently offer five after school sports as follows –

Sport	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Basketball	Semester 1 Season		Semester 2 Season	
Cricket	Summer Season Part A			Summer Season Part B
Football		Winter Season		
Netball	Summer Season Part B	Winter season		Summer Season Part A
Soccer		Winter season		

When can my child play after school sport?

After school sport is available to all students from year 2 with the exception of Netball which is available from the end of year 1 (term 4) in the summer season, for students turning 8 by 31 December of the following calendar year.

Does my child have to be good at sport to play?

School sport is an opportunity for all students to ‘have a go’ regardless of skill level and experience. It is important to remember that although we want our teams to be competitive and successful, it is equally important to have fun! The emphasis is on enjoyment, involvement and being physically active.

Nomination for a sport and how it works

Nomination is via an eForm on the Skoolbag App. The Skoolbag App can also be accessed via the home page of the TGS website for those who are unable to have the App on their smart phone. The school community is advised of the eForm availability via Skoolbag, Newsletter and Parent Rep emails. Nominations are required by the indicated cut-off date. After that time, a waiting list is available. Students whose nominations are received by the due date are placed in a team if there are enough players in each division. The number of players each sport requires on the field/court designates the number of students that are placed in each team plus some reserves. Too many students, and players don't get enough field/court time. Too few students, and a team cannot go ahead. If there are too many or too few, late nominations on the waiting list are offered a place in a team and/or used to create a new team.

After nominations are received, players are allocated into teams, coaches and managers are organised and registration with the relevant association is arranged. Approximately two – six weeks after the nomination due date you will receive a letter outlining your child's team, coach and manager details. This letter gives you some general information about your child's chosen sport. After this your coach or manager will contact you with details of training (if relevant) and games.

Nomination Fees

Nomination fees are required for each sport. Fees must be paid in order to secure your child's place in a team. Fees cover the costs of –

- Association registration fees (this varies between sports and covers things such as umpires, administration, court/oval hire etc)
- Uniform (our school loans some uniform requirements to students for the season)
- Medals - presented to students at assemblies at the end of each season
- Kits (bags, balls, bibs, first aid kits, etc)
- Administration

Team Selection

Many factors influence team selection including and in no particular order—nomination form submitted by due date, current team (for returning players), experience, team numbers, year levels/born years, offers to coach and manage, class mates, friendship, travel arrangements. In general, students in teams that continue throughout the year (Basketball & Netball) are kept together with some movement for students moving in and out of the sport.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists are used for students who wish to be included in a team but have not put their nomination form in on time or request to be involved after teams have been allocated. If a place arises on a team, those on the waiting list are contacted in order of entry.

Coaches and Managers

The nomination eForm has a section for parents to nominate to be a coach or manager. **Without a coach, the team cannot go ahead.** A manager helps the coach with administrative matters such as organising scorers for each game, arranging rotation schedules. Our school supports coaches and managers with their roles via information and guidance from the After School Sport Coordinator. This is a very rewarding role and our school values sport coaches and managers highly.

Working with Children Clearance

Our school requires each coach to hold a **Working with Children Clearance** at no cost to you. Clearances are completed and processed on-line. You will be asked to provide some identification to the School Office. Please approach the After School Sport Coordinator or the parent volunteer coordinator of the sport you are coaching if you are interested in being a coach so that we can 'get the ball rolling' on your application.

Commitment

Once your child has nominated and been allocated to a team there is a level of responsibility to other team members to –

- attend and be on time to training sessions
- attend and be on time to games
- look after and launder the loaned uniform and return it at the end of the season

Parents/carers and other family members are encouraged to help students meet these expectations.

Training

Training sessions – whether they are held or not and at what time, are at the discretion of the coach. Training sessions mainly occur on a different day from the game, so for most after school sport this will mean that the commitment is for two sessions a week; one for training and one for the game. More often than not (this is again up to the coach), training is conducted immediately before or immediately after school.

Uniform

All of our sports require a particular uniform. Our school provides part of each uniform on loan to players. Uniform requirements are outlined more fully in the parent letter you receive after your child has been placed in a team. Appropriate footwear and uniform not provided by our school is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide.

Code of Behaviour

Trinity Gardens School has a Code of Behaviour document which is provided to all coaches, managers, players and families involved in after school sport. Participation in sport in any role including spectating, requires all involved to adhere to the Code. There is no option; adherence to the Code is implicit in your involvement. The Code of Conduct will be provided to you by your coach and is also available on the Skoolbag App and the TGS website.

Games

Each association that our school is involved in makes the decision about what divisions our teams play in (often based on age), the location the games are played at and the time the

games are played. Our school has NO control over these variables. If your child is involved in other outside school activities such as dance, swimming, art lessons or club sport, and the times for these activities clash with an after school sport, we are unable to influence location and times to suit you. Each sport's nomination eForm gives information about what day games are played, however the game time is not confirmed until registration is finalised with each association. Some sport is played at the same time each week. Other sport such as basketball, is played on the same day but the time the game is played may change.

The role of parents/grandparents/carers

While our school offers extracurricular sport it is not like school where you drop your child off and return at the end. The coaches and managers are usually parents/carers/relatives of children in your child's team. We encourage all parents/carers/families to attend, watch and be involved in your child's chosen sport. If you are not keen to coach, the coach will always be very appreciative of your support in other ways. So be warned! It's not just your child that gets to play sport....you get to watch, get to know other parents and help out!!

Medals

At the end of each season, the After School Sport medal presentation is incorporated into the middle and upper school assemblies. Students are given a medal for each of the sports that they have participated in during that season.

For further information, please contact the After School Sport Coordinator on 8431 4170 or miranda.jackson160@schools.sa.edu.au