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 2027

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:

ATHLETICS	Athletics Victoria
BADMINTON	Badminton Victoria
BASKETBALL	Basketball Victoria
CROSS COUNTRY	Athletics Victoria
DIVING	Diving Victoria
FOOTBALL	Victorian Amateur Football Association
HOCKEY	Hockey Victoria Inc.
NETBALL	Netball Australia
ROWING	Rowing Victoria
SOCCER	Football Victoria
SOFTBALL	Softball Australia
SWIMMING	Swimming Victoria
TENNIS	Tennis Victoria
TOUCH FOOTBALL	Touch Football Victoria
VOLLEYBALL	Volleyball Victoria
WATER POLO	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 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the APS shall be appointed by the APS Heads and shall not be a Delegate from one of the schools. The CEO 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. AGSV 2025 & 2027 and APS 2026 & 2028.
   d. The Chief Executive Officer of each Association shall report to their Heads at each of their respective meetings.

6. The Chief 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 request for a Primary student to compete in a Secondary event should be raised formally through the APS Office and the Chair.**

13. 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.**

14. **That students may participate in a higher age group than their current age classification in any sport; however, participation in a lower age group is not permitted."**

15. 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

16. Where there is no equivalent Girls' competition, girls may play in the Boys' competition e.g. Table Tennis.
17. Schools should enter all teams and crews at a level commensurate with their ability, especially where a School does not enter all divisions.
18. 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

19. 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. **If the Premiership status of a sport does not meet the required amount of schools then it is at the discretion of the AGV/APS Heads as to whether Premiership status will be granted.**
    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. **Ladder:** For all competitions, 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. **Results of matches played against the team who is immediately above on the ladder. If that fails to separate then the next team above and so on. If this fails to separate then revert to teams below**
        v. **Should teams be equal on Premiership points at the end of the regular season and the determining criteria comes down to points percentage to separate them, this calculation will determine the final ladder position(s).**
        vi. Matches will be played at the opposite venue played in the home and away season.
    f. Semi Final / Grand Final / Play off Round
        i. Please refer to 19e for determination of ladder position
        ii. The higher placed team to host the match if they choose
        iii. Line drawn under each pairing and teams cannot drop below this position
        iv. In the event of a draw or tie in a Semi Final, extra time will be played according to that sports guidelines. Should the final result after extra time still be drawn – the team that finished higher on the ladder at the end of the regular season will progress to the Grand Final.
        v. In the event of a draw or tie in a Grand Final, extra time will be played according to that sports guidelines. Should the final result after extra time still be drawn – the Premiership/position on the ladder will be shared.
        vi. Should the Semi / Grand Final not proceed due to Adverse Weather the team that finished higher on the ladder will be awarded the Premiership.
    g. 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.
    h. A minimum of 50% of rounds must be completed for a AGSV/APS Premiership to be awarded following approval from the AGSV/APS Heads.

Fixtures

20. 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.
    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.
    l. **A season can be extended, and all possible formats/fixture alterations be explored in order to make up for rounds that have been lost/cancelled.**

Match procedures

21. 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.

22. 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 Chief 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.**

23. Umpires/Referees: If either or both umpires do not arrive within 30 minutes of the starting time for a Girls' 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.

24. After match Protocol: Opportunities should be provided so that both teams can gather socially during or after matches.

Uniform

25. 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 Merit Team

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

Adverse Weather Policy

27. 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).
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

28. If a Firsts match has commenced and due to any unforeseen circumstances (i.e., severe medical injury) the match cannot be completed and 50% of the allocated playing time has been played, the result will stand. If less than 50% has been played, points will be shared

29. 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

30. The AGSV/APS 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).

Disputes

31. 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 Chief 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 Chief Executive Officer.

Committee Responsibilities

32. 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 Chief Executive Officer and the Delegate/Sport Coordinator of that school to thoroughly acquaint themselves with AGSV/APS Sport policies.

33. 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 Chief 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 Chief 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 Chief 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 Chief Executive Officer.