

Loreto School Queenswood COVID-19 Sport Policy

Preamble

Due to the situation we find ourselves in with regards to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, it is necessary to make changes to the way in which our extramural timetable is both structured and run.

These changes are necessary to ensure that Loreto School Queenswood is adhering to the Disaster Management Act guidelines and most importantly to ensure the health and safety of our staff and learners.

We realize that physical activity is vital to the all-round growth of every learner and that it contributes to enhance social and behavioural maturity, improve relations with peers and provide alternatives and strategies for conflict resolution among children.

In the Government Gazette Vol 664, 21 October 2020, NO 43826, The Department of Basic Education has given clear guidelines with regards to extramural activities in schools. This gazette was published in the newsletter dated 22 October 2020.

We therefore have to minimize the amount of learners with a coach on the field and in the swimming pool at any given time. With this in mind, parents will have to take note of the following procedures.

1. Learners have to register for a particular activity with the HOD Sport via email at HODSport@LoretoSchoolQueenswood.co.za. Only learners who have registered will be placed on a list. This includes Learn to Swim.
2. Parents will be required to fill in the registration form and email it back to HOD Sport.
3. Registrations will take place between 24 November 2020 and 5 February 2021. Extramural activities will commence on 25 January 2021
4. Once the list is full, a waiting list will be started.
5. Learners staying for extramural activities will move to the various locations at 14:00.
6. Learners must be fetched by promptly after each practise. Drivers will drive into the school in the same way as the normal pick up.
7. Learners who were selected for teams in 2020 will be given first option in 2021 teams.
8. Transport of teams will be done according to COVID-19 recommendations. Learners will be socially distanced in the school buses and masks must be worn while travelling. Learners may be collected by their parents from the venue of away matches.
9. Each coach, staff member will be given their own set of training equipment. Equipment will be sanitized before and after each practise.
10. Hand sanitizers will be available through-out the practise with each coach / staff member as well as in the bathrooms and around the school.
11. Learners must have their own water bottles and may not share water bottles.

Term 1 Extramural Activities.

Cricket (U13 and U10 teams only - 12 players each with a coach)

Teams have been reduced. Each team will practise on a different day with their coach. 2020 team members will be given preference in 2021. Matches are as per league schedule and will be published in the newsletter. No spectators are allowed.

Team Swimming

Age groups will practise on different days to minimize the number of learners in the pool area, bathrooms etc.

Galas will take place on a Friday as usual. No spectators are allowed.

Learn to Swim (LTS)

Learners will have to re-register for Learn to Swim lessons. We are only able to accommodate 2 – 4 learners per instructor. Lessons will be 2 x 30min sessions twice a week i.e. Monday and Wednesday OR Tuesday and Thursday from 13:00 (Grade 1 & 2) to 16:30 depending on demand.

Learners must be dropped off at the pool and picked up directly after their lesson. Drivers must wait in their cars for swimmers to complete their lesson. Swimmers should arrive and leave in their costumes.

Team Tennis

Teams will practise on different courts. Matches take place as per league schedule on Mondays. No spectators allowed.

Mini Sport

Skills development will take place with a Loreto School Queenswood staff member in groups of 8.

The relevant teachers will be given a register with the names, classes and contact details of the learners in their group.


Each group will have their own equipment which will be sanitized before and after a session.

Mini festivals are scheduled for Saturday mornings. Parents will transport children to and from the venue. No spectators will be allowed. Parents will be asked to wait in their cars.


Cultural Activities

Learners will be allocated a classroom and a coach / staff member. Sanitization will take place as per classroom rules before and after sessions. Sanitizer will be freely available at all times.

Activities or scheduled events may take place during the year. Transport to the venues will be provided by Loreto School Queenswood to the designated venue and parents will be asked to fetch children from the venue.



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