

21. General ACC Carnival Rules

1. CARNIVAL DIVISIONS.

- 1.1 For Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country, Colleges will compete for points in their own Divisions. A Division Two College cannot win a Division One Aggregate Award. Division make up of Carnivals are detailed below. (25/11/02)

Athletics (2020)

Div One: PAR, SAL, SBE, SBM, SJG, WFD

Div Two: CBC, DLS, EMM, MAZ, SIM, SJF,

The school finishing last in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for 2021, with the school finishing first in Division 2 promoted to Division 1 for 2021.

Swimming (2020)

Div One: DLS, PAR, SBE, SBM, SJG, WFD

Div Two: CBC, EMM, MAZ, SAL, SIM, SJF

The school finishing last in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for 2021, with the school finishing first in Division 2 promoted to Division 1 for 2021.

Cross Country (2020)

Div One: DLS, PAR, SAL, SBE, SBM, SJG, WFD

Div Two: CBC, EMM, MAZ, SIM, SJF

Promotion and relegation between divisions will only occur in Cross Country if the last placed team in Division 1 has a higher aggregate score than the first placed team in Division 2 (ie a lower score is a better result in Cross Country).

2. AGE LIMITS

- 2.1 Age groupings for swimming, athletics and cross country shall be taken from 1st January of the current year. eg. To be eligible for the Under 14 category a student will turn 14 years of age during the year. The age limit for Open competition shall be under 19 before 1st January of the current year.
- 2.2 Primary School students from ACC Colleges may participate in any Carnival subject to clearance by ACC Executive Officer. (15/4/02)

3. COMPETING ACROSS AGE GROUPS.

- 3.1 In Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country, a representative must compete in his own age group or an age group above determined by his date of birth, except in an event which is not provided for in that age group, in which case he may compete in that particular event in the next higher age group, which offers it. (11/10/04)
- 3.2 Should a school wish to place a student in an age group higher than for which he is eligible, that student must remain in that age group for that particular carnival (11/10/04)

4. PROTEST COMMITTEE.

Protests regarding events shall be in writing and given to the Executive Officer or the appointed Event Manager within fifteen minutes of the result of the disputed event. If the protest involves schools in Division 1, then the protest committee shall comprise no less than four Directors of Sport from Division 2. If the protest involves schools in Division 2, then the protest committee shall comprise no less than four Directors of Sport from Division 1. The Protest committee shall seek advice from relevant officials concerning the protest but will make the final decision. The decision of this protest committee shall be final with the presiding Executive Officer having a casting vote in the case of equal voting.

5. CHANGE OF DATES.

Should an urgent situation that suggests the need to change the date of a carnival become known to a Director of Sport or Principal in the final 48 hours before its scheduled commencement, the Executive Officer shall be notified immediately; and he will notify the President, who will consult, as far as possible, with the Principal of each participating College and resolve the matter as early as possible. If the date of a Carnival has to be changed, the new date must be mutually agreed to by the Principals of all competing schools.

6. UNIFORM.

Each College shall see that its competitors are attired in the appropriate athletic uniform.

7. SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT (26/11/18)

7.1. All spectators at ACC events are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct that has been approved by Principals. This policy applies to current students, former students, staff members, parents and members of each school community. It is the responsibility of each individual school to pro-actively address expectations around spectator behaviour, to closely supervise the members of their school community at each event and to address any behaviour in breach of the Code of Conduct.

7.2. Spectators at ACC sporting events must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants and other spectators, focusing on the enjoyment of sport and the effort of each participant.

7.3. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

The traditional "cheer squads" are no longer part of the accepted spectator policy for ACC championship events. Schools are welcome to have groups of student spectators in attendance, providing the following criteria is met:

7.3.1. The ACC Sport Spectator Group application form is completed online (<https://form.jotform.co/81717521976869>) at least a week prior to the event;

- 7.3.2. Detailed information is provided in that application, including the anticipated number of students, transport arrangements, staff supervision details and contact information;
- 7.3.3. Approval is granted by the Executive Officer;
- 7.3.4. Either full school dress uniform OR full school sports uniform is worn by each student (no dress ups, costumes or old / ripped uniform items to be worn);
- 7.3.5. Spectators are not permitted to have loud hailers, whistles, drums, trumpets or any other musical instruments;
- 7.3.6. Strict silence at the start of each event is essential. Courtesy should be shown at all times during announcements, especially for the presentations of trophies;
- 7.3.7. Each school is to take responsibility for the cleanliness of their area. Students should be asked to clean up their areas prior to leaving;
- 7.3.8. Each College shall ensure student spectators and staff remain for final presentations;
- 7.3.9. After finalisation of results, no students are to enter the venue presentation area unless invited to do so for official group photographs.

7.4. SCHOOL BASED ACC EVENTS

It is suggested that the home school arranges a representative (student or staff member) to welcome visiting teams when they arrive and guide them to the relevant sporting venue. Every visitor should be made to feel welcome and should not be subject to a negative experience when visiting another school. This role could be allocated to the staff member on yard duty (provide them with prior notice), or a non-playing student that is involved with the home team.

- 7.4.1. **EXPECTATIONS AROUND ACC COMPETITION** Whilst sport is based on competition between individuals or teams, that competitive element should not be the overriding factor in the school sport environment. Conduct of the team and each person associated with the team plays a critical role in the success of ACC sport. There are strict rules about student behaviour and also rules governing the conduct of coaches and spectators. These rules can be found on the ACC website under: SPORTS & EVENTS / Codes of Conduct. It is vital that these guidelines for conduct are adhered to.
- 7.4.2. **STAFF SUPERVISION – SPECTATORS** The supervision of student spectators is an important part of making visitors feel welcome at your school. Our sporting program does not encourage a tribal mentality, and the home school students should never try to create an intimidating environment for visiting teams. Active supervision by your school's staff and student leaders will help to create an enjoyable atmosphere for all concerned. One of the great aspects of sport is the active involvement of spectators. Their support can add significantly to the sporting experience of the players, but adversely can also distract them from "focussing on the ball" and at times encourage actions that do not align with our focus on fair play and sportsmanship. The conduct of one or two individuals can reflect very poorly on your entire school community. Play your part in upholding

the reputation of your school and actively monitor the conduct of those around you. (26/11/18)

8. SEATING ALLOCATION FOR SCHOOLS.

For Swimming and Athletics, the Executive Officer will ensure that allocated seating positions for Schools are rotated at least three positions in a clockwise direction each year.

9. MOST IMPROVED AWARD

The “Most Improved Award” is awarded to the school with an enrolment under 1000 students based on the difference in the average point score over the preceding three years and the points achieved at the current year’s event. The school with the greatest increase is to be presented with a banner at the conclusion of the Athletics & Swimming Carnival.