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**Associated & Catholic Colleges
Of
Western Australia (Inc)**

***Charter of Operations
for
ACC Inclusive Sport Program***

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1.0 Aim

Inclusive Sports Program (ISP)

The aim of the Associated and Catholic Colleges of WA (ACC) is to provide quality sport and recreation activities that cater to all levels of student ability. The Inclusive Sports Program (ISP) is integral to the ACC mission and provides students with a disability equitable access to sporting and recreational opportunities. The program is specifically targeted at *students whose disabilities may hinder their inclusion in school based or inter-school sporting events.*

1.1 Disability Definition

The ACC takes the definition of *disability* from the Western Australia Disability Services Act 1993. The act defines *disability* as meaning a disability:

- which is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory, or physical impairment or a combination of those impairments
- which is permanent or likely to be permanent
- which may or may not be of a chronic or episodic nature and which results in substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility, and a need for continuing support services.

Disabilities can result in a person having a substantially reduced capacity for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services in daily life.

2.0 Participating Schools

The Inclusive Sports Sporting program is open to any student with a disability from a member school, whether that school has a designated education support/special needs unit or not. Traditionally the following schools with support units have been involved in the program and the host school would come from within this group each year.

John XXIII College

Lumen Christi College

Servite College

Sacred Heart College

Newman College

Corpus Christi College

Ursula Frayne College

La Salle College

Mercedes College

Seton College

Mandurah Catholic College

Prendiville Catholic College

Mercy College

Kolbe Catholic College

Peter Moyes ACS

John Septimus Roe ACS

Guildford Grammar School

John Wollaston ACS

Invited school status

Christ Church Grammar School

Methodist Ladies College

3.0 Involvement

It is the policy of the ACC that students competing in ACC sport must be under 19 years of age as of 31st December. Students who have turned 19 years of age are not permitted to participate in ACC sport. It is also ACC policy that student participation is limited to "secondary school students" and that the minimum level for participation is enrolment in Year 7.

The criteria for nomination are as follows:

“Any student with a disability (years 7 to 12) who has not, and are unlikely to represent their school in this sport will be eligible, whether enrolled in an Education Support unit or not. Schools are also encouraged to nominate students whose disabilities prevent them from inclusion in events in school based or house carnivals.”

ACC inclusion sporting events and programs will not be categorized by or into specific disabilities, but open to all disabilities.

4.0 Events

Activities conducted within the Inclusive sports program are focused on participation rather than competitive performance. Some events are conducted as “stand alone” events whilst others are conducted as parallel events alongside existing divisional carnivals.

For an up to date listing of all ACC Inclusive Sport Program events please see:

<https://www.accsport.asn.au/calendar/dates/2021>

The current calendar of events offered as part of the ACC Inclusive Sports Program are as below but not limited to:

Date	Event	Venue
19/2/2021	ISP Beach Carnival	Sorrento Beach
12/3/2021	ISP Swimming Carnival	Claremont Pools
15/3 – 26/3	ACC Swimming Carnivals (No Limits)	HBF Stadium
26/3/2021	No Limits Cricket Carnival	Multiple Venues TBA
23/4/2021	ISP Multi-Sport Day 1	Alderbury Reserve, Floreat
3/5/2021	No Limits Hockey Carnival	UWA Sports Park
5/5/2021	No Limits Netball Carnival	Gold Netball Centre
14/5/2021	ISP Fun Run	Jackadder Lake Reserve
27/5/2021	ACC Cross Country (No Limits)	Alderbury Reserve, Floreat
4/6/2021	No Limits AFL Carnival	Pat Goodridge Reserve, Floreat
6/8/2021	ISP Indoor Soccer & No Limits Carnival	Multiple Venues TBA
1/9 – 17/9	ACC Athletics Carnivals (No Limits)	WA Athletics Stadium
10/9/2021	ISP Athletics Carnival	UWA Sports Park
29/10/2021	ISP Multi-Sport Day 2	John XXIII College
12/11/2021	ISP Ten Pin Bowling & No Limits Tennis Carnival	Multiple Venues TBA
3/12/2021	International Day for People with Disabilities	Multiple Schools

5.0 ACC No Limits Program

In addition to the ACC Inclusive Sport program of events, the ACC also offer students with a disability the opportunity to compete in a program of ACC No Limits events. No Limits events align with ACC major carnivals and inter-school sporting events and are designed to be an integrated competitive sporting program. No Limits sporting events give students with a disability an opportunity to compete and represent their school.

The three major ACC carnivals of Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country all have an integrated No Limits component to the event allowing students with a disability the opportunity to participate alongside members of their school and other competing schools, as well as compete against other students in the No Limits program.

In order for students to participate in the ACC carnivals of Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country, students require a disability sport classification relating to that respective sport. Students may participate at these events under a provisional classification, please contact the ACC office for more information on participating in the No Limits program and the classification process. Further information regarding classification can be found here:

<https://www.accsport.asn.au/carnivals/athletics/no-limits-classification-events>

Other No Limits sporting events (such as soccer, cricket, afl and tennis) do not require a classification and are open to all students.

6.0 Sub-Association No Limits Inter-school sport

Several ACC Inter-school Sub-Associations also offer No Limits Integrated sporting competition as part of their weekly inter-school competition. NAS, CAS and NEAS all offer basketball and soccer as options for students with disabilities to participate in and represent their school in inter-school sport. For more information on Sub-Association sport please see: <https://www.accsport.asn.au/interschool-sport>

7.0 ISP Event Charters

As per standard ACC operations, all events and activities conducted within the program will be managed according to the Charter of operations for that activity. Schools will be issued with a charter before each event. Charters can also be accessed on the ACC website under the relevant event page.

8.0 ISP Sport Levy Fees

All events and activities conducted within the Inclusive Sports program will incur a sports levy fee for that event. The sports levy fee will be on a cost recovery basis for all events conducted and will cover associated event costs such as: venue hire, first aid, equipment, officials, trophies, administration fee etc.

Where the event is conducted as part of an existing divisional carnival, costs will only be passed onto Inclusive Sports schools if they are specific to their event needs. All ISP sport levy fees will be on a “user pays” basis and only schools participating will incur the cost.

9.0 Host Schools and Deputy Host School

In relation to the Inclusive Sport Program of Events the Host School will, in conjunction with the ACC Inclusion and Participation Manager, be responsible for the organization, operation and providing the equipment required for the **ISP Swimming Carnival, ISP Beach Carnival and ISP Athletics Carnival.**

On the carnival day the Host school will act as the Carnival Manager. The Host School will provide assistance from their Physical Education Department and PE Studies students, to run the carnival. ACC staff will provide carnival management administration assistance with all events.

The main schools involved with the Inclusive Sport Program will share duties over regular time intervals:

Year of Duty	Host School	Deputy Host School
2016	Prendiville Catholic College	Ursula Frayne Catholic College
2017	Ursula Frayne Catholic College	La Salle College
2018	La Salle College	Lumen Christi College
2019	Lumen Christi College	Mercy College
2020	Mercy College	Servite College
2021	Servite College	John XXIII College
2022	John XXIII College	Seton College

The role of the Deputy Host School is to primarily provide a liaison for schools at the Ten Pin Bowling Carnivals and competition scoring/refereeing at the Indoor Soccer Events **and act as a backup to the Host School if they are unable to attend an event.** The Deputy Host School should have assistance from their Physical Education Department and PE Studies students, to run the Indoor Soccer Carnivals. ACC staff will provide carnival management administration assistance with all events.

10.0 Inclusive Sport Committee Meetings

The coordination and chairing of the IS Management Committee meetings will be the responsibility of the ACC Inclusion and Participation Manager. The minutes derived from all meetings are to be circulated within one week of the meeting and is the responsibility of the ACC Inclusion and Participation Manager. New meeting dates will be scheduled as per the ACC Calendar. The meetings will take place at least once a term or as a needs basis should more time be required. For 2021 meeting dates please see:

It is important that all participating schools have representation at these scheduled meetings.

11.0 General Conditions of Participation

- **Staffing:** Suitable teaching staff and carers are assigned a group of students in such a way that each school is accompanied by a teacher or a responsible adult acting on written authorisation from the Principal.
- Schools will be responsible to provide officials at the various carnivals/events to assist the ACC & Host School in the overall operation and management. Participation in events is based on the premise that schools will provide the required officials **and staff**.
- Individual schools should be aware of “Duty of Care” issue, and ensure the presence of sufficient **trained** staff at the venues.
- Each school engages all necessary staff and meets its own cost in this regard.
- **Dress:** For all sports, players dress standards must be consistent with, and in line with the traditional expectations for that sport. School sports uniform is to be worn at all **ACC No Limits Carnival events**.

12.0 Sue Bigelow Spirit Shield

The Sue Bigelow Spirit Shield is awarded at both the ISP Swimming Carnival and the ISP Athletics Carnival. The recipient school is selected by the Host School in consultation with the Inclusion and Participation Manager.

12.1 Background

Sue Bigelow was a dedicated educator who stood as an example of commitment to excellence having demonstrated leadership and achievement within the Inclusive Sport Sector. Sue played a significant part in promoting the participation of students with disabilities and represented a positive image of the sector to the wider community by being one of the driving forces who helped shape the Inclusive Sport portfolio as we know it today. Sue’s readiness to improve continually was demonstrated by absorbing and responding to changing skills, needs and attitudes of the Inclusive Sport community.

12.2 Recipient

The receiver of the shield/award will have displayed outstanding commitment and support for the involvement of their students in the respective ACC ISP carnival. The winner of the award will be the school

that most embodies the ACC maxim of “Sport in the Right Spirit” and has provided its students with outstanding opportunities for participation, school/team spirit, personal development and leadership. The following attributes will be used as a guide to assess the merits of each school in the event.

- Participation (competitors, spectators, officials, staff).
- Team spirit/support: cheering, uniform, banners, identity, community.
- Leadership: officials (staff and students), personal responsibility.
- Inspiration/Diversity: participation/involvement above and beyond the norm which serves as inspiration to others.

12.3 Shield Rotation

The shield shall be held by the school until the next carnival and rotated from winner to winner. That is; recipient of award for ISP Swimming Carnival shall hand over at the time of ISP Athletics Carnival and then in turn hand over the award the following year at ISP swimming carnival. Each school is responsible for engraving the shield at their own cost. Any damage to the shield is the responsibility of the school who is the current holder.