Participation in Sporting Competition
GPS Association Member Schools

Values Statement Policy

The members of the GPS Association strongly value the sporting programme that has been in existence since 1918. We affirm that the value of sport for this Association rests in the fact that it “fosters [ing] a spirit of fellowship” (GPS Constitution) amongst member schools. We assert that sound educational practice demands that students primarily engage in sport for fun, friendship and fitness and to learn discipline, commitment and fair play.

We, the members of the GPS Association commit ourselves to maintaining for our students a fair competition. Consequently, we commit to taking serious regard to the composition of all sporting teams but particularly the open championship and premiership teams in order to maintain some degree of equability within each sporting competition.

In agreeing to this we also hold that each school has:

- The right to market itself as a school of excellence in any particular aspect of school life; and,
- The entitlement to enroll students in a structured and strategic way to support each school’s articulated mission.

In order to be supportive of one another in promoting a fair sporting competition, each school will provide, in confidence, to each Headmaster of the Association a list of the names of students in open championship and premiership squads together with each student’s:

- Date of Birth.
- Date of enrolment in the GPS school (this refers to the Date of Commencement with the school);

For teams it is stipulated that squad lists with all potential “Firsts” players should be included in future.

This information will be provided in the pre-season that is, a term ahead of the scheduled sporting competition. Headmasters will inspect this information at their regular meetings.

Policy agreed at the GPS Headmasters General Meeting on 18 August 2008