

**DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SPORT AND MEMBERSHIP OF**  
**DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS POLICY**  
**NAG 1**

**RATIONALE:**

Sport is a highly valued and integral part of Dannevirke High School. This policy ALSO acknowledges that membership of Dannevirke High School sports teams is a privilege and not a right and to represent our school students must adhere to certain criteria.

**PURPOSE:**

This policy is designed to:

- Identify the role of the school in encouraging students to actively participate in sport
- Identify the advantages for students of sports participation
- Outline the scope of activities offered by Dannevirke High School
- Define the areas of participation in sport by students of Dannevirke High School
- Define the school's responsibility as regards coaching, management, facilities and equipment
- This policy contains guidelines to ensure high standards of behaviour are maintained at all times
- When selecting teams coaches and selectors need to take the guidelines and criteria into account when considering team memberships
- Students and parents/caregivers need to be aware of the impact that breaches of the criteria can have on their membership of sports teams. In particular students need to be aware that playing for non Dannevirke High School teams can undermine the success of the school as a whole

See also: Fair Play Charter of New Zealand

**POLICY:**

- Dannevirke High School strives to help each student develop and maintain sporting interests.
- All students are encouraged to participate in sport, be it of a team or individual nature, competitive or non-competitive.
- As wide a range of sports as possible will be offered at Dannevirke High School to provide students with an opportunity to:
  - develop their skills and aptitudes
  - build on skills acquired in the Physical Education programme
  - develop their awareness and responsibility for "fair play"
  - enjoy experiences of group membership, loyalty, self-discipline and opportunities for leadership and responsibility
  - compete in inter-school interchanges and competitions
  - compete at the highest level
  - generally develop life skills through involvement, participation or simply an interest in sport
- Staff will be encouraged to take on roles of coaching, management and organisation of sport beyond their curriculum commitments, wherever possible.
- Dannevirke High School will foster community support for sport:
  - by encouraging parent participation in sporting advisory bodies and associated activities
  - by encouraging parent involvement in watching sport, billeting visitors and supporting school sport generally
  - participating in co-operative ventures with local sports clubs.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR SPORT IN GENERAL:**

To enhance sport, we will have:

1. A Sports Co-ordinator position.
2. Give information to Students about sports codes.
3. Use Non Staff in Sport at Dannevirke High School.
4. Provide some financial assistance towards sporting activities.
5. Enable the use of school facilities for sport where possible.

See Dannevirke High School Sporting Procedures and The Sports Advisory Board Handbook

## **GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:**

1. In accordance with the Student Participation in Sport Policy, Dannevirke High School students playing sport must play for Dannevirke High School if a team in that code is available.

In special cases dispensation may be granted by the principal for students to play in a non Dannevirke High School team.

Where a student chooses to play for a non Dannevirke High School sporting code without dispensation then, at the principal's discretion, that student may lose the right to hold any position of responsibility within the school for that year and may not be allowed to play in any other sporting code offered by Dannevirke High School within that year.

A student may elect to play for both Dannevirke High School and a club if a dispensation is granted. However, in the event that there is a clash of playing times the Dannevirke High School commitment must take priority.

2. Students will only be eligible to play for Dannevirke High School teams either in organised competitions or inter-school competitions if they meet the following criteria:
  - that they meet the age criteria for secondary school sports
  - that their attendance is regular and that all absences are explained
  - that they pay their subscriptions within one month of the start of competition or have organised automatic payments. All fees must be paid by the end of the sporting year to enable eligibility to play in future years
  - that they are a full time student at Dannevirke High School completing a full time course of study. Any student who leaves school is immediately ineligible to play for a Dannevirke High School team. If the date of leaving school is the last day of a term the student will be able to play for Dannevirke High School until the first day of the new term
  - that all school work is up to date and that all assignments and projects are handed in on time
  - that any lunchtime detentions are completed promptly and that there will be no outstanding major school detentions
  - that the school rules are adhered to at all times
  - the Principal can exercise their discretionary power at any time in regards the eligibility to participate in Dannevirke High School sports teams. This may include allowing students who are not enrolled at Dannevirke School to play in our sports teams (maximum of two per team), as long as they do not displace any Dannevirke High School pupil

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3. The Principal under the following conditions can remove any player from a sports team:
- if they are suspended or stood-down from school for any reason
  - if they breach the above criteria
  - if the Board of Trustees determines that they are ineligible to be a member of a sports team following a disciplinary meeting
  - if for any disciplinary reason the Principal believes it would not be in the interest of the school for the student to play

**CONCLUSION:**

Sport is seen as an important part of both the personal and school lives of students and encouragement is to be given for full participation in organised sport by as many students as possible.

Board of Trustees Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_