

## GSA Sports Day Participation Policy

The GSA Sports Day is designed to be an enjoyable, fair, and inclusive event for postgraduate students of the University of Melbourne. To ensure a smooth and safe experience for all participants, we ask that all attendees abide by the following policies:

### 1. Eligibility

- Only **postgraduate students** of the University of Melbourne are eligible to participate in the competitions.
- Participants must have a valid student ID to confirm eligibility upon registration.

### 2. Team Composition & Gender Requirements

- **6-a-side Soccer & Dodgeball:**
  - Teams must consist of **at least 6 players for soccer** (including the goalkeeper) and **at least 6 players for dodgeball**.
  - All teams must be **mixed-gender**:
    - Soccer teams must include **at least 2 players who identify as women** and **2 players who identify as men**.
    - Dodgeball teams must include **at least 2 players who identify as women** and **2 players who identify as men**.
  - Reserve players are encouraged to ensure all teams are prepared for substitutions and to maintain the energy of the competition.
- **Badminton:**
  - Players can either participate in **mixed-doubles** teams or as **singles**.
  - If there are not enough participants in either category, that competition may be cancelled.

### 3. Code of Conduct

- All participants are expected to **always maintain a respectful and sportsperson-like demeanour**, both on and off the field/court.
- **No verbal or physical abuse** will be tolerated towards other participants, spectators, referees, or event staff.
- Participants should **respect the decisions of referees and officials** without dispute.
- Participants should avoid **unsportsmanlike behaviour** such as cheating, intentionally injuring others, or intentionally disrupting the competition.

#### 4. Health & Safety

- Participants should be in good health and physically prepared for the competition. If you have any medical conditions, please ensure you are fit for play and inform the event organizers in advance if necessary.
- All participants are responsible for ensuring their **personal safety and well-being**. Protective gear is encouraged, especially for soccer and dodgeball.
- **First aid** will be available on-site for any medical emergencies.

#### 5. Family Participation

- **Family-Friendly:** Participants with children are welcome to bring them to watch the event. However, **parents or carers are responsible for always looking after their own children** during the event.
- Children should be supervised and **remain in designated spectator areas** to ensure the safety of all attendees.

#### 6. Behaviour During the Event

- Participants must remain in their designated **competition areas** and not interfere with other matches or events happening simultaneously.
- Any **inappropriate or disruptive behaviour**, including loud, distracting, or dangerous actions, will result in disqualification from the competition.

#### 7. Team and Individual Responsibility

- It is the responsibility of each team captain to ensure that all participants in their team are aware of and comply with the rules and regulations.
- Teams should ensure their members arrive on time and are ready to play. Late arrivals may be disqualified from participating in the game.
- Players must wear **appropriate sportswear** (e.g., comfortable athletic wear and closed-toed shoes suitable for sports).

#### 8. Event Cancellation or Modifications

- In the event that a competition does not have sufficient participation (e.g., insufficient number of players or teams), the event organizers reserve the right to **cancel or modify** the competition.
- The organizers reserve the right to **modify or adjust** the schedule, venue, or format of any game as necessary, in the best interest of participants.

#### 9. Prize and Award Distribution

- Prizes (Coles vouchers, trophies, and medals) will be awarded to the **first, second, and third place winners** of each competition.

- Winners must be present at the **prize ceremony** to receive their awards. If a winner is not present, the prize may be forfeited.

#### 10. Liability Waiver

- By participating in GSA Sports Day, all participants agree to **waive any liability** against the event organizers, the University of Melbourne, and associated sponsors for any injuries or accidents that may occur during the event.
- Participants are responsible for their own belongings during the event. The event organizers are not liable for lost or stolen items.

#### 11. Alcohol and Drugs

- **Alcohol consumption** during the competition is strictly prohibited.
- **Illicit drugs** are not permitted at any time during the event.
- If participants are found under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the event, they will be immediately disqualified from the competition and asked to leave the event.

#### 12. Right to Amend the Policy

- The **event organizers** reserve the right to **amend, modify, or update** this policy at any time leading up to or during the GSA Sports Day.
- Any changes or updates to the policy will be communicated to participants in a timely manner through the official event channels (e.g., email, event website).
- Participants are responsible for staying informed of any updates to the policy and ensuring they comply with the most recent version.

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**By participating in GSA Sports Day, all attendees agree to abide by this policy. Failure to comply with the above guidelines may result in removal from the event or disqualification from the competition.**