

# **Sports and Gymkhana Policy and Practices**

## **Introduction:**

The College takes special care for the holistic development of the students. Academics and sports activities both are given impetus for the progress of the students and their physical as well as mental well-being. The participation in sports makes a nation fitter. Keeping in view the fact that a fitter nation is a better performer, the college takes ample care in the promotion of various sports and games and encourages students' participation in various state, National and International level sports events. The college strives to achieve medals and success at national and international level for their sports persons.

## **Organizational Structure:**

### **(A) Sports Co-ordinator:**

The Co-ordinator serves basically as an advisor and resource person for the students and liaison officer between Management / Principal and sports students. Further its co-ordinator's responsibility to monitor the various sports activities, to ensure all University norms are being followed, to assist the college administration in implementing sound safety practices and to manage the funds allocated as per University Policy.

### **(B) Sports Council:**

The sports committee is made up of 20 students talented in various sports activities. The members can change each academic year. Further, each sport has representatives who become a part of the Gymkhana

Committee. The work of the committee is to ensure all the sports activities are conducted properly throughout the year. They also assist the sports coordinator in the organization and conduction of athletics events of the college, including the annual sports day. During the conduction of collegiate and inter-collegiate events, each sport or category of event has an event vice-president or team in-charge nominated among the member of the student council. This event head is responsible for mobilizing participation, explaining the norms to the participants and the conduction of the event. The sports council is guided by the faculties who are members of the sports committee in maintaining detailed record of the events organized.

#### **Standards of Conduct:**

The students of the sports committee are expected to maintain high standards of behaviour and sportsmanship both on and off the field while representing the college. They also need to follow all the rules and regulations and of fair play.

#### **Selection of players and participation:**

Selection trials are conducted in the campus court by the Sports Co-ordinator or Faculty In-Charge of sports. Sometimes coaches are hired from outside. Events are conducted for Boys and Girls separately. There are Inter-Class Competitions for Cricket, Football, Table-Tennis, Carom board etc. Students are also encouraged to participate in Inter-College, University, state, National and Inter-national level competitions. The college also sponsors sports kit and provides Travelling and Dearness Allowance to participants.

### **Equipments and Infrastructure:**

Somaiya Vidyavihar campus has a very good infrastructure, which is accessible to all the colleges. S. K. Somaiya College has access to the world class Athletics track, basket and volley ball courts, cricket ground and other amenities in the campus. All the events of the college are conducted in the campus.

The Gymkhana of the college is also well equipped, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the college building, which is open from 10:00 a.m. in the morning to 04:00 p.m. in the evening. More than 50-70 students regularly utilize the indoor games available here.

### **Responsibilities of Coaches and Gymkhana In charge:**

Coaches are responsible for the following:

- (1) Help in identifying talented players.
- (2) Help in enforcing all Risk Management policies.
- (3) Informing students of risks associated with participating in their specific sport.
- (4) Give adequate training to students in their respective sports.
- (5) Developing and following safety procedures.
- (6) Improving skills of students.
- (7) Travelling with teams. Enforce standard of conduct both on and off the field.
- (8) Attending and supervising all games and practices.
- (9) Give opportunities to all talented students to participate in various sports and at various levels.
- (10) Enforce rules and regulations and promote good sportsmanship on and off the field.

Duties of Gymkhana In charge:

Gymkhana on the second floor of the college is taken care by a non-teaching staff. The staff supervises the regular activities and monitors the wear and tear of the equipments. Further, students who come here are required to follow the guidelines such as (a) use of equipments with care and (b) avoid damage of sports equipments. The staff has to be very alert and takes care that no equipments are lost. An entry/ record register is maintained in the Gymkhana indicating the duration and usage of indoor games equipment by various students throughout the day. The Gymkhana In charge is also responsible for the inventory and storage of sports equipment.

Students using Gymkhana have to produce their ID card and sign in this register. Fine is imposed in case of any damage of equipments. Fine is based on the nature of damage. In case students apply for duplicate ID card or bonafide certificate, then the application has to be signed by the Gymkhana In charge. The same is required when a student desires to cancel his/her admission. This measure is to ensure that no sports equipment is damaged and that there are no claims pending.

### **Sports Budget and Equipment's Purchase:**

The sports Co-ordinator and the Principal finalize the Sports Budget after series of discussions. Equipments are purchased after inviting quotations from about three dealers. The best offer is then finalized. In case of emergency equipments are also purchased from the nearest dealer.

Coaches may be hired for select sports such as cricket, football and boxing. Honorarium is paid to the coaches hired. Guidance for other sports is provided by faculties who have their past knowledge and experience

regarding a given sport. Annual sports event of the college for boys, girls and staff is organized by the college. Common utilities available on campus are used for the purpose. In case of inter-collegiate events the sports council seeks to procure sponsorships for the events.

**Risk management:**

First aid kit is kept in the college and is available in case of minor problems faced by the students participating in the events and practising their sports on a regular basis. An on-campus doctor is consulted if required. In case of major injury the player the student is rushed to the nearby municipal hospital. The sports coordinator and sports council members stress on preventive measures and instruct the student participants regarding the precautions to be taken from time to time.

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