

Dowerin District High School



Swimming Carnival Policy

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Carnival Review: A review of the carnival will be made within two school weeks of the carnival each year.

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

All sporting carnivals at Dowerin DHS will be for the purpose of encouraging maximum student participation through competitive events which give the best opportunity for excellence. The carnival should be enjoyable for, and inclusive of, all students.

Acknowledgement must be given that the carnivals are competitive events, where student achievement is rewarded with faction points, and an invitation to be part of the Interschool Team for that sport.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 RATIONALE

Students at Dowerin DHS have a wide range of sporting abilities. In a climate of decreasing involvement in physical activity, it is important to encourage all students to **participate** in the maximum possible number of events at carnivals.

Encouragement of excellence will be achieved by allocating students to events according to ability, as determined in the current year by the Physical Education staff. This will provide an opportunity for more athletic students to compete in an environment which encourages best performance.

2.2 DEFINITIONS and ABBREVIATIONS

EASA – East Avon Sporting Association

ASSISTANCE – when a student:

- uses a board as a floatation device,
- uses a lane rope to help them complete the event
- requests help from a secondary student to stay afloat or
- uses the pool floor to 'push off' and gain an advantage.

2.3 FACTION ALLOCATION

Students will be allocated to factions upon enrolment at the school. The following points will direct student allocation:

- Students will be allocated to the same faction as their siblings.
- The total number of students in each faction together with the balance between factions for each age group will guide placement.

2.4 FACTION CAPTAINS

There is a Primary and Secondary Faction Captain for each faction.

Students apply to become a faction captain by completing a school determined task. The Physical Education teacher, in consultation with staff, appoints the Faction Captains based on:

- the level of completion of the task
- the level of sportsmanship demonstrated by the student in a variety of contexts.
- The level of participation in Phys Ed classes and sporting events.

Faction Captains are part of the Student Leadership Team who are expected to:

- uphold high standards; demonstrating the Dowerin Virtues and sportsmanship at all times.
- promote faction alliance in preparation for, and at, the sports carnival.
- accept trophies and give related speeches.

3. PROCEDURES – SWIMMING CARNIVAL

3.1 EVENT OVERVIEW

The Faction Swimming Carnival will be run annually during the 1st school term. Age/year allocation, for the purpose of events and championship points, will reflect the EASA Interschool Carnival Policy. The carnival events will encourage maximum participation.

Note: Year 1 and 2 students do not participate in the Interschool Carnival.

3.2 STUDENT PARTICIPATION

3.2.1 Student Preparation

- Students will have the opportunity to improve their swimming technique during Term 1.

3.2.2 Student Nomination to Events

- All students, who are physically able, will participate in all *individual* events and at least one team event. This team event may be a novelty relay.
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in time trials during Physical Education classes. Performance in these trials will determine the division each child swims in, and the length of that event. The number of trials, and final decision of student allocation to events and divisions will be at the discretion of the Physical Education teacher.
- There will be 6 students in Division 1 events, with three (3) students being from Forrest and three (3) from Stirling. The students in Division 1 will be the fastest three students in each faction.
- Where possible, lower divisions will have an equal split between factions.

TEAM EVENTS

- There will be one relay team from each faction compete in relay events.
- If there are not enough students of an appropriate age, numbers will be made up from younger students.
- Students who do not participate in the freestyle or medley relay will have the opportunity, and encouraged, to compete in a novelty relay. The number and type of novelties will be at the discretion of the Physical Education teacher.
- Students in Kindergarten and Pre-primary will only participate in novelty team events. They will not attend the carnival until late in the morning.

3.2.3 Interschool Selection

- Students will be selected for the Interschool Team based on results in the Faction Swimming Carnival.
- Selection for team events will be at the discretion of the Physical Education Teacher.

3.3 EVENTS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL EVENTS

		Interschool Events	Div 1 and Div 2	Div 1 only				Faction Events	X
AGE		FREESTYLE	BREASTSTROKE	BACKSTROKE	BUTTERFLY	RELAY-Freestyle	RELAY-Medley		
OPEN (100m)	Boys	X							
	Girls	X							
UPPER SECONDARY Year 9/10 (50m)	Boys	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Girls	X	X	X	X	X	X		
LOWER SECONDARY Year 7/8 (50m)	Boys	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Girls	X	X	X	X	X	X		
SENIOR PRIM Year 5/6 (50m)	Boys	X	X	X	X				
	Girls	X	X	X	X				
INTERMEDIATE PRIM Year 3/4 (50m)	Boys	X	X	X	X (25m)				
	Girls	X	X	X	X (25m)				
JUNIOR PRIM Year 1/2 (30m)	Boys	X	X	X					
	Girls	X	X	X					
PRIMARY Year 3-6 (50m)	Boys					X			
	Girls					X			

3.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and PARTICIPATION

3.4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- All races will be timed and championship points will be awarded on the basis of time.
- Championship points will only be awarded for individual events.
- Championship points will be awarded according to 5 points-1st place, 3 points-2nd place, 2 points-3rd place and 1 (one) point for 4th.
- In the case of tied placings, the total number of points for the places will be shared between the competitors. For example, if there is a tie for first and second place, 8 points (5 for 1st and 3 for 2nd) will be shared equally between the two competitors.

3.4.2 ACKNOWLEDGING PLACES

FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-10

- All students competing in the same event (from all divisions) will assemble at the dais after their race. When overall placings for the event have been confirmed (based on times), ribbons will be awarded and then all students will return to their bays.
- Place ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place for all individual events. Only first and second place ribbons will be awarded for relay events.

FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2

- Students who complete the entire event without assistance will be sent to the dais where they will be awarded either a place ribbon for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place or a unique participation/effort ribbon for all other places.
- All students in Kindergarten to Year 2, who enter a race or novelty event will be awarded a single participation ribbon for the day.

3.4.3 SHIELDS, MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES

- The Faction Shield will be determined solely by Championship Points.
- A medal will be awarded to the Champion Boy and Girl in each age group.
- A medal will be awarded to Runners Up Boy and Girl in each age group.

3.4.4 PARTICIPATION

- All students who participate in a race will receive a faction participation point for each race they compete in. This excludes novelty events.
- The faction with the most participation points will be awarded additional points towards the Stirrest Cup.

3.5 OFFICIALS

3.5.1 MARSHALS and OFFICIALS

The following officials will be appointed for the Swimming Carnival

OFFICIAL	NUMBER	ROLE
Chief Judge	1	○ Make a visual assessment of places and confirm placing with Chief Timekeeper ○ Time first place ○ Adjudicates on finishing touches and turns. ○ Determine event places.
Chief Timekeeper	1	○ Record times as taken by the timekeepers ○ Records place for each heat
Stroke Judge	1	○ Make disqualifications for incorrect strokes
Life Saver (also the Stroke Judge)	1	○ Monitor the welfare of all swimmers in the pool ○ Make rescues as required
Starter	1	○ Start all events ○ Call false starts as required
Start Marshall	1	○ Marshall students from bays for the start of each event.
Bay Marshall	1	○ Supervisor students in each bay ○ Marshall students from their faction for each event (approximately 4 events in advance) in readiness for collection by the Start Marshall
Time Keepers	6	○ Time each first and second division events.
Novelty Event Coordinator	1	○ Organise equipment for, and running of, novelty events. They will coopt support as required
K/P Event Coordinator	1	○ Organise equipment for, and running of, novelty events. (Usually the Pre-Primary teacher). They will coopt support as required
Announcer	1	○ To announce results as they become available ○ To collect results sheet from Chief Timekeeper and after announcing results, hand these to the recorders
Assistant to the Announcer	1	○ Determine the overall placings for each event, write this on the recording sheets and communicate this to the announcer.
Results Table	3	○ To record faction and individual results and allocate points accordingly.
Ribbon Presenter	1	○ To present place ribbons to 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

3.6 FEEDBACK FORUM

Parents will have an opportunity to attend a carnival feedback forum approximately two weeks after the carnival. The date will be set on the school calendar. An announcement will be made at the end of the carnival reminding parents of the forum date. Parents will also have the opportunity to give feedback through an online survey.