



DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG
SPORTS COUNCIL

Primary Gala days – “A non-negotiable philosophy for schools”

As a balance to the representative pathway structures the Diocesan sports council facilitate gala days in netball, football, basketball and cricket. These days are:

- Strictly non-competitive,
- No scores are kept,
- No finals are played and
- No awards are given out

The gala days are designed for students to enjoy the sport, try the sport out, have fun and exercise without the pressure of competition and winning.

Students, teachers, parents and supporters are to be reminded of this philosophy and treat all games and interactions with others with this in mind. Referees or umpires should be treated with courtesy and respect as most of these are sourced from local catholic secondary schools and we are very lucky to have this support. If we did not have this, schools would need to supply one umpire/referee per team entered.

Students, teachers and parents should maintain a safe and respectful environment for all. They should maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding their child’s wellbeing and behaviour and encourage participation by all children.

Parents should provide a model of good sportsmanship for their child to copy and be courteous and respectful in communication with players, team officials, game officials, other parents and event organisers

For students, teachers or parents looking to play in higher level competitive days, the Diocesan gala days may not be for you.