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Sports Directory

SPORTS AT ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE

As a school, we are committed to ensuring all students receive a variety of sporting opportunities and to develop each student as an active participant in sport and exercise.

Sport at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate has developed and evolved over the years to a point where the school now offers over 28 different sports for the students to participate in at either a participatory or elite level. The school has fostered a strong climate of student self-belief and a play hard, play fair attitude to all competitive events.

For all students, coaches, and managers there is an expectation of excellence in everything we do. This includes presentation, sportsmanship, teamwork, and a high standard of skill development. It is our goal to maintain the school's reputation as one of New Zealand's premier sporting intermediate schools and to provide our year 7 and 8 students with the best opportunities for sport in the country.

Since 2004, Ōtūmoetai Intermediate sports teams and individuals have forged a formidable reputation during the **ZESPRI AIMS GAMES National Sports Tournament**, the premier sporting tournament for New Zealand Year 7 and 8 students. This National Tournament was an initiative started by the Principals of Ōtūmoetai and Tauranga Intermediates to provide sporting opportunities and competition at the highest level for our students and year 7 and 8 students in schools across New Zealand. The tournament has established itself as the top sporting event for this age group.

We believe that sport and physical activity are important for the personal growth of our students and these are promoted at a participatory and competitive level. There are three tiers of sports at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School.

Tier one is the compulsory participation level where all students are expected to take part in physical education lessons and school wide events such as the school triathlon, school athletics sports and school cross-country.

Students are also given an opportunity to participate, on a voluntary basis, in inter-class sports events at lunchtimes and inter-house sports competitions at lunchtime.

Tier two is based on competitive sport where students are selected to play in inter-school sports (Super11) teams or in local leagues.

Tier three is sports at an elite level where students are selected to represent the school through the Sports Academy or in our ZESPRI AIMS Games teams.

The school promotes and organises sport in a variety of ways.

- Interschool events provide an opportunity for our sports teams to represent the school in competitions against other Intermediate schools. Games may be local or held in Rotorua, Gisborne, Kawerau, Taupō, Whakatane or Te Puke. Students are invited to trial for these teams as a basis for

selection. In major sporting codes, the school may field more than one team in a range of grades. For example, netball, hockey and football.

- Local competitions and leagues are run by clubs in sports such as cricket, rugby and soccer where the school does not field representative teams. Students are encouraged to go along to the club muster days and join a club team. The school makes every effort to promote club information in our school newsletter.

There are also a number of leagues in sports such as volleyball, kiwi tag, softball and waterpolo, where the league may be organised by a club, association or another school. Our school does not field representative teams in these leagues but facilitates the formation of teams on the league organiser's behalf.

We will do our best to convey information provided by the organisers to interested students.

Elite sports teams are selected throughout the year to prepare for national competitions such as the ZESPRI AIMS Games. All teams are based on trials and students are all given an opportunity to try out for these teams. Some of these teams are formed well in advance of the competition to allow team members and coaches to train and prepare for the competition.

Because of the large number of sports offered and teams required, the school prioritises our ability to appoint staff to organise or manage a sport. In almost all cases, we rely on parents to act as coaches or managers for teams. We have also appreciated and taken up offers of coaching from students at Ōtūmoetai College.

This approach has been taken because at all times the central focus for teachers is student learning, especially as we establish routines and expectations at the beginning of the year. This means as a school we cannot provide a completely hands on approach by our staff in all sports.

We appreciate the tremendous support the school receives from our parents and community and we encourage you to participate as active supporters of your child's sport or team. This may mean offering to act as a coach or manager so the team can go ahead.

Fees must be paid in full (or arrangements for automatic payments set up) before the commencement of leagues or tournaments in order for students to compete in school teams.

All concerns/enquiries need to be directed to the sports coordinator in the first instance.

ANNUAL SPORTS CODE OVERVIEW

Athletics

The school athletics sports are held in Term Four. Following this, a team is selected to compete in the inter-Intermediate athletic sports later in Term Four.

Badminton

The school assists BOP Badminton to organise students playing at Otumoetai College weekly throughout the year. Students may participate at the inter-Intermediate tournament in Term 2 and may be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Basketball

The school assists the organisers of the local basketball league to form school teams. Trials are held during Term One.

A Grade teams also compete in the inter-Intermediate tournament in Term Three and may be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Cricket

The two major competitions our cricket teams may participate in are:

- New Zealand Cup (boys' competition)
- New Zealand Shield (girls' competition)

Trials for cricket teams are held in Term One if the school decides to participate in the current year. Alternatively, matches may be arranged between our school and local schools.

Cross Country

The school cross-country event is held in Term Two.

Teams are selected to represent the school at the inter-Intermediate competition and the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament – both of which are held in Term Three.

Football

Boys' and girls' teams are selected to participate in both the winter inter-Intermediate tournament and the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament. Trials are held during Term Two.

Futsal

New to the inter-Intermediate schedule is a Futsal tournament in Term 2 and teams may be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Golf

The inter-Intermediate golf tournament takes place in Term Two. Teams may also be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Note: players must be registered with a Golf Club and have an 18 hole handicap of under 36.

Gymnastics

There is an Argos Gymnastics competition in Term 2. Competitors may be selected to compete at the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES in Term Three.

Hockey

The school organises girls' and boys' teams for the local league. Trials are held during Term One.

Elite teams participate in the winter tournament and the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament which is held near the end of Term Three.

Indoor Bowls

Trials are held at the end of Term One for the inter-Intermediate tournament held during Term Two. Students may also be entered in the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament in Term Three.

Mountain Biking

The mountain-biking inter-Intermediate competition takes place in Taupo in Term Two. Trials for selection to this team are held early in Term Two. Students may also be entered in the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament in Term Three.

Triathlon

The school Duathlon is a Term One participation event.

Teams may be entered in the Gisborne Beach Challenge and Triathlon in Term 4.

Netball

The school organises teams to participate in the TGA Netball Centre competition. Trials are held at the end of Term One. The A Teams compete in the inter-Intermediate Winter Tournament and the Year 8 Team at the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Rippa Rugby

Trials will be held in Term 2 or 3 for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Rugby

The 1st XV inter-Intermediate competition is held at Blake Park in Term Three. Trials for this are held during Term Two.

The school may enter a 7's Rugby team in the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament.

Sailing

Students who currently belong to a Sailing Club and compete will have the opportunity to join the school sailing team to compete at the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES tournament..

Snow Skiing

Students are selected to represent the school at the National Schools' Tournament during Term Three.

Softball

The softball competition is held in Term Four. The school assists the organisers of this by distributing information and forming teams.

Trials are held early in Term Four. Teams may compete in the inter-Intermediate.

Squash

The inter-Intermediate squash competition takes place in Term Two. There is also a BOP competition early Term 3.

Teams may also be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS Tournament.

Surfing

The inter-Intermediate surfing competition takes place in Term One. Trials for selection to this team are held early in Term One.

Swimming

The school swimming team competes in the inter-Intermediate competition in Term One. Trials are held early in Term One.

A school swimming team may also be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament held in Term Three.

Table Tennis

The BOP Table Tennis Champs is held in Term 2. Trials will be held for this and teams and individuals may be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES tournament.

Tennis

The school tennis team competes in the inter-Intermediate competition in Term One. Trials are held early in Term One.

A school team of qualifying players may be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES Tournament. Entry for AIMS may be restricted to the top 50 boys and 50 girls nationally.

Touch Rugby

Trials for boys' and girls' teams are held early in Term One. The inter-Intermediate Competition is held at the end of Term One.

Volleyball

The Kiwi Volley competition is held in Term One and Term 4. The school assists the organisers of the local league by distributing information and forming teams.

Trials are held early in Term Four for the teams to play in the inter-Intermediate competition in Term Four.

Water Polo

The school assists league organisers with the distribution of information and the forming of teams to play in the local competition in Term 1 and Term 4.

A grade teams may be entered for the ZESPRI AIMS Tournament held in Term Three.

Other Sports

The School also assists with the organisation of teams and individual competitors in a range of other sports including:

- Motocross, Sailing, Equestrian, Canoe Sport, rock climbing and BMX..

ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

FAIR PLAY EXPECTATIONS

As the winter sports season gets into full swing and we start to prepare for the ZESPRI AIMS GAMES national tournament we would like to make everyone aware of our school's fair-play expectations.

Sporting Players

Good sport is about a positive attitude. Play your part – play fair. To the best of your ability:

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official.
- Work hard to do your best at all times.
- Turn up to practice.
- Be a good sport and recognize good players and good plays by all involved.
- Remember to thank your coach, the officials, the opposition and supporters.
- Help others in your team when you can.
- Avoid putting people down or bullying them.
- Give it heaps and not get ugly.

Sporting Coaches

Good sport is about positive attitude. As a coach you set the standards. Play your part to help make each game a success – play fair. To the best of your ability:

- Set personal behaviour standards for yourself and those you coach to follow.
- Give each player the same amount of your attention and time.
- Within the context of the team and game, provide every player with opportunities to participate.
- Never argue with the referee, encourage cheating or make excuses for losing.
- Always be positive. Never shout at or ridicule players.
- Respect players' efforts regardless of whether we have won or lost.
- Encourage respect for the opposition and officials.
- Keep winning and losing in perspective with personal challenge and enjoyment.
- Give it heaps and not get ugly.

Sporting Spectators and Supporters

Good sport is about a positive attitude. You can set the right tone, and help make the game a success. Play your part – play fair. To the best of your ability:

- Respect that people are involved in sport for fun and enjoyment.
- Support good play and applaud good performance from all competitors.
- Attempt to understand the rules of the game.
- Learn the difference between supportive and abusive comments and rule out the latter.
- Accept the decisions of officials and coaches.
- Display self-control on the side-line. Always be positive. Never shout at or ridicule players.
- Show your appreciation to people who volunteer their time to make sport happen.
- Remember that we are all capable of making mistakes.
- Give it heaps and not get ugly.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL ENQUIRIES OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT THE SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.