

Winter Sports Choices for Middle & Senior School 2011

The following sports will be offered to boys for winter this year (terms 2 & 3). Boys will indicate their preferences (1 and 2) during one of their Tutorials in Week 4. All students will choose at least one full school sport. Any other negotiations must be done with the Sportsmaster. Athletics is not listed below because **all boys will participate in the Athletics Championships** this term, commencing after school on Monday 28 March with the main day being Thursday April 7th. Using the results of these championships as the main selection criteria, boys will be chosen to be part of the TAS teams to compete at the following athletics carnivals: NCSA and GPS. **Commitment to athletics during the three weeks leading up to each of these carnivals will take priority over all other sports.** The following sports will be offered to Middle/Senior School students for their winter season:

Senior School Sports

Basketball
Football
Hockey
Rugby
Shooting
Squash

Middle School Sports

Football
Hockey
Rugby
Shooting small-bore (as an Extra)

Points to note

Years 6 to 8 may choose football, hockey or rugby as their 'Full Sport'.

All Boys cannot play rugby and football

All Boys cannot play Basketball as an extra sport

A 'Full Sport' normally involves two trainings per week plus a game. An 'Extra Sport' is played in addition to a Full Sport and normally involves playing the match only (little or no training)

Boys may only play one full sport, except generally, hockey and shooting may be combined with another full sport.

Registration, insurance and admin fees etc are non-refundable. If you change your mind about the sport you wish to play you will not receive a refund of fees paid.

Most sports involve registration fees, insurance fees plus travel (and accommodation) costs for 'way' games. These costs will be debited to parents' accounts.

General Information About Each Sport (all costs are estimations only)

Hockey: Boys will compete in the HNE competition. Games will mainly be on Sunday mornings on the UNE synthetic pitches. Some games will be played on Friday evenings. Training up to twice a week (one at UNE on the synthetic pitch). One of these will be a compulsory team training. Boys who choose to combine hockey with another full sport must at least attend the 'team' training session each week. Fees, approx \$175.

Rugby: Two trainings and generally one match per week. It is intended that the Open teams, 16s, 15s, 14s and 13s will be fully involved as a part of the GPS round of Fixtures, as well as hosting a number of other schools for Home days on Saturdays in Term 2. A local junior competition amongst Armidale Secondary Schools may occur during term 3. The Yr 5/6 team will compete in the Armidale schools' primary competition in terms 2 and 3 most likely on Wednesday nights. In the July holidays the 15As will attend the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. Approximate costs of trips (including all meals, transport and accommodation) for dayboys (boarders are cheaper): Tamworth \$30, Opens to Sydney \$95. All boys playing rugby must have personal accident insurance through the School's insurer. A fee of approximately \$60 will also be paid by all secondary student players to cover additional insurances, school hosting fees and competition fees.

Football: Two trainings and one match per week. Boys will participate in either the Armidale Junior or Senior competitions: It is anticipated that the 1st XI will play in Armidale Division 1 and the 2nd XI in Division 2. Fees are payable to cover registration, insurance and referees. Fees will be approximately: \$110 (U 12s); \$120 (U14s); \$135 (U16s); Opens: \$145 (17 yrs), \$195 (18 yrs & over).

Shooting: During the winter terms shooting is offered as fullbore (.223/.308 Cal) to boys in Year 8 and above, and smallbore (.22 Cal) to Middle School boys. Year 7 boys may attend fullbore shooting if invited to do so. **For fullbore shooters**, there will be two, after-school, trainings per week (one of which may be a rifle maintenance session). Trainings will normally be at the TAS small bore range. Boys will attend regular full-bore competitions at Wollomombi on Sundays with The Armidale Rifle Club (average cost approx \$30). Boys will also be expected to attend Open Prize Meetings on some weekends (average cost approx \$200 all-inclusive). The GPS Rifle Shooting Premiership will be fired at Hornsby Range on 19 & 20 July, preceded by a training camp on approx. 12 to 18 July. Costs include all ammunition, travel, accommodation, food etc is approximately \$450. Boys who attend weekend shooting, prize meetings and GPS can expect to pay up to \$1,400 to participate in winter shooting. **For Middle School boys**, small-bore training will be conducted one afternoon per week. The cost of smallbore shooting is \$55 per Term. Middle School boys may choose Small bore Shooting as an extra sport. Some Middle School boys may also be invited to do Full bore Shooting as an additional full sport. All boys must complete a Firearms Safety Training course (\$75) conducted by the Armidale Rifle Club. Once training is completed, boys need to apply for a minors permit (junior shooters licence) at a cost of \$75. For more information about TAS shooting see the

webpage: <http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/shooting.php>http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/shooting.php

Squash: Conducted at Smith House squash courts. Focuses on fitness, skills, etiquette, scoring and tactics. Singles and doubles practice. Training will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons plus a Friday afternoon 'ladder challenge' competition. Numbers are limited to 16 students and priority is given to senior students. Students must supply their own squash racquet. TAS will provide quality goggles. Cost per term is \$30.

Basketball: Boys choosing this as their Full Sport (Yrs 9 to 12 only) will train on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and play their match (in the Armidale Winter Comp) usually on a Monday or Tuesday night. Boys must not choose basketball unless they are committed to play night games for the whole season. Games are played at Armidale High School's gymnasium, "The Den". A TAS minibus is arranged to transport boarders to, and from, The Den. Students may also be required to assist with scoring duties for an additional game every fortnight.

Cost: Yearly registration is \$65 (for Juniors) and \$75 (for Seniors, 18yrs). A termly court fee of \$40 (juniors) and \$50 (seniors) will be charged to your school account at the end of the season.

Uniform: Basketball singlets will be supplied collected and washed by the coach at each game. Longer style basketball shorts are now available for purchase at the TAS Clothing Shop.

Additional sports information:

Water polo: In addition to their full sport, Senior School students may choose to play water polo for one of the TAS/PLC teams in the UNE Mixed Comp. Training will be on Sunday afternoons in TAS pool and games will normally be on Tuesday nights at UNE.

Swimming: Boys who wish to continue to swim are welcome to apply to join a TAS Swim School Squad and are encouraged to join the TAS-based Alligators Swimming Club. If your standard is appropriate for a morning squad, there will be no charge but afternoon squads for TAS students are fee-based.

Whitewater canoeing: Various championships will continue to be held at the Nymboida canoe centre during winter and boys who participate in these will do so in conjunction with their full sport.