Dear Parents & Players,

Santa Sabina College will participate in two Hockey Competitions this year. In Term 2 we will enter the Eastern Districts Women’s Hockey Competition and in Term 3 the IGSSA Competition. It is anticipated that by entering both Competitions the girls will get a longer playing season and an opportunity to play against a wider range of schools. Please read the information below carefully, as it will, in conjunction with the information contained in the College Sports Booklet, form the basis for your involvement in hockey at Santa Sabina College in 2013.

There is an absolute expectation that all players fulfil their contractual obligations during the season and that they do so with the active support of their parents. **Areas of particular concern to the College Sports Department are the punctual attendance of players at training and games and appropriate parental notification of absences from these commitments.**

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<td>Eastern Districts Women’s Hockey Association</td>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>Santa Sabina, Homebush, Moorebank, Kyeemagh &amp; others in the Sydney area.</td>
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**Uniform:** The uniform items required for this sport are as follows
- College Hockey Shirt (green)
- College Hockey Skirt (green)
- College Sports Visor (soft) - optional
- Grass Sports Shoes
- College Bike Shorts (black)
- College Hockey Socks (cream)

**Please note**
- If the weather is cold students are to wear their College tracksuit or College Jersey to sporting fixtures. At no time should non-regulation clothing be worn when representing the College in sport.

**Equipment:** All players will need a hockey stick, mouth guard, and shin guards.

**Training:** All teams will have one training session a week. This session is normally after school from 3:30pm. Some teams may train before school from 7:15am. Also some teams may train at Homebush State Sports Centre or Cintra Concord. Time and length of training can vary. Traditionally these teams have been Senior Santa 1 & 2 and Intermediate 1 but there may be a slight adjustment this year.

**If a team is training at Homebush or Cintra** - Students make their own way to and from the Venue. No staff supervision is provided.

It is expected that students are punctual, dressed in school sports attire, bring their own stick and have appropriate safety equipment for all training sessions. **It is essential that players attend all training sessions even if it is raining.**

**On the rare occasions that it may be necessary for a player to miss training**
- If the inability to attend is known in advance - a letter of explanation from the player’s parent/guardian is to be given to the coach in advance. This notice should be given as early as possible.
- If the player is absent from school on the day of training - the player’s parent/guardian is asked to advise the relevant school office staff member of their child’s absence from training when advising of their absence from school. The office will then relay this message to the relevant sports staff member.
- At other times - a letter of explanation is to be given to the coach at the next available time.

**Please Note:** Failure to attend training without a timely written explanation is unacceptable and can jeopardise players continued involvement in sport at the College.

**Games:** Players are expected to attend all games and must be at the venue **at least 30 minutes prior** to the game so there is adequate time for score sheets to be completed and for players to sign on and warm-up. If a player is for some reason unable to play due to illness or injury it is important that they come to support their team where possible.
On the rare occasions that a player is unable to attend a game the following procedures are to be followed.

- **If the inability to attend is known in advance** - a written letter from the player’s parent or guardian requesting ‘leave’ from the game should be given to the coach in advance. The granting of leave would depend on the circumstances and the effect this would have on the team. Advance notice should be given as early as possible.

- **If the inability to attend is not known in advance** – the parent or guardian of the player should telephone the coach. As for absences from school, a written letter of explanation from the player’s parent or guardian should follow this phone call. These notes should be given to the coach at the next available time.

_Please Note_

- Failure to attend games without a timely written explanation is unacceptable and can jeopardise players continued involvement in sport at the College.
- A member of the sports staff will contact Parents/guardians of students whose non-attendance at training or games is not notified in the correct manner.

**Coaches:** Each team will have a coach who is responsible for the ongoing training of the team and the development of the players’ skills and knowledge of the game.

**Communication:** Our main forms of communication with the players and their parents are via the team coaches, Veritas Voice, SSConnect, sports notice board and morning messages. Please ensure you regularly attend to these to ensure you are well informed regarding Hockey 2013.

**Wet Weather:** We apologise in advance for the times you may arrive to find a game cancelled. It is not always possible to make accurate predictions about weather and ground conditions. Please refer to the Wet Weather section on the Sports home page of SSConnect. Term 2 (EDWHA) has a recording service. Term 3 (IGSSA) has a texting service.

**Umpiring:** Any player or parent who is interested in learning to umpire and attain their practical qualifications can see Mrs Gallagher at the start of the season. Students in Yr 12 who have been awarded their badge and choose to umpire will be paid by IGSSA in Term 3.

**Contracts:** Players must complete and return their Hockey Contract by **Wednesday 28 November** to the Sport Box. Once a contract has been received fees will be charged.

**Fees:** A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of no more than $250.00 will be added to the 2nd Fee Instalment, 2013. Fees include registration, umpiring expenses, a team kit and coaching fees for the two terms of competition.

**Grading:** All players are expected to attend the grading sessions. In _extreme_ cases where a player is unable to attend, a written explanation from the parents must be attached to their child’s Hockey Contract. If a player is unable to attend at short notice the players parents should contact Mrs Gallagher at the Sports Office on 9745 0222. Attendance at grading or appropriate notification of the inability to attend is essential to be guaranteed a place in the most appropriate team.

**Year 7 (2013)** _Thursday 31 January_ from 2.00 – 3.00pm on the school oval. All players must come along dressed ready to play hockey. You can wear you sports uniform. You need to bring a mouth guard and shin pads. The school will provide hockey sticks for you to borrow on the day.

If grading is washed out on 31st January a message will be placed on the College Sports Wet Weather Line 1900 920 289. Arrangements would then be made for this to happen on another day.

An additional skills session will be held for Yr 7 players on the 16th February at Concord Turf (Cintra) Loftus St, Concord from 1.00 – 2.00pm.

**Years 8 and 9 (2013)** _Saturday 16 February_ AND _Saturday 23 February_ 2.00 – 3.30pm at Concord Turf (Cintra) Loftus St, Concord. Students need to attend both trial days.

**Years 10, 11, 12 (2013)** _Saturday 16 February_ AND _Saturday 23 February_ 3.15 – 5.00pm at Concord Turf (Cintra) Loftus St, Concord. Students need to attend both trial days.

Mrs Cath Gallagher
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SANTA SABINA COLLEGE
SPORTS CONTRACT
HOCKEY Years 7 – 12
Terms 2 & 3, 2013

NB: This contract is to be returned to the Sports Box by Wednesday 28 November.

STUDENT NAME: __________________________________________________________

POSTAL ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________

PHONE NO: Home __________________________________________________________
                 Parent Mobile ______________________________________ (mum/dad)
                 Parent Email ___________________________________________ (mum/dad)

YEAR GROUP: ___________ (2013)  DOB: _________________

HOMEROOM SUPERVISOR: ___________  H/R NUMBER: ___________

RELEVANT HEALTH INFORMATION:
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UMPIRES
I would like to learn to umpire this season    ☐

Players Name: ___________________________  Players Signature: __________________________

We understand and agree to meet the commitment being made in undertaking to play Hockey for Santa Sabina College and acknowledge that
 • sporting activities are dangerous and may result in personal injury, disability, illness or death and resultant economic loss or property damage and that the named student participates in sporting activities voluntarily and at her own risk
 • a NON-REFUNDABLE fee of no more than $250.00 will be added to the 2nd Fee Instalment in 2013 covering the two competitions.
 • the information collected in Sports Contracts may be distributed to sports associations, parents, student and coaches to facilitate the smooth running of the school sports program

SIGNED:  Student: ___________________________  Date: __________________________

                   Parent: ___________________________  Date: __________________________