Santa Sabina will be competing in the IPSHA Softball Competition. This competition will be held in Term 1, 2015. Please read the following information carefully, in conjunction with the information in the College Sports Handbook, it will form the basis for your involvement in Softball at Santa Sabina College in 2015.

All players are expected to fulfil their commitment to this activity and to do so with the active support of their parents. Areas of particular concern to the College Sports Department are the punctual attendance of students at training and appropriate parental notification of absences from training.

COMPETITION DATES: Term 1, 2015. (Saturdays)

GAME TIMES: Between 8:00am – 12:00pm. Games are of 60 minutes duration.

VENUE: A variety of venues throughout Sydney including the College. (Occasionally Mittagong once a season)

UNIFORM: The uniform items required for this sport are as follows:

- College Softball Shirt
- College Softball Knickers
- College Softball Socks
- Sport Shoes

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: Players will require their own shin guards and a mouth guard. The school will provide all other equipment required for participation in softball. Players may use their own equipment if they wish e.g. helmet, bat, glove.

TRAINING: All players will have one training session each week, the duration of which will be approximately 1 – 1.5 hours. This session is normally after school from 3:30pm. Some teams may train before school from 7:15 – 8:15am. It is expected that students are punctual, dressed in school sports attire 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 a player is unable to attend training their parent/guardian should email c.gallagher@ssc.nsw.edu.au as early as possible.

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 and court 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** - parent/guardian should email Mrs Gallagher at c.gallagher@ssc.nsw.edu.au as early as possible.
- **If the inability to attend is NOT known in advance** – the parent/guardian of the player should SMS or phone the coach to inform them of the absence and email Mrs Gallagher at c.gallagher@ssc.nsw.edu.au.

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

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

**COMMUNICATION:** Our main form of communication with the students and their parents is email. Information will also be provided via the coaches, Veritas Voice, Internal On-Line Learning & Administration Portal, sports notice board and student messages.

**WET WEATHER GAMES:** For all IGSSA Sports, to receive information on whether a venue is OPEN or CLOSED follow these steps:
1. Check you have access to this number - **199 25465** BEFORE SATURDAY with your service provider.
2. Know the exact name of the VENUE and SPORT you are playing – this will be on the draw.
3. **TEXT** the name of the SPORT and the 1st INITIAL of that VENUE to **199 25465**. For example – playing Cricket at Cumberland, **TEXT** ‘cricketc’.
4. A text message listing all VENUES for that SPORT, starting with that same initial will be sent e.g. Centennial W5 – CLOSED, Centennial W9 – CLOSED, Cumberland – OPEN.
5. The total cost is 55c (inc. GST) for the text sent and received. This will be charged to the User’s mobile phone account.
6. To access information about another venue, repeat steps 1 & 3.
7. For information about ALL VENUES used each term, please access the IGSSA website at [http://igssa.ahigs.nsw.edu.au](http://igssa.ahigs.nsw.edu.au). Wet weather closures are also available online using the IGSSA website.

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 the weather and ground conditions.

**FEES:** A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of $160.00, to be paid at the time of registration. Fees include registration, umpiring expenses, a team training & match kits and coaching fees.

**GRADING:** All students are expected to attend grading. In extreme cases where a student is unable to attend parents should note this on the contract or email Mrs Gallagher at c.gallagher@ssc.nsw.edu.au as early as possible. Attendance at grading or appropriate notification of the inability to attend is essential to be guaranteed a place in the most appropriate team. Non attendance at grading does not void your contract.

**Grading will be held at the following times:**

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If grading is washed out on Saturday 8 November 2014 a message to this effect will be placed on the College Sports Wet Weather Line **1900 920 289** & grading will be held on Saturday 15 November 2014 at the same times.
HEALTH INFORMATION & FOOD ALLERGIES: To help ensure the safe participation of students in this activity health and allergy information about each participant is requested as part of the registration process. Parents/guardians should ensure this section is completed with all relevant health information and should be aware that this is the health information that will be provided to team coaches, manager and staff with respect to this activity.

CONTACT DETAILS: To facilitate the smooth running of the school sports program, the safe participation of students and in some cases the registration of teams or individuals, contact information including, but not restricted to, the mobile numbers, email addresses and residential address (residential addresses are used for registration purposes ONLY if required by an Association) for students and their parents/guardian as well as students’ DOB may be provided to Sports Associations, coaches, managers, staff, parents and students. The information provided when registering for this activity will be the default information used by the Sports Department. Information on record at the College may be used if required. If your details change please notify, by email, the Sports Staff member responsible for this activity as indicated in this information.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please read this carefully BEFORE you begin.
To register your child for this activity please click the link below and complete the online registration process, which includes payment for this activity. Once registration is complete an automated confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided for the PARTICIPANT at the start of the registration process. When registering please ensure that the participant email address is the email address to which you wish the confirmation to be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email to the participant email address your registration is not confirmed. For optimal browser performance please use Google Chrome.

Registrations OPEN on 7 October 2014 & CLOSE 5 November 2014. Registrations may be reopened if additional players are required.

To register your child CLICK HERE.

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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