

# The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland

## RULES OF COMPETITION

### CROSS COUNTRY

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## 1. ADOPTED RULES

GPS Cross Country competitions are conducted in accordance with the Competition Rules as recognised by World Athletics, except where these differ from the GPS competition Rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to all GPS By-laws, Policies and Procedures. These rules are to be read in conjunction with information available on GPS Net.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

To compete in a GPS competition, students must meet the eligibility criteria stated in the GPS Eligibility Rule.

- 2.1 Students enrolled in Years 5 to 12 of a GPS member school are eligible to participate in the competition. All competitors must first be registered with the GPS Office.
- 2.2 Students may only compete in one (1) age group at a Lead-Up Meet or GPS Championship.

## 3. BEHAVIOUR

All misconduct by participants or other personnel that occurs during the normal proceedings of a Sport or Activity will be actioned as according to the Governing body and the GPS Code of Conduct.

## 4. STRUCTURE

GPS competitions must have a minimum number of five (5) teams from five (5) member schools competing in a division.

- 4.1 The competition will follow the schedule as set by the GPS Calendar and the Competition Draw.
- 4.2 Events will be conducted in age-groups, 10 Years & Under to 16 Years & Under and Open (18 Years & Under).
- 4.3 The following events will be contested at the GPS Championships:

Event	GPS Championship Distances
Boys 13 & Under	3km
Boys 14 & Under	4km
Boys 15 & Under	4km
Boys 16 & Under	6km
Boys Open (18 & Under)	6km

- 4.4 The following events will be contested at the GPS Junior Carnival:

Event	GPS Junior Carnival Distances
Boys 10 & Under	2km
Boys 11 & Under	3km
Boys 12 & Under	3km

## 5. OFFICIALS

- 5.1 The GPS Association, with the assistance of the Brisbane Athletics Officials Club, will appoint qualified athletics officials for the Championships.

## 6. ADDITIONAL RULES

- 6.1 Uniforms of competitors and personnel must comply with the GPS Uniform Policy.
- 6.2 The replacement of competitors must be completed prior to marshalling of the event using the GPS Championship Changes Form.
- 6.3 Schools may the following number of students in each event:

Event	Maximum Number of Competitors
Boys 10 & Under	20
Boys 11 & Under	20
Boys 12 & Under	20
Boys 13 & Under	15
Boys 14 & Under	15
Boys 15 & Under	15
Boys 16 & Under	15
Boys Open (18 & Under)	20

- 6.4 All competitors must wear footwear.

## 7. RESULTS

- 7.1 Points, Premierships and Championships will be awarded in accordance with the GPS Championships & Premierships Policy.
- 7.2 Reviews & Protests of results will be conducted in accordance with the GPS Reviews & Protest Policy.

### Scoring

- 7.3 In all events the top six (6) finishers from each school shall score.
- 7.4 The finishing places are adjusted to remove the results of non-scoring athletes, and order scoring athletes from 1st place to 54th place.
- 7.5 Where n is the number of tied competitors, the place (adjusted) awarded for that placing and the next (n-1) place(s) will be summed, divided by n, and awarded to all tied competitors.

### Aggregate Points

- 7.6 Each event shall be scored separately.
- 7.7 The school results shall be decided by the aggregate of places (adjusted) recorded by the scoring athletes of each school.
- 7.8 The school with the lowest aggregate of places (adjusted) will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the event. Aggregate points will be applied to schools as follows:

Event	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
All	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- 7.9 If a school fails to finish with a complete scoring team, the school will be awarded zero (0) points for that event.
- a. Exemption: At Lead-Up meets, incomplete scoring teams will be scored as though their missing runner(s) placed last in the event and awarded aggregate points as per 7.8.
- 7.10 If schools are tied, it shall be resolved in favour of the school whose last scoring member finishes nearer to first place.

### Awards

- 7.11 The GPS Cross Country Championship winner (champion school) shall be the school(s) with the highest aggregate points accumulated for events at the GPS Championship. The "Jack E. Ross" Memorial trophy is presented to the champion school.
- 7.12 The GPS Cross Country Junior Championship winner (champion school) shall be the school(s) with the highest aggregate points accumulated for events at the GPS Junior Championship.
- 7.13 The GPS Cross Country Shield will be awarded at each Lead-Up Meet and the GPS Championships. Only results from 13 & Under to Open Age Group events are included in the calculation of aggregate points.
- Lead-Up Meet:
- a. The school(s) with the highest aggregate points will be awarded the GPS Cross Country Shield and hold the shield until the next Lead-Up meet.
- Championships:
- b. The GPS Cross Country Shield will be awarded at the Championships to the school(s) who has achieved the greatest sum of aggregate points using their five (5) highest aggregate scores achieved at Lead-Up meets. A minimum of five (5) Lead-Up meets must be held to award the GPS shield at the Championships.

## 8. CANCELLATIONS

When required, cancellations will be conducted in accordance with the Abandonment of GPS Competitions and Activities Policy.

## 9. AMENDMENTS

No amendment to these Rules of Competition is authorised unless such amendment is issued by the Executive Officer of the GPS.