



UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS

בתי"ס המאוחדים הרצליה

UHS SPORTS TEAMS POLICY GUIDELINE DOCUMENT

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Vision

The UHS Teams have been created in an effort to raise the level at which Herzlia competes on the Sports Field, by combining the strengths of the three Primary School campuses, and in so doing providing greater exposure and competition for our talented athletes. The success of these teams will hopefully improve the perception of Herzlia as a premier sporting school to a level where we are comparable to some of the elite Sporting Schools in the Western Cape. The UHS Teams are in no way intended to replace of regular school sport, they provide opportunities for the selected kids over and above them playing for their respective campuses. Our philosophy and commitment to inclusive extra murals, regardless of sporting ability, remains the same.

Sports

UHS Teams will be created for the following sports

- Swimming
- Cricket
- Soccer
- Netball
- Water Polo
- Athletics (TBC)

Age Groups

- Open

Squad Sizes

Each squad will be required to have a minimum of two more players than the number of players in the team for that sport eg. soccer and cricket – 13 players plus

Coaching and Management

Each team will have a non-parent as a coach and a manager. The manager is purely an administrative role, responsible for communication between parents, school and coach. The Manager will play no role in team selection.

Selection Process

- In order to be eligible for selection for a UHS team, the pupil must play school matches for Herzlia at the given sport, where Herzlia participates in a league
- Trial dates will be scheduled well in advance and every child must attend the trials.
- There will be two sets of trials. The 1st set will be open to all players from the three campuses. The 2nd set will be on invite only. A pupil who has been selected for the UHS 2018 team will automatically qualify for the 2nd set of UHS trials.

- This team will be referred to as the UHS Open team and all opposition will be notified that there may be U13s in our team.
- Those sports that take place in a formal league such as the UHS WP team will not include any U13s as this is an U12 league.
- The open trials will be for Grade 5 - 6 pupils who are U13. A Grade 5 pupil needs to be deemed physically and emotionally competent to play at an U13 level. This decision will be at the discretion of the Sports Heads and coaches. A Grade 4 can make the team ahead of the Grade 6. If the Grade 5 and the Grade 6 are of equal ability, then the Grade 6 will be selected. A Grade 5 who is more competent in the sport than a Grade 6 is able to make the team ahead of a Grade 6. All those in the final round of closed trials must be eligible to make the team on merit. U11s may attend the open trials. Should an U11 make the UHS OPEN team he must still play for his school's U11 team.
- A formal written apology must be given to the Sports Head in advance of the trials if the child is unable to attend. This child must be excused by the relevant sport head.

Swimming: The trials will be based on the times at the various campus galas, but a challenge system will be in place.

Cricket: The trials will be based on a "nets" format

- Over and above the child's performance on the day of trials, consideration will be giving to performance in the given sport while playing for the school. To this extent feedback from the Sports Heads will play an important role.

Kit

It is our intention to create a prestigious, aspirational brand that children strive towards. To this end, it is important for the children to receive a "different" uniform which identifies them as part of the UHS team. The UHS uniform is only to be worn for UHS matches in order to retain consistency with our current sport uniforms. Although we presently do not have budget for it, our vision is for the following:

Swimming: UHS Backpack, Silver UHS Swim Cap & Herzlia Towel

Cricket: UHS Backpack, Royal Blue Collared Shirt, Floppy Cap

Soccer: UHS Backpack, Royal Blue UHS T-Shirt

Netball: UHS Backpack, Royal Blue UHS T-shirt

Water polo: UHS Backpack and Herzlia Towel

Practices

Each team will have a minimum of 2 practices before their scheduled matches/galas. Should your child not be available for practices then they will not be selected for the matches and another pupil will be selected to take their place.

Matches/Galas

All pupils who participate in the trials and make the UHS teams have to represent this team above any club matches or practices as well as Provincial practices. Failure to do so will mean they forfeit the UHS team and another pupil will be selected to take their place. Should a pupil for any reason be unable to attend a match, it needs to be authorised in writing by the Systemic Head of Sport – Tina Brenzel.

A pupil who is selected to play for the UHS team must also play for his/her campus team should the matches be on different days.

Should the UHS team be entered into a formal league then they will play for the UHS team only and not for their campus team.

Recognition

We need to recognise and reward the children who have been successful in making it onto the various teams. The following should take place:

- Inclusion in Principals newsletter in the week in which the team is announced
- Team to be printed out and placed on Sports Notice Board
- All members of the team on each campus to be called up in Assembly in the week following the announcement of the team and awarded their kit and a Merit Certificate
- Photograph to be taken of each team before their first match

Parting Thoughts

With the success of our U13 cricket team, as well as Herzlia winning the Zonal Gala, we have witnessed how clubs and schools are suddenly starting to take note of Herzlia as a pedigreed sporting school. Our talented kids are often diluted across our three different campuses, but if we pool our talents we can enhance our reputation as a school. Our pupils should wear their UHS kits with pride.