

Dainfern College Preparatory School Captaincy Policy for Sporting & Cultural Extramurals

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Preamble

Teaching the skills of leadership/captaincy and what it means to lead is a critical requirement of any educational institution. There are so many areas in life that require astute leadership ability and we therefore believe that it is critically important to equip our pupils with relevant leadership tools and skills. To this end we expose as many children as possible to leadership opportunities that may help them to develop their own unique leadership style. Sporting and cultural “Captaincy” is one such opportunity.

Policy

Captaincy applies to both sporting and cultural activities. Cultural groups (Choir, Marimbas etc.) tend to be larger groups encompassing several age groups. Sports sides are naturally smaller and are regulated by age group. It is therefore recognised that there are more captaincy opportunities in sports teams in the lower grades than for cultural activities.

The Captaincy selection process may result in a child being captain or vice-captain in more than one activity.

Under-9 and Under-10 sports sides

Captaincy will be rotated between the players. Duties of the captain will include:

- Ensuring players are dressed correctly and kit is prepared.
- Welcoming the opposition or visiting team.
- Offering refreshments at the allocated time.
- Thanking the opposition/visiting teachers and coaches at the end of the fixture.
- Ensuring the venue is clear of litter and no items are left behind after the fixture.

Under-11 and Under-12 sports sides

Captaincy will be left to the coach’s discretion. Responsibilities in addition to those above may include:

- Assisting at practice with warm-up duties.
- Taking roll call.

For **Open age group captaincy** in both Cultural and Sporting activities, the duties are as above.

Additional responsibilities for the **whole school captaincy** in both Cultural and Sporting activities include:

- Reading out results at Assemblies.
- Assisting with administrative duties.

For **Open age group** as well as **whole-school captaincy** in both Cultural and Sporting activities, the following points scoring process will be used to determine the captain:

- 1) The teacher in charge will explain what captaincy means in relation to their particular activity.
- 2) The team will get an opportunity to vote, with the highest vote receiving 20 points, 19 for the next highest etc.
- 3) The teachers and coaches involved with the Open age group will have an opportunity to vote, with the highest vote receiving 30 points, 29 for the next highest etc.
- 4) The teacher in charge will rate the children in terms of who shows the greatest ability for the activity, with the highest score receiving 20 points, 19 for the next best etc.)
- 5) The eligible captains will also be rated by the teacher in charge of the sport in consultation with the Head of the Code in the following categories (this rating will be 1-5 with 5 being the perfect score):
 - Track record of general attitude and behaviour at school
 - Track record of general attitude and behaviour in the particular activity
 - Attendance
 - Responsibility
 - Initiative
 - Years of commitment and dedication to the activity.

The total will be out of 100 points and the scoring system will be coordinated by the Deputy Head: Sport and Extramurals.

Any captain whose behaviour and general attitude does not reflect the values and principles of our school may, after a thorough investigation, be asked to relinquish their position as captain.