## Strategic Partnership Co-Curricular Activity (SP-CCA)

## (Athletics, Canoeing and Water Polo)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Parents and Students

# 1. Can students participate in the SP-CCA if their secondary school offers Athletics, Canoeing and Water Polo?

Students can only participate in SP-CCA if their schools do not offer the specific CCA:

- Athletics or Track and Field<sup>1</sup>;
- Canoeing<sup>2</sup>;
- Water Polo<sup>3</sup>.

#### 2. Do students need to have prior experience to participate in the SP-CCA?

All students with passion and interest in the respective SP-CCA are welcome to participate, including those without prior experience.

### 3. Will there be a need for students to have a school-based CCA?

The SP-CCA programme is designed to deliver comparable learning outcomes as a schoolbased CCA. Students enrolled in SP-CCA sports <u>do not</u> need to have a school-based CCA.

#### 4. Who will be conducting the SP-CCA for students?

SP-CCA will be conducted by professional instructors/coaches jointly assessed by MOE and MCCY to be suitable in delivering SP-CCA effectively to achieve the objectives and desired student learning outcomes of the respective programmes.

#### 5. What are the safety considerations put in place for the students?

Only qualified coaches with relevant expertise are engaged to conduct SP-CCA. MOE works closely with SportSG to ensure all coaches are MOE-registered and competent in delivering the respective SP-CCA programmes. The programmes are also supported by sports executives engaged by MOE to oversee the safety and well-being of our students

# 6. Are students required to commit to the SP-CCA for the rest of their years in secondary school?

Like all CCA offered in schools, students are encouraged to remain in the same CCA as sustained engagement allows for the progressive development of skills and knowledge, character development, forging of friendships and building of team spirit. Requests to withdrawal from SP-CCA will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Students from schools that only offer Cross Country CCA but not Track and Field, can participate in this programme. Take note that SP-CCA Athletics prepares students for multi-events and students from Cross Country CCAs should not expect to specialise only in Cross Country.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For Canoeing, students must pass a Swimming Proficiency Test.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For Water Polo, students must have attained SwimSafer Stage 3 Certification or equivalent or be able to swim 50m continuously (Front Crawl or Breaststroke).

### 7. Can students from other levels (e.g. Sec 2) participate in SP-CCA?

Priority will be given to students from the lower secondary levels. Students from other levels would already have a school-based CCA. They are encouraged to remain in their existing CCA as sustained engagement in a chosen CCA allows for the progressive development of skills and knowledge, character development, forging of friendships and building of team spirit.

# 8. When SP-CCA (Athletics), SP-CCA (Canoeing) and SP-CCA (Water Polo) students participate in MOE organised competitions (e.g. NSG), who do they represent?

Students from SP-CCA (Athletics) and SP-CCA (Canoeing) will be representing <u>their schools</u> in the National School Games (NSG), while students from SP-CCA (Water Polo) will be participating in NSG as a <u>combined team</u> under the auspices of SP-CCA.

### 9. Is there any payment required of the students to participate in SP-CCA?

There is <u>no payment</u> required on the part of students. However, students need to travel to the SP-CCA venues on their own.

# 10. How will parents be updated on the activities in SP-CCA and the attendance record of the student?

Parents will be informed of the SP-CCA training schedule via email at the start of the year, along with the names and email addresses of the MOE officers in charge of the various SP-CCA sports. SP-CCA attendance records will be shared with the schools and parents are able to check in directly with the school mentors. If parents wish to clarify about their child's specific attendance matters, they may contact the MOE officer-in-charge via email as well. Parents may be contacted for clarification if the student is absent from any SP-CCA session without valid reason. Consent forms will be given out to parents if the students are involved in other or additional activities beyond the stipulated CCA sessions.

### 11. Is there a single point of school contact for parents to reach out to?

There will be a teacher from the school supporting the students involved in SP-CCA. There will also be MOE personnel serving as points of contact for each SP-CCA. The details of the various personnel will be provided to parents and students upon confirmation of the student's participation in this programme.

For further enquiries on SP-CCA, please email your queries to:

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