

Bay of Plenty Secondary School Event Calendar

Purpose: The Bay of Plenty Secondary School Event Calendar provides member school students with opportunities to represent their school in regional inter-school sport competitions.

Aim: To deliver a coordinated annual calendar of meaningful regional events that contributes to increasing participation in secondary school sport.

To achieve the purpose and aims for the BOPSS Event Calendar, these events are typically held during school hours to increase member schools' ability to provide staff and to reduce the number of clashes with weekend sport. While sport provides a platform to learn, build relationships, develop school culture and be physically active, careful consideration is always given to the time staff and students spend out of the classroom. Member schools have access to all opportunities on the BOPSS Event Calendar, regardless of affiliations agreed to otherwise.

Sport organisations must apply to be on the BOPSS Event Calendar through the sanctioning process, which aims to build a partnership between Sport Bay of Plenty, the organisation and member schools. The sanctioning process also sets out expectations of all parties through the Terms of Delivery for sports and Terms of Involvement for member schools.

Events must align with one or more of the listed categories to be considered for sanctioning:

1. School Sport New Zealand sanctioned North-Island or National qualifying event
2. Opportunities for Member School students to access sports that don't have a local weekly league
3. Competitive inter-school fixtures

In addition to the above, the following restrictions are in place:

1. Events involving Senior students may not be held during Term 4
2. There is a cap of 12 events in place for Term 1

Sports that have formalised weekly competitions across all Bay of Plenty sub-regions, including Taupō, will only be granted approval for events to take place if they are either:

- a North Island or National qualifying event
- scheduled out of school hours (e.g. weekends)

The sanctioning process differs slightly for organisations who are already delivering events on the BOPSS Calendar (known as Delivery Partners), to organisations who are seeking to join the calendar. Delivery Partners will be invited to submit a sanctioning application and alongside the Secondary School Sport Advisor, determine dates for the following year.

To determine if a new event should be added to the BOPSS Event Calendar, new organisations must follow the process below:

- Submit the sanctioning application, alongside a letter which outlines the need for the event to take place in school time. This could include current opportunities, participation data that demonstrates the actual or potential growth in the sport and previous engagement with secondary schools.
- The Secondary School Sport Advisor will consult with member school sport offices to gauge support of the proposed new event
- The above information will be presented to the Principal Management Group at the Term 4 meeting, where all sanctioning application decisions are made.
- The Secondary School Sport Advisor will communicate decisions with current Delivery Partners and new organisations seeking to join the BOPSS Event Calendar.