

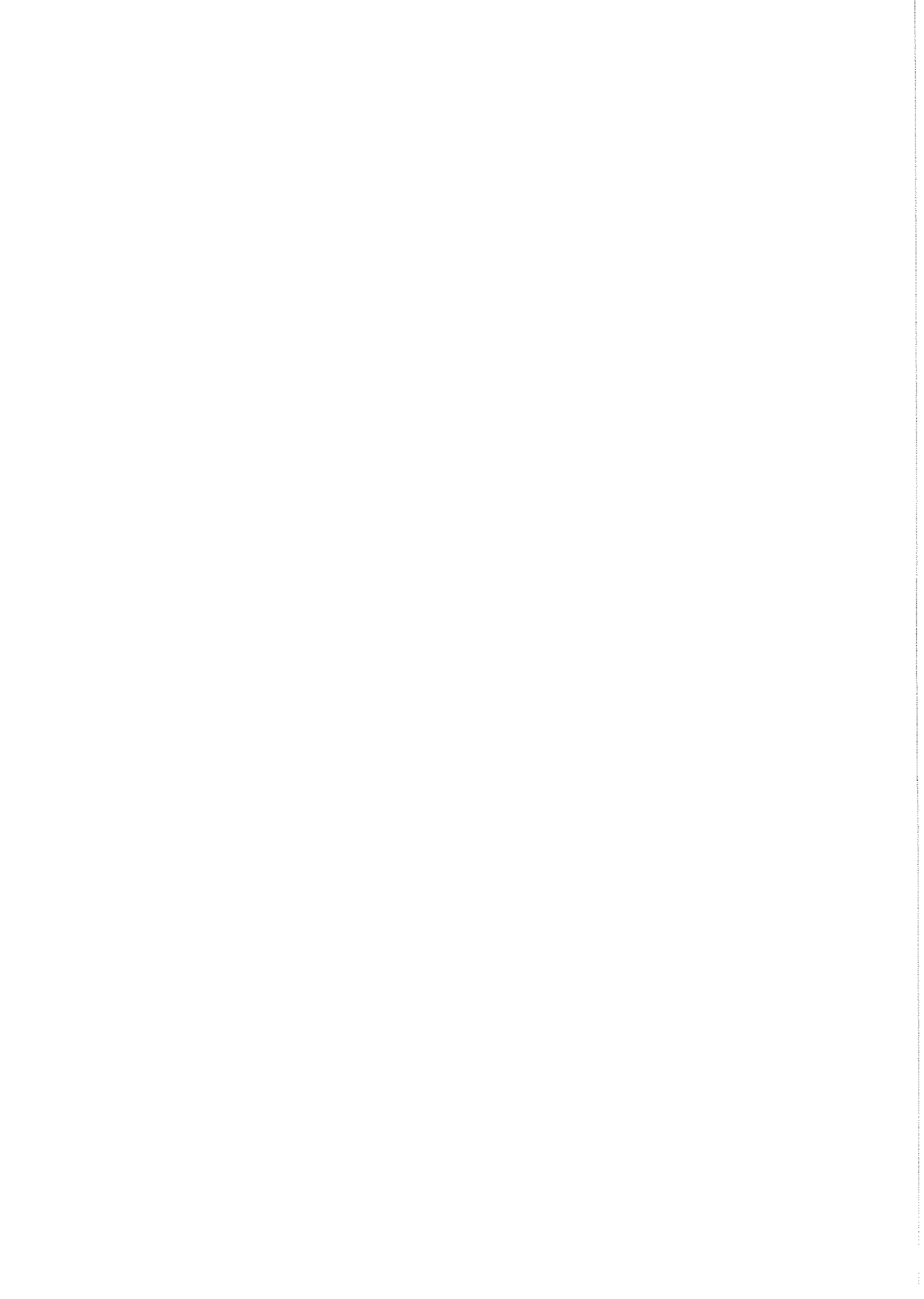
SEPEP

**SPORT EDUCATION
IN
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

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PURPOSE OF THE MODULE

To describe the importance of the end-of-season event to the SEPEP season. Ideas for planning and running end-of-season events are also presented.

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END-OF-SEASON EVENT

WHAT SEPEP TEACHERS AND STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE END-OF-SEASON EVENT

TEACHERS

Giving out the 'encouragement awards' is excellent. The students who are not the best in the team, but who put in a solid effort are being rewarded. We need to do more of this in everyday teaching.

(Teacher journal, Queensland)

Sports Board had raised money (cake stall and raffle) for the presentations. Awards went for co-operation and skill improvement. A party for all classes to celebrate.

(Teacher journal, New South Wales)

We had the best players (scored by the umpires every week) and my kids actually made a trophy. Some went to McDonalds and got sponsorship.

(Teacher teleconference, South Australia)

The final event of our season (like all good seasons) was the break-up party. The girls catered for the party themselves and the Principal attended to present them with certificates for playing in the final, being part of the unit and being part of the committees. This was a nice positive finish to what was, I feel, a positive teaching/learning experience.

(Teacher written correspondence, Queensland)

One group had a big extravaganza. We had medallions and MVPs and it was like the finish of a major NBA tournament. But you've had other groups who aren't as good as that. We tell the Sports Board they can do whatever they want. If they want barbecues or whatever, we'll do that. We found out that kids don't usually want to do that, what they really want is to play another game. But we always make sure we end up with something good, something they really want to do.

(Teacher interview, Western Australia)

STUDENTS

Today was the grand final so we watched it. Everybody was enjoying themselves, people were cheering and screaming. After the game it was the presentation of the trophies, medals and team awards.

(Student journal, New South Wales)

END-OF-SEASON EVENT

WHAT YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT

The final round of competition should not be seen as the end-of-season event. End-of-season events are a festive celebration of the recent season and of everyone's participation. They represent the culmination of the sporting experience where competitive and social outcomes are shared.

The end-of-season event should be programmed into the season's conclusion and planned early. It should not be seen as an add-on or an afterthought. Teachers should ensure the experience is a positive and inclusive one for all the students, an event that enhances the SEPEP season.

Decisions need to be made about the focus of the end-of-season event. Some classes have used the end-of-season event as a purely social occasion celebrating participation in their season. Sometimes the event has incorporated the more traditional award presentations with an additional social element. Teachers should ensure that promoting winners or the most skilled performers is not the only focus of the end-of-season event. The focus should recognise the value of individual players to their respective teams, the contributions to the season of students in particular roles and good sporting behaviour.

The actual event can be designed in several ways and, although teacher input is encouraged, the responsibility for the end-of-season event should lie with the students on the Sports Board or a designated sub-committee. Students have willingly taken responsibility for organising the various components of this event and utilised many cross-curricular skills in the process of planning a successful occasion.

While the SEPEP end-of-season event provides an opportunity to recognise a broad range of educational outcomes, it can also be an occasion to reflect on the goals teachers and students set themselves prior to and during the season.

Cost, choice of venue, special guests and duration of the occasion all need to be considered in planning the end-of-season event.



IDEAS FOR END-OF-SEASON EVENTS

1 A purely social occasion where all participants relax and enjoy discussing the recent season. One school made a short video of the final games and showed it as part of the end-of-season event.

2 A planned excursion for the class/year group. A museum, art gallery or industry field trip can combine the end-of-season event, providing an opportunity for a celebration in a setting outside the school.

3 After the final round of competition a special tournament is held. This can be held within classes or between classes. If a between-class tournament is held, teams of similar ranking play one another. Remember that in any tournament all players and all teams should be involved.

4 Post-season games of a more traditional nature are played. For example, if there were eight teams in a 3-a-side volleyball season then a four-team 6 v 6 post-season competition may be played in which 1st joins with 8th, 2nd with 7th, 3rd with 6th and 4th with 5th. With clever planning teams are affiliated with another team right from the start of the season.

5 A special guest is invited to come into the school and present awards. The local press might be invited too.

6 A special demonstration of students' skills or a video of a 'great game' can be shown to the class. Drinks and snacks might be organised.

7 SEPEP teams from another class/school might be invited to play in a 'World Series' or 'World Cup'.

8 SEPEP breakfast before finals. Liaise with the school nutrition experts for a tasty nutritious breakfast.

9 Show the class edited video highlights from the season taken by students as part of a Media Integration Project. Publicity officers could present a collage of their journalistic work over the season.

10 Plan a visit to an elite sporting event/venue.

11 A staff-student or parent-student game can coincide with the end-of-season event.

Note: Students at Carringbah High School in New South Wales conducted fund raisers to support their end-of-season event.

FOUR END-OF-SEASON EVENTS

A PLAYERS' BREAKFAST

The broad range of outcomes achieved by individuals involved in a SEPEP season needs to be recognised and should not be lost among the end-of-season rounds or finals. By planning an end-of-season event before the finals the tendency to recognise only game winners can be avoided.

An early morning players' breakfast can be scheduled immediately prior to the finals. The Sports Board might liaise with the Home Economics Department or school canteen to have food preparation activities class directed towards providing a nutritionally sound 'pre-game meal'.

In this way the breakfast becomes a meaningful cross-curriculum learning experience with food providing the catalyst for social interaction and awards presentations. Both the Physical Education and Home Economics staff may see the benefit of the breakfast itself as it provides a focus for earlier food preparation activities, promoting student learning outcomes for both subject areas.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Media Studies students complete their unit project on the SEPEP season. The Sports Board might collaborate on the project, emphasising the need for the video to contribute further to the educational outcomes of SEPEP.

The screening, at the end-of-season event could include highlights of the games, player interviews, a celebrity corner segment and even some 'professional' footage 'cut-in' between the school action. The presentation could become a focus for the end-of-season event.

SEPEP SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Many high schools conduct year level assemblies whereas primary schools are more likely to have whole school assemblies. These occasions can be used to highlight achievements of students within SEPEP. Oral language skills can be emphasised when students are responsible for public presentations. It is interesting to note that many children in their final year of primary school effectively run such assemblies, yet are rarely given similar opportunities in high school.

APPLYING FOR SUPPORT

At Thornlie Senior High School, (WA), the individual teams can apply to the PE department for up to \$10 to buy refreshments for their end-of-season event. All applications are considered by the head of department and awarded based on the level of detail presented, including a simple budget and a brief justification for their event.

SAMPLE CERTIFICATES

A variety of certificates that may be awarded at the end-of-season event are presented below. Many students have high levels of computer literacy and will be able to design their own versions of these certificates. The Sports Board may also decide to award certificates during the season.



*Sports Award
 Mandurah Senior High School, WA*

SPORTS AWARD

This certificate is awarded to _____

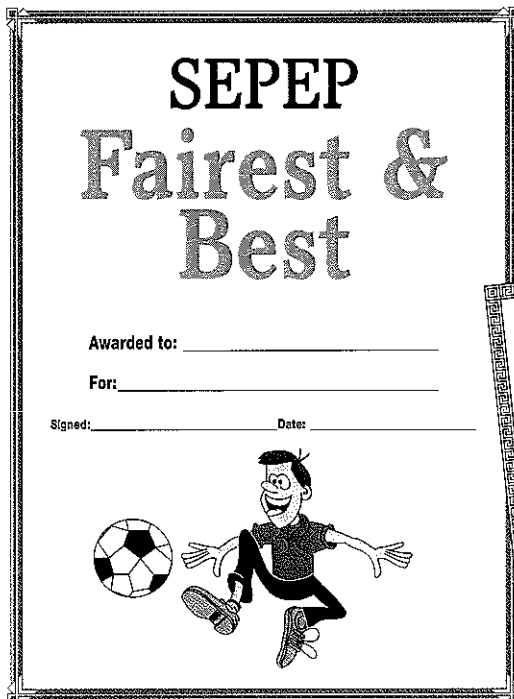
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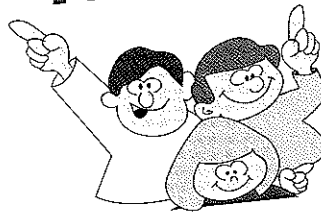
Co-ordinator _____

Principal _____

Date _____



TEAM WORK AWARD



**SEPEP SQUASH PROGRAM
 SPORTS BOARD MEMBER
 COMPETITION ORGANISER**

Student _____

PE Teacher _____

Date _____

*Team Work Award
 Tooloola State High School,
 Queensland*