Strategic Partnership Co-Curricular Activity (SP-CCA) (Athletics, Water Polo, Ethnic Dance) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Parents and Students

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

For SP-CCA (Athletics) and SP-CCA (Water Polo), students can only participate if their schools <u>do not</u> offer these CCA:

- Athletics or Track and Field¹;
- Water Polo².

For SP-CCA (Ethnic Dance), students can participate with their school's approval.

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 in Athletics, Water Polo or Ethnic Dance.

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

SP-CCA (Athletics) and SP-CCA (Water Polo) programmes are designed to deliver comparable learning outcomes as a school-based CCA. Students enrolled in SP-CCA (Athletics) and SP-CCA (Water Polo) do not need to have a school-based CCA.

SP-CCA (Ethnic Dance) programme is designed to enrich and extend students' school-based CCA experiences. Students enrolled in this CCA will <u>need to</u> have/retain their respective 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 and instructors with relevant expertise are engaged to conduct SP-CCA. MOE works closely with SportSG and NAC to ensure all coaches and instructors are MOE-registered and competent in delivering the respective SP-CCA programmes.

¹ Students from schools that only offer Cross Country CCA but not Track and Field, can participate in this programme.

² For Water Polo, students must have attained SwimSafer Stage 3 Certification or equivalent or be able to swim 50m continuously (Front Crawl or Breaststroke).

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.

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 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.

Specific to SP-CCA (Ethnic Dance), priority will be given to Secondary 1 students with existing school-based CCA.

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

Students from SP-CCA (Athletics) will be representing their school in the National School Games (NSG) and/or other Inter-School Competition, while students from SP-CCA (Water Polo) will be participating in NSG or any other external competitions as a combined team 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 venue on their own.

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

Parents will receive periodic updates of the activities and students' attendance and progress via email from MOE and partner organisation. Parents may be contacted for clarification if the student is absent from any SP-CCA session without any reason. Consent forms will be given out to the 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 a point of contact. 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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