

DEVELOPING SPORTS AT GURU

Introduction

Guru is a place where all the indoor and outdoor sports were played in the past and can be played in future too. On the 2nd and 3rd of April 2009 S. Prabaharan and I were at guru to observe the present situation of the college. We had the opportunity of meeting the head master and some of the present staff members of the college. We also visited almost all the sites at guru. We focused on the sports which have been played in the past and present and sports that are playable under the present infrastructure facilities available.

Importance of sports

On the whole sports facilities develops the mental and physical skills and makes a man to be competitive, disciplined and further creates togetherness, team work and understanding between each other. Taking part in sports from the early stage of a person's life is very important and it develops the inner interest in him to continue with it in the long run. While playing sports we develop unity among ourselves which leads to greater friendship and relationships. In taking part in sports during college life will help you to lead a systematic life after college when you grow into adulthood.

Present status of all sports

We are of the view that no sport is being coached, trained and played properly compared to other schools or to the standards we had during our days at college. The negligence in maintaining and developing the standards of sports at college has led to the deterioration of education and other activities. As a result of this negligence we have lost the popularity among other schools as well as in national level which in turn has affected the image of the college. Accordingly the number of students enrolled every year has drastically dropped.

Findings and short comings

Given below are our findings and shortcomings respectively for each and every sport at guru.

1. Cricket

- no proper qualified coach to coach for under 13 , 15 and 17 teams
Note:- Mr.. Kamalakkannan is presently coaching. He is not a qualified coach
- Equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- Newly constructed turf practice wicket – run up not completed. The area is not landscaped, not yet utilized.
- Playing area for small boys at Keble is not in good condition
- The three turf wickets at the grounds not maintained and utilized
- Players are not wearing uniform dresses, caps and boys are wearing different coloured shoes.

2. Football

- No properly qualified coach to coach the under 13 , 15 and 17 teams
Note: - Mr. Mahir, the work supervisor informed us that he is coaching and has identified potential players.
- Essential equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- Playing area is not marked and one of the goal post is in the pavilion for a long time. The villagers have temporarily put a goal post.

3. Hockey

- This game is not played at all at present.
Note: - we were informed that Rev. Goodchild has already started coaching at junior dorm quadrangle on a small scale.
- Essential equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- Playing area is not marked and both the goal posts are lying idle at the work supervisors room for a long time.

4. Rugby

- *Note:* - Mr. Dickumbura who is the prefect of discipline and Keble sectional head is the coach and master in charge.
- Essential equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- Playing area is not marked and goal posts are not available

5. Athletics

- Regular training and coaching are not taking place
- According to information received the inter house athletics meet has not held properly.
- Participation in outside athletic meets is very low

6. Tennis

- Not being played at present
- No properly qualified coach to coach
- Tennis court is neglected and abandoned completely including the surrounding area along with the practice wall.

7. Table Tennis

- Essential equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- No properly qualified coach to coach

8. Badminton

- Essential equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- No properly qualified coach to coach
- Indoor court is available at the Foster hall
- Outdoor courts – area not marked properly.

9. Squash

- No properly qualified coach to coach
- Court is not maintained properly and it appears to be neglected.
- We saw the boys playing with tennis balls and school uniform black marking shoes which are not used for playing any games.

10. Swimming

- No properly qualified coach
- We were informed that Rev. Goodchild is coaching in a small scale.
- Swimming pool is not maintained properly
- Swimming is no more a subject in the time table

11. Basket Ball

- No properly qualified coach
- Essential equipments are available – not utilized and maintained properly
- Court is not maintained properly, the ring / board in damaged condition.
- Participation in tournaments is very low

12. Volley Ball

- Court is not maintained properly.
- No fence and hence ball always goes to the paddy field.
- A large pit is kept open and ball often goes inside
- Mr. Medawela is coaching at present
- Participation in tournaments is very low

13. Chess

- Not being played at present
- Boards are available
- No coach

14. Carom

- Boards are available
- Being played in the dorms

15. Horse Riding

- Horses are available
- Trainer is available
- About 15 -20 boys are in the club
- Cost of maintaining the horses is very high
- The location is not suitable for training
- The ring is in a damaged conditioned and is not maintained properly

16. Soft Ball Cricket

- The places where students and teachers use to play earlier are no more in use. These areas are in an abandoned status or utilized for other purposes.
- We had a college team during our period with a master in charge.
- There are no such teams now.

17. Cadetting

- Not being taught or practiced at present
Note :- Mr. Medawela was the master in charge and trainer earlier.

18. Scouting

- Rev. Goodchild is encouraging students in the participation of scouting activities

19. Hiking

- No activity for the past 1 year or more.

20. Sports for Girls

- No sporting activity for girls
- No facilities are provided to encourage girls participation in any sports

21. Kids play area at Keble

- Available equipments are damaged in condition and dangerous for kids to play
- Facilities are not adequate

Recommendations

1. Cricket

- Recruit a qualified coach to mainly look after the under 17 side.
- He must also be in charge of the under 13 and 15 sides.
- For the under 13 and 15 sides teachers who are interested and have a knowledge of cricket could be assigned as coaches / masters in charge.
- Talent search – coaches / master in charge must be able to spot new talents at places where soft ball cricket is played and bring them to play hard ball cricket.
- An immediate inventory should be carried out on the equipments available and should be maintained in order.
- Newly constructed turf practice wicket run up to be completed and surrounding area to be landscaped and fenced.
- Playing area for small boys at Keble (place behind the house of late Mr. Marasinghe) to be cleaned , shaped , fenced and the old mat terns, balls and bats should be used for developing the Keble boys . So that when they come to sub junior / junior dorms and start playing under 13 cricket they will have a basic knowledge of hard ball cricket.
- The three turf wickets at the grounds to be reconstructed, utilized and maintained for long term use.
- The coaches, master in charge and the captain must be responsible and they must make sure that the boys wear uniform dresses and white sports / cricket shoes for matches.
- Coaching camps should be organized on a regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.

2. Football

- Either a qualified coach should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged to develop to coach all 3 sides (under 13 , 15 and 17 teams)
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly
- Playing area to be marked and the goal posts to be fixed back in its places.
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices, school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on a regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Inter house matches to be played annually.

3. Hockey

- We must make arrangements to start playing hockey as soon as possible.
- Either a qualified coach should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged to develop and coach all 3 sides (under 13 , 15 and 17 teams)
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly
- Playing area should be marked and the goal posts to be fixed back in its places.
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
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4. Rugby

- Either a qualified coach should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged to developed and coach all 3 sides (under 13 , 15 and 17 teams)
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly
- Playing area to be marked and the goal posts to be fixed back in its places.

- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices. School must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Inter house matches should be played annually.

5. Athletics

- Regular training and coaching to be conducted.
- Annual inter house athletics meet to be organized properly.
- Participation in outside track and field events are essential.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.

6. Tennis

- We must make arrangements to start playing tennis as soon as possible.
- a qualified coach to be recruited
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly and equipments that are not available to be purchased.
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organise friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Inter house tournaments should be conducted.
- The courts the practice wall and the surrounding area to be cleaned and renewed to playing conditions.
- Fencing to be done around the courts

7. Table Tennis

- Either a qualified coach should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged and developed to coach all 3 sides (under 13 , 15 and 17 teams)
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Inter house matches to be played annually.

8. Badminton

- Either a qualified coach should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged and develop and coach
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilised and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Indoor court and outdoor courts to be marked, utilized and maintained properly.
- Inter house tournaments to be played annually.

9. Squash

- A qualified coach to be recruited to coach
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Court to be utilized and maintained properly.
- Inter house tournaments to be played annually.

10. Swimming

- A qualified coach should be recruited
- Swimming pool must be renovated and maintained properly
- Swimming to be included as a subject for students.
- Swimming pool can be used as a source of earning income by providing this facility to outsiders on condition.
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly meets and the teams must take part in inter school and club events.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis
- Inter house swimming competition should be scheduled annually.

11. Basket Ball

- A qualified coach should be recruited
- Essential equipments that are available to be utilized and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps to be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Court to be utilized and maintained properly.
- Inter house competition should be organized.

Volley Ball

- Either a qualified coach should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged to develop and coach all 3 sides (under 13 , 15 and 17 teams)
- Essential equipments that are available should be utilized and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize friendly matches and the teams must take part in inter school tournaments.
- Coaching camps should be organized on regular basis involving professional coaches / trainers.
- Court should be utilized and maintained properly.
- Inter house matches to be played annually.
- fencing should be done around the court
- The large pit should be closed or covered.

12. Chess

- Either a qualified instructor should be recruited or the present master in charge should be encouraged to develop and coach all 3 sides (under 13 , 15 and 17 teams)
- Essential equipments that are available should be utilized and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize competitions and the players must take part in inter school and national competitions.
- Inter house matches should be played annually.

13. Carom

- Essential equipments that are available should be utilized and maintained properly
- Students must be encouraged to take part in regular practices and school must organize competitions and the players must take part in inter school and national competitions.
- Inter house competitions to be conducted annually.

14. Horse Riding

- Location should be moved near to Keble area where it will be safe and could be maintained properly.
- Necessary steps should be taken to maintain the horses without any loss to the college.

15. Soft Ball Cricket

- The area close to the tennis court (where past pupils played) must be cleaned on a shramadhana basis and these places to be allowed for playing soft ball cricket
- Talent search – coaches / master in charge must be able to spot new talents at places where soft ball cricket is played and bring them to play hard ball cricket

16. Cadetting

- Should be started promptly.
- Present master in charge to be encouraged to develop further.

17. Scouting

- should be discussed with Rev. Goodchild and draw a program to develop further and we must get other staff members who are interested to join father and assist him.

18. Hiking

- Should be started on a monthly basis and students and teachers who go on the hike must take the necessary equipments and beverages together with them

19. Sports for Girls

- Measures should be taken to introduce and encourage girls to take part in sporting activities.
- Net ball must be started immediately as a special sport for guru girls at the Keble area.

20. Kids play area at Keble

- Love birds which are infectious and costly to college must be removed and this place to be used as kids playing area. The sea shore, swing and ladder, slider to be replaced in this place.
- Equipments that are damaged in condition and dangerous for kids to play must be repaired or replaced.
- Facilities to be enhanced.
- This area to be recognized as a safety zone and must be kept neat and tidy at all times including toilets , gardens , play area etc.

21. College ground and Pavilion

- Pavilion to be renovated to a proper condition with facilities required.
- A separate store room for the mat terns and other sporting equipments to be constructed if necessary.
- Proper maintenance is required to the pavilion and ground.