

# **ELEMENTARY PIN WINNERS PROGRAM (Grades 4-6)**

Elementary Pin Winners is an extra-curricular, all-inclusive program that rewards participation with draw prizes, sport sacks, and commemorative pins that depict the sports or activities they play. The program will serve as a motivator for young participants to lead active, healthy lifestyles while helping build self-esteem through inclusion and encouragement. Posters depicting the pins are distributed to schools in September and can also be viewed on the SSNL website.

#### PN EVENT CLASSIFICATION

#### **IN-HOUSE**

In-house events are organized within your school for your own student body, i.e. intramural program. In-house intramural programs must follow this format to comply with PN regulations;

- It is one of the sports/activities depicted by a sticker or pin on the poster
- A round-robin tournament style ONLY, NO PLAYOFFS permitted; or participation only
- All students are encouraged to play and be given equal playing time
- Events must take place during lunch period or afterschool
- Scheduling of each event/activity must be on a 3-4 week rotation

## **REWARDS**

Participating students receive a souvenir pin depicting the activities in which they participate. When the facilitators place their first order of rewards for the school year, each student will receive a Sport Sack. The Sport Sack can be used for storing their indoor shoes as well as displaying their collected pins.

#### PIN WINNERS REWARDS POLICY

Participation Nation is a recreational sport and physical activity program which has an individual reward component. Students earn these rewards through participation in core programs. The program also provides an opportunity for students to win equipment or apparel in the form of random prize draws. The program is focused on participation and not individual or team success through winning a race or team sport competition.

## **GOALS:**

- To encourage students to try a multi sport approach through the collection of our individual rewards for participation.
- To provide a safe and supportive program where students are encouraged to try new sports and develop new skills without the fear of not being good enough.
- To foster a supportive environment for all students where the focus is on participation, through fun, fitness, building friendship and having a future in sport. This is accomplished by removing a competitive structure that promotes an overall winner or winning team.

## **GENERAL REWARDS CRITERIA**

- a) PN Program Facilitators must adhere to the reward structure for each Core Program.
- b) The school must be a member of SSNL to be eligible to receive rewards.
- c) PN Program Facilitators will need to complete the online reward request form found in the Participation Nation section under the Resources and Forms tab on the SSNL Website.
- d) Rewards need to be ordered 3 weeks in advance of the event to ensure the rewards arrive at the school ahead of the event.
- e) There is no cost for the rewards therefore no cost to the participants to participate in PN Core programs.
- f) For the **IN HOUSE series of play** students must participate in a minimum of 3 sessions in order to be eligible to receive their reward.
- g) Equipment and Apparel are distributed based upon the number of participants for each sport or activity based upon a 1 prize per 10 student ratio.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

School Sports NL Participation Nation may partner with a Provincial Sporting Organization (PSO) or a Community Organization (CO) to help organize a mass participation sporting event. When in partnership, our contribution will be to ensure every school and every student has the opportunity to participate. We will provide each student with a free reward with our Branding ie. T-shirt. The PSO/CO has the discretion to award their organization placement medal (s) or ribbon (s) to individuals. The SSNL PN Logo will not be co branded on these awards nor shall staff facilitate in the awarding of said rewards.

School Sports NL may add to the list of rewards for each sport based upon multi school festivals for Elementary. Ie Cross Country Running participants may earn a pin for Cross Country Running. As well, they may earn a Cross Country PN Participant Ribbon for participating in a Meet either hosted by a PN Facilitator School or a Varsity Cross Country Regional in which an Elementary Fun Run has been added.

### **MANDATORY TRAINING**

School Sports NL has implemented a policy whereby all those involved with SSNL programs must complete two free training courses offered through The Locker - Safe Sport and The Rule of Two. ALL PN facilitators, volunteers, instructors coaches and staff must complete the following training:

Safe Sport: <a href="https://coach.ca/sport-safety/safe-sport-training">https://coach.ca/sport-safety/safe-sport-training</a>

Rule of Two: <a href="https://coach.ca/responsible-coaching-movement/rule-of-two">https://coach.ca/responsible-coaching-movement/rule-of-two</a>