



# Year 3-6 Sport Selection

## Policy & Procedures

At Glenmore Road Public School, sport is an integral part of the school curriculum, which contributes to the development of the whole child. Sport assists in the development of a healthy lifestyle by promoting physical activity, co-operation, team-building skills and resilience. The emphasis at this school is the development of fundamental movement skills, acquisition of game skills, improved fitness levels, enjoyment of physical activity and good sportsmanship.

### Who is eligible for selection to a Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) sport?

All children 3-6 are eligible to trial for PSSA teams following the guidelines set out by the PSSA governing number limits, age, gender and safety requirements. Children are not required to have prior experience to try out for a team.

### When would it be necessary to hold a trial for a PSSA sport?

If there are more children than available positions for a particular PSSA sport, trials will be held. The sports in which we choose to participate at a district level will be determined by the school, needs of children and the ability of the school to meet the guidelines as set out by the Sydney Coastal PSSA.

Children will be given reasonable notice of trials. Children absent at selection sessions due to a holiday or illness may not be considered unless additional players are required to form a team. Children absent due to other school commitments or exceptional circumstances will be able to try out at another selection session.

### How will trials be conducted?

All teams will be selected by a minimum of two members of staff. The staff will assess children using the following general criteria for selection:

- Basic skills, knowledge and attributes of the selected sport.
- Ability to perform as a member of a team.
- Willingness of the child to participate, including at training sessions if required.
- Consideration of rules and guidelines of PSSA.

- Behaviour: a child's behaviour may be taken into account.
- Consideration of forming balanced teams that will have the potential for development in future years.

### Is there anything else I need to consider before my child nominates for a PSSA sport?

Selected children and or their parents and carers have additional responsibilities including:

- Attending any training sessions.
- Wearing the correct sports uniform for the particular team.
- Adhering to school rules.
- Understanding and adhering to the rules specific to the activity.
- Meeting any associated costs prior to the commencement of the competition.
- Responsibly and safely using appropriate equipment.
- Following supervising teachers' reasonable directions, including teachers from another school.
- Keeping their commitment to the team and not requesting to change sports.
- Reading and committing to the PSSA Code of Conduct located at Appendix 1. (The Code of Conduct provides a supportive framework that promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport.)
- Providing any safety equipment needed for the chosen sport, such as boots, mouth guards, headgear, shin pads etc.
- Returning any school property, such as a jersey, at the conclusion of the sport.

## How are children selected for district swimming, cross country or athletics?

Selection of individuals to school teams is based on child performance at school carnivals and the use of correct technique. Due to qualifying times and distances provided to schools by the PSSA, not all children who place at a carnival will compete in the district competition. Children will be notified in writing of their inclusion in a district team and the events in which they will compete.

If a talented athlete is unable to compete at the school carnival, consideration (based on times from an official source) will be given for their inclusion in the team by the school sports coordinator.

Relay teams for the swimming and athletics carnival will be selected by the school sports coordinator based on times recorded at the school carnival.

As with other PSSA sports, selected children and their parents and carers have additional responsibilities including:

- Attending any training sessions.
- Wearing the correct sports uniform for the particular team.
- Adhering to school rules.
- Understanding and adhering to the rules specific to the activity.
- Meeting any associated costs prior to the commencement of the competition.
- Reading, signing and committing to the PSSA Code of Conduct.
- Returning any school property, such as a singlet, at the conclusion of the sport.

## What about other district sports?

Children from Year 5 and 6 are eligible to trial for district teams in a number of sports such as rugby league, soccer and cricket. The school sports coordinator may nominate a maximum of two children from the school for each sport.

Children must currently play and be at a representative standard in the particular sport. Parents are responsible for informing the school sports coordinator if their child is at a representative standard in a sport that is not offered as part of the school sports program.

If there are more than 2 children who meet the criteria, school based trials will be held following the guidelines outlined in the PSSA selection policy.

## For children not participating in PSSA, how are school sports selected?

Non-Competitive sporting options will run concurrently to Friday PSSA Sport. All children not participating in PSSA will participate in another sporting program. Specialist activities and sports programs involving professional instructors will be made available based on school and children's needs and interest.

If there are more children than available places, preference will be given to a child from an older grade. Some sports, for example surfing, will require a proficiency test before a place will be offered to a child.

All activities will attract a fee and may also include transport costs, which must be paid in full prior to the child undertaking the program. An approximate cost for each sport will be included on the sports preference note sent home for summer and winter sport options. The final cost will be included on the sport permission note.



### Further information

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