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Selection of Sport Teams Policy

Rationale:

At Cronulla South Public School sport is an integral part of our school curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, stage and whole school basis. School representative teams play in the Cronulla PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Area and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Teams

When students are in Year 3 to 6 they are eligible to be selected for PSSA teams.

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are 8, 9 and 10 years old in that year

Senior Teams will be selected from students who are 11, 12, 13 years old unless there is a shortage of players.

If it is not stated that it is a single sex team, then the teams may be made up of mixed sexes.

When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:

- Ability and strong skill level;
- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude; and
- Commitment to training sessions.

If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held.

- Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum);
- Two reserves selected (minimum); reserves may not need to travel each week to the game.
- Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team and participation in a team outside of school does not provide proof for selection;
- The selections will be made according to performance on selection sessions;
- Children who are absent due to illness or notified leave on all selection days may be considered at the discretion of the convenor
- If a student is absent due to attending a non-school event on all selection days they will not be considered.
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to other school commitments i.e. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then another training session will be held to determine if he/she is worthy of being selected;
- All teams will be selected by teachers;
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors unless specifically referring to the trial dates; and
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.
- If a coach cannot decide between two students a playoff between the students will be used via an improvised game.



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Representative Tryouts

- Students will be made aware of the trial dates; and
- Due to the limited number of students who are eligible from each school only those students who demonstrate exceptional skills relative to the sport will be considered.

The selection process will be based on either:

- Tryouts if there are more than the desired number of representatives; and or
- Proof and evidence of sporting achievements.

It is deemed that it is not mandatory for a school to select students for representative trials if the required skill level is not matched.

Gala Days

If there are more students expressing an interest than required for the team, Gala Day selections will be determined using the following procedures:

- Students who have previously played the game or who have some knowledge of the game and who express an interest;
- Students will be randomly and equitably selected regarding grade allocations according to set criteria of the gala day

Codes Of Behaviour and Dress Code

Codes of behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played.

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Area, State, at Gala Days or any other external sporting event, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform. When representing the school students may be expected to wear representative shirts.

Full school sports uniform includes wearing a school hat and necessary safety equipment for specific sports (i.e. helmet, shin pads, mouth guard etc.) Studs are only to be worn while playing sport. They must be removed upon return to school. The same applies to shin pads and other safety gear.

Students are to sign a Player Code of Conduct prior to attending PSSA sport, Gala Days (competitive and non-competitive) and any other external sporting event. It is expected that students uphold the Player Code of Conduct at all times, which they must agree to and sign. Failure to do so will result in behaviour management procedures being put in place, as stated in the school's Student Welfare Policy.

Players, parents, spectators, teachers and coaches must all abide by the Cronulla Zone PSSA Code of Conduct Policy.

The school reserves the right to vary a student's participation in sporting activities in accordance to our student welfare policy.