



SPORT TEAM PROCEDURES

Reference

- *Sport and Physical Activity Policy (2015)*
- *Sport Safety Guidelines*

These policies reflect the requirements related to mandatory weekly participation in sport and physical activity for schools and their students. This includes the identification of local procedures that support the planning and delivery of high quality and safe sport and physical activity programs.

Purpose

To provide extracurricular opportunities for students showcasing individual talents, team sportsmanship and school pride in a relaxed, supportive and caring environment.

Guidelines

- Each year at the beginning of Term 4 the sports coordinator will consult with staff and Year 4 & 5 students and the Principal to select which sports the school will enter in the NSW PSSA Knockout Competitions for the following year.
- The students will select a maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls competitions to enter. Chosen sports will be communicated to the school community via the newsletter at the start of the new year. Consideration will be given to staff and/or community member expertise when making final selections.
- After consultation the school's sports coordinator will be responsible for entering the teams. It will also be the coordinator's responsibility to download draws and liaise with the teaching staff to ensure all teams have coaches.
- A full list of extracurricular activities including sports opportunities will be provided to the community including organising teachers, timeline for activities as well as possible costs at the commencement of a new school year.

Selection of Teams

- Announcements regarding times for selection trials will be given at daily assemblies and on the LPS App. Generally students in Stage 3 will be given priority for selection. Depending on the nature of the sport talented students in Stage 2 may be considered, if, in the opinion of the teacher/s selecting the team, they are of a higher standard than the Stage 3 student trialling. It will be the responsibility of students to remember trial arrangements.
- All students trialling will be given an equal opportunity during the trials. Once the teacher announces the team a permission note detailing the date and venue of the first matches will be distributed. Any costs involved e.g. venue hire, referee costs, will be determined prior to the note being handed out. All students interested in participating must trial. All students are considered equal at trials irrespective of participation in weekend sports.
- Coaches will refer to the draw provided to them by the sports coordinator and download the rules pertaining to the sport. These are available on the school sport website www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au under knockout rules or gala day rules via their website.
- The coach ensures that all uniforms and equipment needed are organised prior to the match and that a system of collecting these at the end of the match is in place. On most occasions students will not wear school sport uniforms home after matches. Sports uniforms are provided for all knockout teams.

- The sports coordinator and coaches ensure all student representing the school are aware of the expectations regarding behaviour, sportsmanship and effort. Coordinators will liaise with Assistant Principals regarding ongoing breaches of school expectations and consultation with parents should a child be considered for exclusion from sport representation.
- Coaches are encouraged to involve interested parents in the coaching of teams where appropriate. This builds the collective school-community culture partnerships. Whilst parents are encouraged to assist, the responsibility for the overall supervision of the students both during training and on the day of matches remains with school staff.
- Transport to and from matches will usually involve asking for parent assistance. This information will be included in the permission note. Parents need to ensure they have completed procedures in line with the *Working with Children Check* as well as provided licence and insurance details. Parents can contact the office for further clarification.