

Cronulla Public School Sport Selection Policy

Rationale:

At Cronulla 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 Zone PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Regional and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Selection

Our objective is to provide an opportunity for every student in Years 3-6 to have the opportunity to participate in a PSSA sport at least once per year, should they choose to do so.

Eligibility: All students in years 3 - 6.

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are turning 8,9,10 in that calendar year.

Senior Teams will be selected from students who are turning 11 and 12 in that calendar year.

PSSA is held over 4 terms/seasons, 2 of which are competitive and 2 that are non-competitive.

Non-competitive seasons (Terms 1 and 3): an emphasis is on participation and learning or refining skills. Students are selected for a non-competitive team based on their interest. Students will be asked/offered to choose a variety of sports from the non-competitive seasons and will be allocated a sport for either Term 1 or Term 3. Sport preference will be given to the older students in both the junior and senior teams (Years 4 and 6). If there are any additional positions available, students will be selected at random.

Competitive season (Terms 2 and 4): Selection for the competitive season is based on the trials held at school. See trial processes below.

Competitive Team Trials

Trials for PSSA teams will be held at school by teaching staff. 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.
- Two reserves selected (minimum);
- Where there are two children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected;
- Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team;
- The selections will be made according to performance on selection sessions;
- Selections will be held over two sessions;
- Children who are absent due to holidays on both selection days will not be considered unless additional players are required to form the team.
- If a child has missed one selection trial, but the selecting teachers deem one trial enough for them to showcase their abilities, the student can be selected on one trial.
- 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 two teachers/selectors;
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

Cronulla Zone Representative Trials

- 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.
- Preference will be given to students in Year 6. Students in Years 5 will then be considered if there are any positions available and they have demonstrated excellence in the sport.

The selection process will be based on either:

- Trials 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 express an interest;
- Students will be randomly and equitably selected regarding grade allocations.

Codes Of Behaviour

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. The following codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport;
- That students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers; and
- The encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Regional, 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 a 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.



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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 may result in the player being removed from the team.

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

The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in sporting activities if their behaviour is inappropriate in any school activities.