

Cronulla Public School Sport Selection Procedures

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. Three school sporting carnivals are held each year in the disciplines of Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. Students may represent the school at Zone, Regional, State and Nationals in various sports.

Objectives:

- To provide a positive, nurturing environment that will promote the active participation in sport by all students, irrespective of their individual skill levels. Promoting the encouragement of student participation in sport will contribute to higher levels of physical fitness.
- To provide for all children a safe, healthy and friendly sporting environment that encourages a sense of personal achievement, identity and satisfaction.
- To provide a wide-range of sports, within available resources, that encourages maximum student participation in Friday sport and which teaches skills.
- To ensure that the qualities of teamwork, fair play, excellence, enjoyment and respect are promoted and encouraged.
- To ensure that PSSA and School Representative Team selection criteria are followed, ensuring that they are just, equitable and transparent.

School Sport Carnivals

Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Teams

Swimming

Freestyle 50m – First 3 places go to the Zone Carnival.

Form Strokes – First 2 places per age division – Junior (8,9,10 years) 11 years and Senior (12,13 years).

There is usually a qualifying time, which will determine entry into the Zone Carnival.

Relay teams are chosen on the 4 fastest times over 50m freestyle from the school carnival.

Individual Medley and 100m events have qualifying times and only 2 places (1st and 2nd) advance to Zone if they qualify.

Cross Country

Divisions are: 8-9 years (Male and Female), 10 years (Male and Female), 11 years (Male and Female) and 12-13 years (Male and Female).

8-10 years students will run 2km and 11-13 years students will run 3km.

The first 6 places in each age division advance to the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

4 reserves will be recorded for each division.

Athletics

Age races (100m) – First 3 places go to Zone.

All other Track events - First 2 places go to Zone.

Field Events – First 2 places go to Zone.

Some events have qualifying times which can determine entry.

Consideration for Inclusion at a Zone Carnival

- Students must be in attendance and compete at the designated Cronulla Public School Carnival (Swimming, Cross Country or Athletics) to be eligible to represent the school at the Cronulla Zone Carnival and subsequent Sydney East Association PSSA Championships, unless they are: competing at a higher level school sporting competition or trial conducted by the Cronulla Zone PSSA, Sydney East Association PSSA, NSWPSA or School Sport Australia.
- Students who miss a carnival due to the aforementioned circumstances must make a submission in writing to the school within 24 hours of the completion of the carnival. The submission **MUST** include all relevant details including: the specific event/s requested; recent performances from school-based carnivals; and the reason for the request. The application will be considered by a panel consisting of executive staff and the school sport organisers. Submission of a consideration for inclusion application form does not guarantee inclusion in the Cronulla Public School Sport Team.
- Students who are absent from the carnival due to illness or leave will not be considered for selection.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

K-2

All K-2 students participate in class programs based on the Fundamental Movement Skills as set out in the curriculum. They participate in age-appropriate physical education, including gross motor skills, balance, throwing and catching and kinaesthetic ability. These skills lay the foundation for higher-level sports and activities in primary. The programs prepare students for active participation by developing positive attitudes, habits, skills and fitness as well as body knowledge.

3-6

Year 3-6 students also participate in fitness and skills programs as well as being able to join in Gala Days and other physical experiences. We offer opportunities to play competitively in many sports as well as developing skills in non-competitive sports. Students who do not represent the school in PSSA will have the opportunity to develop skills in a variety of sports during school sport time on Fridays. Alternatively, other sports options may be offered in conjunction with a school sport program; such as, but not limited to, swimming.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR COMPETITIVE PSSA AND REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Objective: 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 3 terms/seasons, 2 of which are competitive and 1 that is non-competitive.

Non-competitive season (Term 3): an emphasis is on participation and learning or refining of skills. Students are selected for a non-competitive team based on their interest and participation in competitive seasons. Trials for competitive teams will be held prior to the non-competitive seasons. Students who are not selected in a competitive team but would like to participate in a non-competitive team will have first preference. Following this, if there are additional positions available in the non-competitive team, 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:

- High ability and a strong skill level;
- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude
- Commitment to training sessions.

Considerations for Trials

- Selections will be held over at least, two sessions;
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors;
- Two reserves selected (minimum);
- Juniors and Seniors will be trialled separately.
- 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 sport outside 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; performance/grade played on weekend sport has no bearing on selection.
- Children who are absent due to holidays or leave on all selection days will not be considered unless additional players are required to form the team.
- If a child has missed a selection trial, but the selecting teachers deem one trial enough for them to showcase their abilities, the student can be selected on one trial.
- Children who are absent due to illness or school commitments i.e. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests on all selection days may be considered at the discretion of the convening teachers - the student/parent must notify the convenor of their interest prior to the conclusion of the selection trials. Submission of interest to trial does not guarantee selection.
- 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
- As per Cronulla Zone, representative trials are for “Talented/outstanding players only”.
- 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.
- It is not mandatory for schools to select students for representative trials if the required skill level is not met.
- Where necessary, the sports convenor may choose to hold a tryout session. This could be done if there are more than the desired number of representatives, or if an accurate assessment of ability is unable to be made.

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:

- Trials will be held at school with a focus on ability, skill level (in the specific sport) and sportsmanship.
- Cooperation and attitude
- 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.

Code of Conduct

Codes of Conduct 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.

CPS Sporting Code of Conduct

PLAYER'S CODE

- Abide by the rules of the game;
- Respect all decisions made by officials. Never argue with the referee/umpire;
- Control your temper, no foul or verbal abuse, respect your opponents, yourself and your teammates;
- Play the game to the best of your ability;
- Applaud all good plays whether by your team or the opposition;
- Represent your school in a loyal way – cooperate with your teammates and coach;
- Treat all players in a way you would like to be treated; and
- The winning is in taking part in the game, always playing to enjoy yourself and your team's achievements.

PARENT'S CODE

- Encourage children to participate, if they are willing. However, do not force an unwilling child;
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall result;
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that a loss in a game is accepted without undue disappointment;
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules;
- Remember that children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment not yours;
- Children learn from example – applaud good plays by all teams;
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through appropriate channels, rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sports; and
- Avoid the use of derogatory language.

SPECTATOR'S CODE

- Children play organised sport for fun, not for the entertainment of spectators – they are not miniature professionals;
- Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants regardless of the game's outcome;
- Respect official's decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach children to do likewise;
- Never ridicule or scold a child for a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational;
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players;
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions; and
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using derogatory language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

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.

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.