



SCHOOL SPORT TEAM SELECTION POLICY

PURPOSE

Our policy at PPPS is for **every student** to **play sport** to develop their skills, increase their knowledge of the games played and most importantly, to have fun.

Physical Education (PE) is significantly different to other areas of the curriculum because it has the potential to improve the physical health of children. In addition to P.E. lessons at PPPS, the Department of Education and Training (DET) expects all year 5 and 6 students to be involved in a sports program.

IMPLEMENTATION

SELECTION PROCESS

In line with our value of *A Fair go for all*, each student will provide their preferences and will be given the opportunity to participate in

- Two trials of their 1st preference
- One or two trials of their 2nd preference

These sessions are run on a fixed date and make up sessions may not be possible if a student is absent. If a new student enrolls in the school, they will be provided with the opportunity to try out for their first preference.

Due to our numbers we are unable to accommodate every student in our two interschool sports teams, however students not selected for one of these teams will attend Epping Leisure and participate in an intraschool sport competition.

A range of factors are considered when selecting the teams and these will be taken into consideration regardless of a student's level of ability in the sport.

- Modelling of the PPPS school values
- Previous inter school sport experience
- Outside school sport experience
- Effort and commitment at trials
- Knowledge of the sport and rules
- Year 6 students will be given preference over year 5 students if skill level and behavior are identical, as it is their last year to represent PPPS.

Within each team students are placed in positions, which enhance the **team's performance**. These are **not** individual sports. The individual plays in the best interests of his or her team.

Athletics, swimming and cross-country provide the opportunity for *personal achievement* in individual sports.

COACHING

Coaches are teachers, not professional coaches. Teams can only be selected based on the skills displayed at try outs and training sessions. Students may have days where they do not perform to the best of their ability, which is why we offer a number of sessions of each preference. Due to time restraints, we are unable to offer extra sessions due to absenteeism, injuries or other factors.

REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL

Students need to remember that they are representing the school during interschool sports. This means that they need to be modelling the school values at all times. If students do not live by the school values in the classroom, in the yard or while representing the school, they will be removed from the team for one or more games.

TWO TERMS → RESTRUCTURE IN 2020 TO AVOID WASH OUT

The BDSSA has made the decision to change the sports offered in 2020 in order to limit weather related cancellations. Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances may arise which are out of our control. The decision to cancel on a particular day is a District decision and all schools in the district have to comply with the decision. The sports offered in 2020 will be:

Term 1

- Netball
- Hot Shots
- Volleyball

Term 2

- AFL
- Soccer
- Tee Ball
- Lawn Bowls

Please note: Gala days (e.g. Hoop Time) selection process may differ due to time restraints or may include additional try out sessions. The factors considered when selecting the teams will remain the same.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed annually to reflect new regulations and best practice.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in **February 2020** and is scheduled for review in **February 2021**.

Endorsed by School Council in April 2020