

SPORT TEAMS SELECTION POLICY

Rationale:

At Peakhurst 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 Georges River District PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Area and/or State in various sports. This selection policy aims to provide consistent guidelines for the selection of students from Years three to six into the school PSSA teams.

PSSA Teams

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are in years 3 and 4.

Senior Teams will be selected from students who are in years 5 and 6.

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

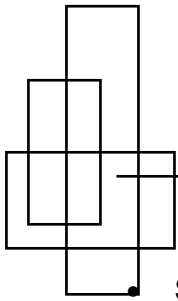
When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:

- 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.
- One reserve 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 at selection trials.
- Children who are absent due to illness or holidays on all selection days will not be considered unless additional players are required to form the team or they have notified the teacher before the trials. In the case of sickness a doctor's certificate must be provided and the teacher must know of the child's interest in the team before teams are finalised.
- 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 one or two teachers.
- All children to be selected will have equal time on the field/court during the selection.
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected by students, parents and teachers.
- **Once children have been selected into a team, they must agree to go to sport every week and pay for sport every week, even when injured if possible.**





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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.
- A child does not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to trial for the team.
- Student's must have consent from the school or will not be able to trial.

The selection process will be based on either:

- Performance as part of Peakhurst PS's PSSA team (where Peakhurst fields a PSSA team in that sport) and/or
- 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.

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:

- 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 that contributes to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

When chosen to represent the school at Gala Days or PSSA, Zone, Area, State carnivals, 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, pants or socks.

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

Players, parents, spectators, teachers and coaches must all abide by the Georges River PSSA Code of Conduct Policy, which is used by Peakhurst Public School.

