

## **SELECTION OF ABBOTSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Rationale**

To provide clear and consistent guidelines for the selection of students from Years Three to Six to be School Representatives in sporting competitions at School, Zone, Region and State level.

### **Individual and Team Selection**

- i. All children in Years Three to Six will be given opportunities to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of the particular sport in a series of school selection trials.
- ii. Teaching staff conducting these trials will determine those children who will represent the school at the inter-school level, zone trials and as members of teams participating in N.S.W. P.S.S.A. State Knock-Out Competitions.
- iii. In all selections Zone, Regional and State rules and regulations must be adhered to.
- iv. Selection will take place following demonstrated ability at prescribed school trials.
- v. When selecting individuals or teams the school will aim to field the best possible competitor or team to enter the competition.
- vi. Where possible, and when replacement rules allow, reserves may be involved in games at the discretion of the coaching teacher.
- vii. Junior Teams will be selected from students who are turning 8, 9 or 10 years old this year. Senior Teams will be selected from students who are turning 11, 12 or 13 years old this year.
- viii. When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:
  - Ability and strong skill level;
  - Sportsmanship;
  - Co-operation, acceptable behaviour and attitude; and
  - Commitment to training sessions.

### **Trials and Training**

- i. Where possible trials for team selection will be conducted within the school grounds.
- ii. Trials will take place within school times or before and after school.
- iii. Planning for trials and training will be the responsibility of the Team Coach.
- iv. If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held.
- v. Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum)
- vi. Where there are two children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected
- vii. Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team



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- viii. The selections will be made according to performance at selection sessions
- ix. Children who are absent due to illness or holidays on all selection days will only be considered if they have previously made a PSSA team in a previous year and have already demonstrated the above criteria
- x. All teams will be selected by the team coach
- xi. Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected
- xii. The school reserves the right to:
  - Make decisions regarding the final selection of students representing the school at all levels of competition.
  - Withdraw any student whose behaviour is of concern to staff. This includes classroom and playground behaviour at school. Parents will be consulted in this instance.

## Informing Students

- i. Students wishing to trial for a team or squad will be informed by:
  - Announcements at daily assemblies
  - A note sent around to classes
- ii. Students successful in gaining representation will be informed by:
  - Announcements at daily assemblies
  - By the team coach at the completion of the trials

## Informing Parents

- i. Children who are required to attend training out of school times, or have been selected in a team or Zone Trial will be informed by an official note from the teacher responsible, prior to the event.
- ii. Information, permission and travel arrangement notes will be sent home to seek parental approval and assistance.

## Parent Assistance

- i. In sports where teacher expertise may be lacking, parents from the school community may be called upon to assist in team selection and coaching.
- ii. Parents will be required to provide permission for students to compete in external sporting events.
- iii. At all times, parents will maintain the right to withdraw students from sporting teams.
- iv. Parents may be requested to be involved in scoring, umpiring, managing or the provision of transport applicable to sporting events.

