

# SPORT SELECTION POLICY



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## **Rationale**

Sport is a compulsory component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus. Students need to be provided with opportunities to participate in a range of sporting activities and programs suitable for their ability and interests. Sport assists in the development of a healthy lifestyle by promoting physical activity.

It is important that students' school experiences in physical activity are conducted in a safe and supportive environment. Schools that create safe and supportive environments will not only protect students from injury but will encourage their lifelong participation in regular physical activity.

## **Outcomes**

The aims of this policy include:

- ★ Provide an understanding of the various School Sport Programs at this school;
- ★ Establishing clear guidelines for the implementation of sporting programs; and
- ★ Establishing clear and consistent guidelines for the selection of school sporting teams.

## **Weekly Sports Programs**

All Primary students (Years 3 to 6) will participate in a weekly sports program on a Friday morning. Our school's 3-6 Sport program includes: **School Based Sport, Paid Sporting Activities (e.g. swimming)** and **P.S.S.A. Competitions**.

## **School Based Sport**

The School Based Sport program is for students not selected in P.S.S.A. teams, those participating in paid sporting activities or students who choose this option.

This program focuses on skill development and minor games. Skills relevant to various games and sports will be taught and practiced, and these skills used in minor games at school. Fitness activities will also be undertaken as part of this program.

Sports selected for skill development will be programmed according to the interest of the students and relevant to the time of year.

## **School P.S.S.A. Sport**

Representing the school provides an opportunity for talented athletes to extend their skills and compete against similarly skilled students from other schools. Representing the school is an honour and students who represent the school have the responsibility to compete at all times in a manner that demonstrates good sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour.

Engadine West P.S. participates in the Engadine Zone P.S.S.A. competitions in a variety of sports. The competitions are held over a Summer and Winter season.

Students may choose to trial for these teams. If selected, it is expected that the students will fulfill their commitment to the team until the completion of the season, unless injured or another satisfactory reason is provided.

## **Selection of School P.S.S.A. and State Knockout Teams**

Students will have the opportunity to trial for relevant school P.S.S.A. and State Knockout teams.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 1) Intra school trials will be the sole selection criteria. All selections will be by the school staff.
- 2) Students must be selected on the basis of ability for the position they are to play.
- 3) Students need to display a positive attitude and good sportsmanship.
- 4) Students need to commit to the team for which they trial for the duration of the season. This includes their attendance at training sessions, wearing of correct uniform and making themselves available for all competition and friendly matches regardless of commitments to weekend sporting teams playing in finals.
- 5) Selection will be made on a merit basis with consideration also given to the student's ability to abide by the player's Code of Conduct.
- 6) Where there are two children of equal ability the child from the higher grade will be selected.
- 7) If a child is absent on a selection day then another opportunity will be provided to determine if he/she will be selected.
- 8) If a team is short of players during the year (due to illness, school camps or other unforeseen circumstances), reserves may be called in as replacements. The reserve/s will not replace the original team members.
- 9) Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

Note: If it is not stated that it is a single gender team, then the teams may be made up of mixed genders.

## **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 encouragements of student participation in sport and, in doing so, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

## **Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country**

**Individual Entry** - School team will be selected on performance at school carnivals. However, if a talented athlete is unable to compete at a school carnival, consideration may be given to them becoming an additional entry based upon proven past performance.

**Relay Teams** - Children selected into School Representative Relay teams to contest at Zone, Area and State levels in Swimming and Athletics will be selected on merit. The basis of which will be the times recorded at the annual school carnivals in Swimming and Athletics.

It should be noted however, that if a student is absent for the school carnival and this student has achieved outstanding results at zone/regional/state level in previous years, he/she will be considered for selection and will be able to progress to zone level as a relay competitor and individual competitor. This decision will be the responsibility of the school convener of the sport in question.

If a reserve is called into the relay team (because a student who is chosen to be part of the relay team is unable to compete due to illness or unforeseen circumstances), the reserve will only compete at the next specified carnival to replace the original team member.

The reserve will not replace the original team member at any subsequent carnivals but will have the choice to accompany the team if they progress further.

The original school team selected takes selection precedence over any reserve being brought into compete at a zone/regional carnival.

## **Representative Trials**

Representative trials are reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional ability relative to the sport as deemed by Engadine West staff. When this criteria is met students will be made aware of trial dates. It is the parents/carers responsibility to transport students to trials. At times there are limited numbers of students eligible from each school to trial. In this case the school may conduct their own trials to determine selection.

## **Gala Days**

The Engadine Zone presently runs *Gala Days* in Touch and Basketball. Engadine West may give first selection priority through trials to students who have not represented the school in PSSA or Knockout competition and, those students who can fulfil expectations regarding player conduct. The remaining places (if any) will be filled using PSSA and Knockout selection criteria.

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