



BANKSMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOL

A quality education in a caring environment

SPORT SELECTION POLICY

RATIONALE

At Banksmeadow PS, sport is an integral part of the curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, stage and school basis. School representative teams play in both the summer and winter ESPSSA competitions. Individual students may represent the school, the district, region and state in various sports throughout the schooling year.

PSSA SPORT

Participation in Friday PSSA Sport is open to all students in Years 3 – 6. The Eastern Suburbs PSSA determines the age/grade requirements for eligibility for the teams. These requirements will be honoured when choosing students for representative teams.

When more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials are held. 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.

For the junior teams, students in Years 3, 4 & 5 (students 10 or under) will compete in trials as equals with no preference given to students in higher years.

For the senior teams, students in Year 5 & 6 will compete in trials as equals with no preference given to students in Year 6.

The team coaches, sports coordinator and principal have the final decision on team selection.

Additional information about school PSSA sport selections:

- Selections will be held with plenty of notice for students to be available;
- Sports coach makes the decision on reserves 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 on selection sessions;
- 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 parents have made contact with the sports coordinator for consideration;
- 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 children to be selected will have equal time on the field/court during the selection;
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors unless specifically referring to the trial dates; and
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

Eastern Suburbs and Sydney Coastal PSSA Trials

The sports coordinator, in consolidation with sporting coaches, will nominate students to represent Banksmeadow PS at district and regional trials. Most regional trial participants will be selected from district trials. As the level of skill required to represent at district or regional level is very high, the sports coordinator may elect not to nominate students for trials. Generally students nominated will be involved in playing in a local weekend competition and are of a high representative standard.

Eastern Suburbs Carnivals (Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country)

At the conclusion of school carnivals the sports coordinator will select a team to represent Banksmeadow PS at district level.

Dependent upon which carnival that has been undertaken the first two placed students (four in cross country), in each school carnival event will be nominated to progress to the ESPSSA carnivals.

SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Codes of behaviour 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.

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Area, 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 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 will result in behaviour management procedures being put in place, as stated in the school's Student Welfare Policy.

Players, parents, spectators, teachers and coaches must all abide by the 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.

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:

- 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information, resources and support relating to effective school sport can be found at:

- ESPSSA Website <http://easternsuburbs.sessazones.com/>
- SEPSSA Sports Unit
http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/syd_east/welcome.htm