



CENTRAL WOLLONGONG PSSA

SELECTION OF SPORT TEAMS POLICY

Rationale:

Sport is an integral part of the school curriculum. It is provided on a class, stage, whole school and district basis. School teams play in the Central Wollongong PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at District, Zone, Area and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Teams

Junior Teams are the students from Years 3 - 4.

Senior Teams are the students from Years 5 - 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.

DISTRICT TRIALS

Trials will be held to select students to represent Central Wollongong in PSSA.

- Selections will be held at schools early in Term 1.
- Schools will only select students from Years 5 & 6, who are of exceptional ability and perform at a high standard within the sport;
- If a child in Year 4 has competed at a State or National level they may be considered for trials within the sport.
- Schools **must** only send to district trials students who meet the above criteria;
- Where there are children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected;
- It is preferred children 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 holidays on all selection days will not be considered unless additional players are required to form the team;
- 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 they can be considered if he/she is worthy of being selected;
- All teams or individuals will be selected by the organising teacher(s);
- 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;
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors unless specifically referring to the trial dates;
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.
- 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.



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PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Codes Of Behaviour

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 will contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

When chosen to represent the school at Central Wollongong PSSA, Northern Illawarra Zone, South Coast Area, State, 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.) Soft studs are only to be worn while playing rugby league, rugby union, touch, AFL and soccer. 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 Central Wollongong PSSA sport, district trials and 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 convenor will contact the school if there is a breach in this code of conduct by any student attending sport and trials.

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