



DOBROYD POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

DPPS Sport Selection and Participation Policy 2019

Purpose

At Dobroyd Point 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 winter PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Regional and/or State in various sports. When students are in Stage 2 and 3 they are eligible to be selected for PSSA teams. The aims of this policy are to establish clear and consistent guidelines for the selection of school sporting teams, and to set clear behavior expectations for representing the school.

School PSSA 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 behavior, reflecting the PBL expectations of kindness, responsibility and respect.

Dobroyd Point Public School participates in the Western Suburb Zone PSSA competitions in soccer and netball.

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 PSSA and State Knockout Teams

Students will have the opportunity to trial for relevant school PSSA and State Knockout teams.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1) Intra school trials will be the sole selection criteria. All selections will be decided 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. Their behavior on and off the field should reflect the PBL expectations of kindness, responsibility and resilience.
- 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.
- 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 due to illness or has approved Leave from the Principal, 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.

Representative Trials

Representative trials are reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional ability relative to the sport as deemed by Dobroyd Point Public School staff. The student must be a member of the school's PSSA team for that given sport. When this criterion 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 who is able to participate at the next level. All effort must be made to ensure that students from all sports are given the opportunity to trial when Dobroyd Point Public School is unable to fill a team for that given sport.

Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country

Individual Entry – School teams 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.

Behaviour expectations

Students who are chosen to represent the school at PSSA sport will be expected to demonstrate the PBL expectations both on and off the field. Failing to follow these expectations, either at school, travelling or while attending the game, may result in missing the opportunity to represent the school for an allocated time, or removal from the PSSA team.

In addition to the PSSA Code of Conduct (attached) and the PBL matrix, students and parents are asked to review the following behaviour expectations. Students who are representing Dobroyd Point Public School at PSSA are expected to:

- Use kind words towards their team mates and opponents
- Follow all teachers' instructions and show respect towards referees and other game officials
- Remain within the allocated areas, being in the right place at the right time, and using all equipment appropriately
- Wear the correct uniform and demonstrate responsibility by bringing the appropriate equipment for the game

Please sign below to acknowledge that you and your child have discussed the above expectations and understand the potential consequences. Please return this note with the PSSA permission note.

Child's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2021.