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EHPS PSSA and REPRESENTATIVE SPORTING SELECTION POLICY

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Rationale

At Elanora Heights Public School sport is an integral part of the curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, grade, stage and school basis. School representative teams play in the Summer and Winter PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association) Competitions. Individual students may represent the school, the zone, the region and the state in various sports.

NSWPSSA State Knockout Competitions, Gala Days & Skills Sessions

From time to time the school may enter teams in State Knockout Competitions, gala days and/or organise sporting associations to conduct skills sessions at school or venues outside of the school. Entry for participation will be open to all interested students in the target group.

For NSWPSSA State Knockout Competitions, the school will generally select to participate in sports that:

- a) is not offered in the summer and winter PPSSA competitions and/or
- b) there is a high volume of interested students in the targeted sport that have been identified as particularly talented in the chosen sport.

Entries into these competitions are completed by the nominated coordinator in December of the previous school year as per NSWPSSA Handbook.

For Gala Days and Skill Sessions, if there are a limited number of places, then available places will be filled on a first come basis until all positions are filled or in some cases by a selection process.

PSSA Sport

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

If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held. These trials will be held during specific periods during the school term nominated by the School Sports Coordinator in consultation with team coaches.

Team selections will be primarily based on performance at the trial sessions and on merit. Consideration will also be on students who have demonstrated the upholding of the school values of respect, responsibility and achievement and EHPS & Pittwater PSSA Code of Conduct for Players.



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 coach/es has/have the final decision on team selection. Where possible and/or appropriate more than one coach will be in attendance at selections to ensure selection processes are upheld. This may be warranted when large numbers of students wish to trial for a particular sport. All selections made are final and at the discretion of the coach and School Sport Coordinator.

Pittwater PSSA & Sydney North Regional PSSA Trials

The School Sports Coordinator will nominate students to represent EHPS at zone and regional trials based on specific information given by the zone/regional convenor for the particular sport. Most regional trial participants will be selected from zone trials. As the level of skill required to represent at zone 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 at representative level outside the school in that chosen sport.

Where more students who meet the specific criteria set by the zone/regional convenor and are playing at a same or similar representative level have nominated for a zone/regional trial, an internal trial will be held by the School Sports Coordinator and PSSA coach (where applicable). This trial will be primarily based on performance at the trial session(s) and all decisions made are final and at the discretion of the School Sport Coordinator.

All students seeking nomination for zone/regional level will need to complete a nomination form that asks for proof of grade and/or representative level for the particular sport chosen. This proof is to be obtained and signed off by a previous or current coach (whichever is most current). If a coach is unavailable to do so then a parent/guardian can do so.

Pittwater PSSA Carnivals (Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming)

At the conclusion of school carnivals the School Sports Coordinator and/or School Carnival Organiser will select a team to represent EHPS at zone level.

Pittwater Zone Swimming Selections: Top 2 competitors from each individual age and Junior (8, 9 and 10 years), 11 years and Senior (12 and 13 years) events.

Pittwater Cross Country Selections: Top 6 competitors from the 8/9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years events.



Pittwater Zone Athletics Selections: Top 3 competitors from each individual age 100m event and Top 2 from each Junior (8, 9 and 10 years), 11 years and Senior (12 and 13 years) track (100m, 200m and 800m) and field (high jump, shot put, long jump and discus) events.

These numbers may differ as students must meet zone qualifying times or distances in order to attend. These qualifications can be found in the Pittwater Zone PSSA Constitution.

Selection of all junior (8, 9 and 10 years) and senior (11, 12 and 13 years) relay teams for swimming and athletics is at the discretion of the team coach/manager.

Code of Conduct

When chosen to represent the school at zone, regional and state levels, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner, both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform and upholding the EHPS & Pittwater PSSA Code of Conduct.

EHPS & Pittwater PSSA Code of Conduct for Players

1. Maintain acceptable schoolwork standards.
 2. Maintain acceptable behaviour standards.
 3. Any player whose behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable within school times or during PSSA Sport associated activities (training/games) in a season will result in a natural consequence of a single or multiple game suspension(s) at the discretion of the Principal, Executive or PSSA Coordinator.
 4. Be punctual and attend all training sessions. Inform the coach when unable to attend.
 5. Dress in the appropriate uniform for the sport you play.
 6. Cooperate at all times with the coach, team mates and the competing school.
 7. Try to the best of your ability at all times.
 8. Compete by the rules and always respect and abide by the referee's/umpire's decision.
 9. Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members. Play for the fun of it and allow others to enjoy it. Control your temper, making no criticism either by word or gesture.
 10. Behave responsibly while travelling on a bus or walking to and from a venue.
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11. Sit down and support the other teams or as instructed by your coach whilst not involved in the game being played.
12. Conclude each game by congratulating the competing school.
13. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Bad language, sledging and bullying on or off the field is NEVER accepted.
14. Be responsible for packing equipment - sharing the work.

