

Kenthurst Public School

Representative Sport Procedures



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1. Rationale:

At Kenthurst 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 Ridges PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school, the Zone and the region in various sports.

2. Aims:

- i. To cater for the needs of high potential and gifted students.
- ii. To increase the participation of students in Years Three to Six in competitive sporting activities.
- iii. To promote skills development, social skills, self-esteem and a healthy lifestyle.
- iv. To promote the desire to represent the school, Ridges Zone, Sydney West Region and State in the various sporting competitions offered at primary level.
- v. To provide all talented students in Years Three to Six with the opportunity to represent their school.
- vi. To develop students' knowledge of rules, tactics, advanced skills and positive attitudes required for sport and teamwork.
- vii. To develop students' pride in their school and the achievement of their peers.

3. Individual and Team Selection

- i. Junior teams will be selected from Year 3, Year 4 and those who are eligible (due to birthdate) from Year 5. Senior Teams will be selected from Year 5 and Year 6. No students from K-2 can try out.
- ii. Students will be informed which teams are mixed teams or single-sexed teams.
- iii. All students in Years Three to Six will be given opportunities to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of the particular sport in a series of school selection trials. At least one trial will take place with the possibility of further trials depending on the number of triallists.
- iv. Students will be given reasonable notice of trials. They will only be allowed to trial for that sport only.
- v. Students absent at selection trials due to extended leave, holidays, illness or injury may not be considered, unless additional players are required to form the team. Students absent due to other school commitments or exceptional circumstances will be able to try out at another selection session on their return. The final decision surrounding circumstances rests with the Principal/Delegate.
- vi. At least two teaching staff will conduct these trials and will determine those students who will represent the school at the inter-school level (ie Friday PSSA level).
- vii. Additional trials may take place to determine students that proceed to zone level trials or who will represent the school in NSWPSSA Knockout competitions. Students can be selected from other PSSA teams in NSWPSSA Knockout competitions.
- viii. In all selections, Zone, Regional and State rules and regulations must be adhered to.
- ix. Selection will take place following demonstrated ability at prescribed school trials. Also taken into account will be skill level, sportsmanship, cooperation, attitude, willingness to participate in training sessions, consideration of rules and guidelines of the Ridges PSSA, consideration of forming balanced teams that will have the potential for development in future years.
- x. Selectors may take into account the student's performance in previous years of PSSA representation.

- xi. When selecting individuals or teams the school will aim to field the best possible competitor or team to enter the competition.
- xii. Where possible, and when replacement rules allow, reserves may be involved in games at the discretion of the coaching teacher.
- xiii. Students' success and participation will be recognised by the school.
- xiv. Students who enrol at Kenthurst PS after selections have been made will not be able to trial for PSSA teams. In the situation where a vacancy appears, coaches may ask newly enrolled students to trial.
- xv. The school reserves the right to:
 - Make decisions regarding the final selection of students representing the school at all levels of competition.
 - Withdraw any student whose behaviour is of concern to staff. Parents will be consulted in this instance.
 - Children and parents will sign a code of conduct (see appendix 1).

4. PSSA Sport

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

Team selections will generally be based on performance at the trial sessions. The team coach/coaches will have the final decision on team selection.

5. Parent Information

- i. Parents will be required to provide permission for students to compete in external sporting events.
- ii. Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.
- iii. Parents will be notified (via SchoolStream) if games or training is cancelled due to weather or field conditions.
- iv. Parents are not allowed to referee or umpire games but are welcome to attend.
- v. Parents will be asked to sign a Parents/Spectators Code of Behaviour (Appendix 2)

6. Trials and Training

- i. Where possible, trials for team selection will be conducted within the school grounds.
- ii. Trials will take place within school times.
- iii. Planning for trials and training will be the responsibility of the Team Coach.
- iv. Training for PSSA teams will take place on Thursday mornings at 8:20am.

7. Informing Parents

- i. Children who are required to attend training out of school times, or have been selected in a team or Zone Trial will be informed by an official note from the teacher responsible, prior to the event.
- ii. Information, permission and travel arrangement notes will be sent home to seek parental approval and assistance.

8. Calculating End of Year Awards

Children who represent our school are:

- praised at school and Stage assemblies
- recognised with awards from our school
- acknowledged through receiving a patch from their Ridges or from Sydney West, depending on their level of representation.

At the end of the year, at the Presentation Day assembly, our highest sporting award is given to the Sportsperson of the Year. This is calculated by giving a numerical value to each level of representation and calculating the total. Please see the table below:

Event	Points
PSSA Summer Participation	3
PSSA Winter Participation	3
Ridges Swimming	5 + 1 point for ever event over 1
Sydney West Swimming	7 + 1 point for every event over 1
State Swimming	10 + 1 point for every event over 1
National Swimming	15 + 1 point for every event over 1
Ridges Cross Country	5
Sydney West Cross Country	7
State Cross Country	10
National Cross Country	15
Ridges Athletics	5 + 1 point for ever event over 1
Sydney West Athletics	7 + 1 point for every event over 1
State Athletics	10 + 1 point for every event over 1
National Athletics	15 + 1 point for every event over 1
Ridges Team/progressing to SW trial	5
Sydney West Team	7
State Team	10
National Team	15

9. Premiers Sporting Medallion/Challenge Medal

The PSSA Team Coaches and the Stage 3 Assistant Principal will nominate Year 6 students who they deem eligible for the above-mentioned medallion. At Kenthurst Public School the sporting values of sportsmanship, tenacity, perseverance and some level of sporting ability is a minimum requirement. The medallion will be given to a worthy child who is a dedicated sportsperson but not necessarily the most outstanding sportsperson at our school.

According to the School Sport Unit, the medal is intended to acknowledge one student in each school for their outstanding:

- commitment to fair play
- achievement in their sporting discipline and
- overall contribution to their school's weekly sporting program.

The Medal is not intended as further recognition for each school's sports star as such; it should not replace or mirror our existing Sportsperson of the Year Award.

10. Ridges PSSA Zone Trials

The Sports Coordinator will nominate students to represent Kenthurst Public School at Zone and Regional trials. 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 in a local weekend competition and/or at a representative standard. Ridges PSSA limits the number of students allowed to trial from each school. The Sports Coordinator will ask for nominations from students. Zone triallists will be determined based on experience in the chosen sport, student age and representative level, both in and out of school.

11. Zone Carnivals

- i. Due to qualifying times and distances, not all students who place at the school carnival will go to the zone carnival. Students will be notified via a note of their inclusion in a zone team and the events in which they compete.
- ii. If a talented athlete is unable to compete at a school carnival, consideration will be given for their inclusion in the team by the PSSA Coordinator and Deputy Principals. Times from official sources or previous years' performances may be taken into account.
- iii. Selections for relay teams for swimming and athletics carnivals will be based on the four best times recorded in the final of that event. Should a student not want to take part in the relay due to other events, then the next fastest student will be selected.

12. Player Behaviour

The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in school representation if their behavior is deemed inappropriate in any school activity.

Appendix 1



PSSA Player's Behaviour Contract – 2025

If I am selected in a PSSA team I promise to:

1. Play for the fun of it.
2. Compete by the rules and accept the referee's or umpire's decisions.
3. Try hard every week.
4. Cooperate with my coach, my team-mates and my opponents.
5. Participate in training sessions.
6. Speak to my coach respectfully.
7. Show good sportsmanship.
8. Play only when I am fully fit.
9. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.
10. Wear my Kenthurst Public School PSSA sport's uniform each Friday and to bring any equipment required by my coach.
11. Maintain a good behaviour record at school: in the playground and in class.
12. Accept that rules for behaviour and play are made for reasons – to keep us safe.

I understand that if I fail to abide by these promises, I will forfeit my position in the team.

Player's Signature

Parent's Signature



Parents / Spectators Code Of Behaviour - 2025

At Kenthurst Public School, parents:

- Encourage participation by children
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour – never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational
- Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators
- Remember that teachers often take sports with little or no training and should be spoken to with respect – without them there would be no PSSA competition
- Parents are not allowed to referee games at all in the Ridges Competition unless they have been given approval
- Teachers must take control of all refereeing and coaching – your kindness may not be needed and could cause offence
- Let game officials conduct events without interference
- Encourage and support honest effort, skilled performance and team play with generous applause for both schools
- Remember children play for their enjoyment, not yours. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters. Without them there would be no game
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions
- Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol-free environment
- Recognise the value of volunteer coaches and officials; they give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support

We have read and understand the above codes of conduct and agree to abide by them at all times.

Parent's Signature _____