

## **Yarrawarra Public School Sport Policy** **Updated June 2024**

At Yarrawarra Public School sport is an integral part of our school curriculum. Sport takes place in a class, stage and whole school setting. School representative teams play in the Engadine PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Area or State level across many sports and carnivals.

### **Selection Policy for Sports at YPS**

The selection policy for sports at Yarrawarra Public School aims to provide an opportunity for athletes to extend their skills and compete against similarly skilled students from other schools. Representing the school is an honour and students have a responsibility to compete and behave at all times in a manner that brings credit to themselves and their school. All students participating in PSSA, Zone and Gala Day teams will be required to meet the behaviour expectations at school in order to qualify for and participate in sporting opportunities. Failure to do so will disqualify students from participating in any PSSA, Zone and Gala Day sporting events.

### **Selection for PSSA Teams**

- If it is a junior team, the team will be selected from students in Years 3 and 4
- If it is a senior team, the team will be selected from students who are in Years 5 & 6
- An open team may have students from any grade 3-6
- If it is not stated that the team is a single gender team, the team may be made up of mixed gender.

When selecting students for teams, consideration will be given to those who display:

- a strong skill level or natural ability
- sportsmanship
- a cooperative attitude
- **Note: the number of students required is based on the sport, the number of teams, and the student/teacher ratios both at sport and at school.**

If more students wish to play in a team than there are positions, trials will be held. The following guidelines are used in team selections:

- Selections will be made based on performance at the selection session(s)
- If a child is absent for the selection trial(s), they may be permitted to trial at a later date, time and weather permitting. If students are also absent for the second trial, no further trials will be held.
- All students involved will aim to be given equal time on the field/court during selection.
- When there are two children of equal ability involved, the child in the higher grade will be selected.
- In some sports, reserves can be selected at the discretion of the teacher/coach.
- **Team selection will be approximately 4 weeks prior to the season starting.**
- **Parents must finalise any outstanding fees for sport for the entire season, as per school invoice.**
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

## Participation in sporting events and PSSA

- Attendance at all training sessions provided by the coach, including those before school. Notification of cancellation of training will be posted on the school Facebook page and/or School Bytes.
- Arrive at school at the time stated by the coach. Failure to do so may result in the student missing buses and staying at school, or spending more time as a substitute.
- Students should arrive with appropriate equipment, and in their full team uniform, including school hat and water bottle.
- Due to bus bookings and teacher/students ratios, all selected students will attend PSSA each week. This includes when they have a bye or an injury. No refunds can be given for weeks of PSSA missed.
- If wet weather is forecast or occurs, please check the Engadine Zone Facebook and/or YPS Facebook. If buses are not cancelled and grounds are open, students may play in the rain, so a change of clothes should be packed.

## Selection for Zone, Area and State Representative Trials for Specific Sports

Students will be made aware of the trial dates, but only students who demonstrate exceptional skills relative to the age and/or meets the sport selection criteria, relative to the sport, will be considered. **Note: Students are to be transported to and from these trials by their parents. Yarrawarrah staff do not attend. The selection process will be based on either:**

- Tryouts if there are more than the desired number of eligible candidates and/or
- Proof of sporting achievements.

It is deemed that it is not mandatory for the school to select students for every representative trial if the required skill level is not evident.

## Selection for Gala Days

**Entry into Gala Days will be subject to availability on the school calendar, teacher availability and students' interest.** If there are more students expressing an interest in joining than teams available, the Gala Day selections will be determined using the following guidelines:

- Students who have previous experience, or some knowledge of the game will be given preference
- Tryouts will be held if there are more than the number of eligible candidates
- Students in Year 6 will be given preference over younger students if of equal ability.

## Selection for Zone Teams for Carnivals

Students who qualify for the zone teams will be determined based on the zone carnival qualifying standards and school entry numbers. Qualifying standards vary and can include minimum time or distance. These standards are set at a zone or state level and can be accessed via the Engadine Zone Facebook page. These standards vary each year.

## Codes of Conduct

Codes of Conduct provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the

environment to play school sport in. These apply to school sport at all levels and are agreed to by all participants before competitions begin. These will be included as part of the permission process and will be required to be completed before students participate in the sporting event. Students and parents are to sign a Player Code of Conduct prior to being confirmed in teams and sporting events. If students fail to uphold the Code of Conduct at all times, including leading up to the sporting event, this will result in the removal from the team. If students who qualify for sporting events do not meet the standards upheld in the Codes of Contact, adjustments will be put in place to support equal access to the event. If these adjustments can not support the participation of the student, they will be unable to participate in the sporting event.

When chosen to represent the school at any sporting event, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sporting field, including:

- Following teacher instructions, including teachers or representatives from other schools
- Displaying good sportsmanship and showing respect to other students involved
- Staying in the designated areas
- Being safe at all times.

Again, this includes wearing the full required sports uniform, including a school hat, and bringing a water bottle and any necessary specific equipment (i.e. helmet, shin pads, mouth guard, boots etc.).

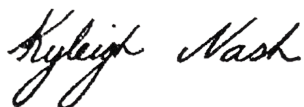
The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in sporting activities if their behaviour is inappropriate in any school situation for an agreed upon period of time, determined by the sport coach, the sports coordinator and the principal. This will be communicated to all parties involved.

Parents who do not abide by the Code of Conduct for Parent/Spectators will not be able to be a spectator of the competition as a consequence of their behaviour.

A copy of the Engadine Zone PSSA – [Players and Parent Code of Conduct Contract is available on School Bytes.](#)

### Review

The principal or delegated staff will review this as needed.



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Principal

Endorsed by P&C President and Committee