



Sports Selection Policy

Rationale

At Putney Public School (P.P.S.), sport is an integral part of the Personal Development/Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum. Opportunities to participate in various sporting activities are provided to all students at class, grade/stage and whole school level.

Students may represent the school in a variety of competitions organised through the Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) and other external providers.

Sporting Code of Conduct

Our school has 3 school expectations that encapsulate our key behaviour goals at all times:

- Show respect
- Show responsibility
- Do your personal best

Students selected to represent the school at zone, regional and state level are expected to demonstrate these behaviours both on and off the sporting field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform and upholding the P.P.S. Sporting Code of Conduct. The Sporting Code of Conduct will be distributed to all students prior to school representation and must be returned in order for them to participate. A student's position on a team may be declared vacant if the code of conduct is not upheld.

PSSA Carnivals (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics)

At the conclusion of P.P.S. carnivals, students who have qualified to represent the school at the zone level are identified. In most circumstances, students placed 1st and 2nd in each school carnival event are selected to represent the school, however, students must also meet zone qualifying times or distances to participate at the zone level. Similarly, students who then qualify to represent the Ryde Zone at Sydney North regional level are notified at zone carnivals and so on. Selection of relay teams is at the discretion of the organising teacher(s).

Friday PSSA Sport Competitions (Ryde Zone)

Participation in PSSA Sport is for students in Years 3-6. Schools in the Ryde Zone combine to form sporting competitions on Friday afternoons throughout the year. The PSSA determines sports available and which terms competitions are held. Based on ground availability and cost, the Ryde Zone determines which sports are available for each Stage and how many teams a school may enter.

Currently, T-Ball, Softball, Cricket, Volleyball and Newcombe Ball is offered in Terms 1 & 4 (Summer Sport), and AFL, Netball, Tiger Tag and Soccer are offered in Terms 2 & 3 (Winter Sport)

Maximising physical activity

As the purpose of sport is for students to engage in physical activity, playing time on the field must be maximised. It is therefore necessary to limit numbers. Teams are formed on the basis of the following recommended players:

- T-ball - 9 a side – approximately 11-12 in a team. There are 2 teams: girls team and boys team from Years 3 and 4.
- Softball - 9 a side – approximately 11-12 in a team. There are 2 teams: senior mixed and senior girls (Years 5 and 6).
- Cricket - 10 a side (juniors) – approximately 11-14 in a team; 11 a side (seniors) – approximately 12-13 in a team (Years 3-6)
- Volleyball - 4 a side – approximately 5- 6 in a team. There is 1 team: mixed (Years 3-6).
- Newcombe Ball - 9 a side – approximately 10-12 in a team. There are 2 teams: senior and junior (Years 3-6).
- Tiger Tag - 8 a side – approximately 9-12 in a team. There are 2 teams: senior boys and senior girls (Years 5 and 6).
- AFL - 12 a side – approximately 13-14 in a team. There are 2 teams: mixed senior team and mixed junior team (Years 3-6).
- Soccer - 11 a side (seniors) - approximately 13-14 in a team; 7 a side (juniors and girls) - approximately 8-9 in each team (Years 3-6)
- Netball - 7 a side- approximately 9-10 in each team. There a 4 teams: Junior A, Junior B, Senior A and Senior B (Years 3-6).

Trials for PSSA Sports

Interested students are required to nominate themselves for a position and 'try out' for a team. Students and parents will be notified of trial dates 2 weeks in advance.

Selection process for PSSA Teams

As PSSA Sport is a competition team, selections are based on the skills, performance and attitude demonstrated by students during the trial sessions. To be selected for a PSSA team, students **must attend at least one trial date** to be considered for a position in a team. Final decisions on team selection are made by 1-2 identified teacher selectors. The number of students selected depends on the team numbers permitted in competition, staff ratios and overall student numbers at the school. Students who are not selected for a PSSA team are able to participate in school based sport.

School based sport

The school provides a range of school based sports that focus on the skills and games sense required for team based sports such as soccer, netball etc. Off-site swimming and tennis lessons are also offered to interested students at their parents' expense.

PSSA Knockout Competitions (NSW)

The NSW PSSA runs knockout competitions for a range of sports throughout the year. Schools play each other in a one-off match, with the winning team progressing to the next round. Depending on staff availability, student interest, timing of other school activities and parent assistance, the school may choose to enter teams into any of the NSW PSSA knockout competitions. Selection is based on merit and/or prior experience during a trial.

Ryde PSSA and Sydney North Region PSSA Trials

The PSSA runs additional competitions in various sports between zones and regions. Zone trials are held by the Ryde PSSA and students are nominated by the P.P.S. sports coordinator to attend. In general, nominated students play at representative level outside the school. The sports coordinator notifies students of these opportunities via an announcement at school. As the level of skill required to represent P.P.S. at zone or regional level is very high, the sports coordinator may elect not to nominate any P.P.S. students for trial. Further information regarding PSSA sport can be found at: www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/nswpssa

Students interested in trialling for Zone PSSA teams throughout the year, must submit an Expression of Interest early in the school year. This Expression of Interest must include the name of the sport, playing experience and representative

Gala Days and Skills Sessions

From time to time, the school may have the opportunity to enter teams in gala days or to arrange for sporting associations to conduct skills sessions at school or at venues outside of the school. Participation is open to all interested students in an identified group. If places are limited, the school will notify students of the selection process.