

Darlington Public School

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SELECTION OF SPORT TEAMS POLICY

Rationale:

At Darlington 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 South Sydney Zone PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Area and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Teams

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are at least in Year 3 and who have not turned ten years of age. Senior Teams will be selected from students who are above ten years of age, unless there is a shortage of players.

If it is not stated that it is a single sex team, then the teams may be made up of mixed sexes.

When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:

- Ability and strong skill level;
- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude; and
- Commitment to training sessions.

If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held.

- Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum);
- Where there are two children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected;
- Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team;
- The selections will be made according to performance on selection sessions;
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to illness or other school commitments i.e. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then another training session will be held to determine if he/she is worthy of being selected;
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors;
- All children to be selected will have equal time on the field/court during the selection;
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors unless specifically referring to the trial dates; and
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

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Representative Tryouts

- Students will be made aware of the trial dates; and
- Due to the limited number of students who are eligible from each school only those students who demonstrate exceptional skills relative to the sport will be considered.

The selection process will be based on either:

- Tryouts if there are more than the desired number of representatives; and or
- Proof and evidence of sporting achievements.

It is deemed that it is not mandatory for a school to select students for representative trials if the required skill level is not matched.

Gala Days

If there are more students expressing an interest than required for the team, Gala Day selections will be determined using the following procedures:

- Students who have previously played the game or who have some knowledge of the game express an interest;
- Students will be randomly and equitably selected regarding grade allocations.

Codes Of Behaviour

Codes of behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport;
- That students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers; and
- The encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

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Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Area, State, at Gala Days or any other external sporting event, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform. When representing the school students may be expected to wear representative shirts.

Full school sports uniform includes wearing a school hat and necessary safety equipment for specific sports (i.e. helmet, shin pads, mouth guard etc.) Studs are only to be worn while playing sport. They must be removed upon return to school. The same applies to shin pads and other safety gear.

Players, parents, spectators, teachers and coaches must all abide by the Zone PSSA Code of Conduct Policy.

The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in sporting activities if their behaviour is inappropriate in any school activities.