SELECTION OF ABBOTSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES

Rationale
To provide clear and consistent guidelines for the selection of students from Years Three to Six to be School Representatives in sporting competitions at School, Zone, Region and State level.

Individual and Team Selection

i. All children 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.

ii. Teaching staff conducting these trials will determine those children who will represent the school at the inter-school level, zone trials and as members of teams participating in N.S.W. P.S.S.A. State Knock-Out Competitions.

iii. In all selections Zone, Regional and State rules and regulations must be adhered to.

iv. Selection will take place following demonstrated ability at prescribed school trials.

v. When selecting individuals or teams the school will aim to field the best possible competitor or team to enter the competition.

vi. Where possible, and when replacement rules allow, reserves may be involved in games at the discretion of the coaching teacher.

vii. Junior Teams will be selected from students who are turning 8, 9 or 10 years old this year. Senior Teams will be selected from students who are turning 11, 12 or 13 years old this year.

viii. When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:
- Ability and strong skill level;
- Sportsmanship;
- Co-operation, acceptable behaviour and attitude; and
- Commitment to training sessions.

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 or before and after school.

iii. Planning for trials and training will be the responsibility of the Team Coach.

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

v. Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum)
vi. Where there are two children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected
vii. Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team
viii. The selections will be made according to performance at selection sessions
ix. Children who are absent due to illness or holidays on all selection days will only be considered if they have previously made a PSSA team in a previous year and have already demonstrated the above criteria
x. All teams will be selected by the team coach
xi. Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected
xii. 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. This includes classroom and playground behaviour at school. Parents will be consulted in this instance.

Informing Students
   i. Students wishing to trial for a team or squad will be informed by:
      • Announcements at daily assemblies
      • A note sent around to classes
   ii. Students successful in gaining representation will be informed by:
      • Announcements at daily assemblies
      • By the team coach at the completion of the trials

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.

Parent Assistance
   i. In sports where teacher expertise may be lacking, parents from the school community may be called upon to assist in team selection and coaching.
   ii. Parents will be required to provide permission for students to compete in external sporting events.
   iii. At all times, parents will maintain the right to withdraw students from sporting teams.
   iv. Parents may be requested to be involved in scoring, umpiring, managing or the provision of transport applicable to sporting events.