



Avalon Public School Sport Team Selection Policy

Sport Team Selection Policy and Code of Conduct

Rationale:

At Avalon Public School, sport is an integral part of our curriculum. It is provided on a class, stage and whole school basis. School representative teams play in the Zone PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Region and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Teams:

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are at least in Year 4 and who turn nine or ten years of age within the calendar year.

Senior Teams will be selected from students who turn 11, 12 or 13 in the calendar year.

Selection Criteria:

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).
- Two reserves selected (minimum).
- For senior teams, students in Year 5 and 6 will compete in trials as equals with no preference given to students in Year 6.
- 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 during selection sessions.



- Children who are absent due to illness or holidays on all selection days may be given a chance to trial at the discretion of the Principal, depending on the circumstances.
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to other school commitments e.g. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then another selection session will be held to determine if his or her sporting capabilities meet the selection criteria.
- All teams will be selected by the coach for that season.
- All children to be selected will have equal time on the field/court during the selection.
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.
- When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:
 - Ability and strong skill level;
 - Sportsmanship;
 - Knowledge of the game;
 - Coachable qualities;
 - Cooperation and attitude; and
 - Commitment to training sessions.

Representative Tryouts:

- Students will be made aware of the trial dates.
- Due to the limited number of students who are able to participate from each school only those students who demonstrate exceptional skills relative to the sport will be considered. Anything less than a representative standard needs to be considered by the Sports Coordinator, in conjunction with a relevant PSSA coach, where possible.



- Students should tell their class teacher when they will be absent by requesting a photocopy of the front page of the trial note for their teacher from the office.

The selection process will be based on either:

- Tryouts if there are more than the desired number of representatives;
- Consistent performance in PSSA sporting teams and/or
- Proof and evidence of sporting achievements.

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

Gala Days:

Participation is at the discretion of the Principal, in consultation with the Sports Coordinator.

Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

Students are to sign a Player Code of Conduct prior to attending PSSA sport, Gala Days (competitive and non-competitive) and any other external sporting event. It is expected that students uphold the Player Code of Conduct at all times, which they must agree to and sign. Failure to do so will result in behaviour management procedures being put in place, as stated in the school's Student Wellbeing Procedures.

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

As representatives of Avalon Public School, students are expected to uphold the highest levels of sportsmanship and behaviour both at sport and at school. Failing to do so may



see students permanently or temporarily excluded from representing Avalon Public School in sport.

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Region, 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.

Full school sports uniform includes wearing a school hat and necessary safety equipment for specific sports (e.g. 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.

When representing the Zone level or higher, students may be expected to wear representative uniforms.

Sport Code of Conduct:

"It isn't whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.

(Grantland Rice)

1. Show honour and pride in our school.
2. Show good sportsmanship to team mates and opposition.
3. Respect decisions given by referees and umpires.
4. Play to the best of his/her ability as an individual and a team member.
5. Accept and learn from successes and losses.
6. Maintain the fine attitude and efforts of past students.
7. Be attired in the correct uniform and equipment for each sport.
8. Attend training sessions promptly and be prepared to discuss practice, learn rules and tactics.



9. Maintain satisfactory standards in schoolwork and behaviour.

Code of conduct for PARENTS/SPECTATORS:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rule and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators and media. Encourage children to do the same.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.