

SPORTS TEAMS SELECTION POLICY

PURPOSE

At Strathfieldsaye Primary School, sport is an integral part of our curriculum, providing students with opportunities for physical development, teamwork, and personal growth. Sporting experiences are offered at class, year level, and whole-school representative levels throughout the year. Our representative teams participate in Sandhurst Division and Loddon Mallee Region competitions. Individual students may also represent the school at Zone, Area, and/or State levels in various sports.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

Representative teams for Strathfieldsaye Primary School will consist of students over ten years of age, unless there is a shortage of players. Teams may include both boys and girls unless specified otherwise as single-sex teams.

When selecting students for our school representative teams, the following criteria will be considered:

- Demonstrated ability and skill level
- Sportsmanship
- Cooperation and positive attitude
- Commitment to training sessions

If there are more interested students than available positions, selection trials will be conducted:

- Trial selections will occur over a minimum of two sessions.
- Participation in out-of-school sports is not a requirement for trying out for school teams.
- Selections will be based on performance during trial sessions and observed skills during Physical Education classes.
- If a student is absent due to illness or other commitments, an additional session will be held to determine their eligibility for selection.
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors.
- During selection sessions, all students will have equal time on the field/court.
- Parents are asked not to discuss the selection process with selectors, except to clarify trial dates.
- Once selections are finalised, they are final and must be respected by all.

ATHLETICS SELECTION PROCESS

Students will be selected for our cluster athletics team based on their performance at the school's House Sports carnival. Selection for each event will be based on finishing times or distances recorded by students. Participants in distance events, such as the 800m and 1500m, will be selected based on their results from the school cross-country events. Division and Regional Athletics events follow a progression format, with the top two from each event advancing to the next carnival. However, variations may occur (e.g., only one qualifier per age group for high jump).

SCHOOL SPORTS VICTORIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

A list of School Sports Victoria State Representative sports is available on the School Sport Victoria website: [School Sport Victoria](#). Parents who wish to nominate their child for these teams must follow the processes outlined on the website. The school's involvement at this level is limited to providing the mandatory signature of approval from the principal.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Codes of behaviour provide a supportive framework that promotes fair play and appropriate conduct in school sports. These codes apply to all players, teachers, coaches, parents, officials, and spectators, ensuring a positive environment for school sports at all levels. The codes highlight:

- The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction, and safe play in sport
- Encouraging students to participate for their own development and enjoyment, not to meet the expectations of others
- Promoting student participation in sports to contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE

Students selected to represent the school in sporting events are expected to exhibit exemplary behavior both on and off the field and to uphold our school values at all times. This includes wearing the full school sports uniform, which may include representative shirts and necessary safety equipment (e.g., helmet, shin pads, mouthguard) for specific sports. Players, parents, spectators, teachers, and coaches must adhere to the Strathfieldsaye Primary School Code of Conduct Policy. The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in sporting activities if their behaviour is deemed inappropriate.

SHOWING RESILIENCE

At Strathfieldsaye Primary School, we value resilience as a critical life skill. We understand that not being selected for a sports team, losing matches, or not performing at your best can be disappointing, but these experiences provide valuable opportunities for personal growth. We encourage students who miss out on selection, face defeats, or don't achieve their goals to view these moments as chances to develop their skills, learn from the experience, and persevere in the face of challenges. Building resilience helps students turn setbacks into motivation, enabling them to set new goals and strive to achieve them with determination and a positive mindset.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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