



SELECTION OF SPORT TEAMS POLICY

Rationale:

At Maroubra Junction Public School sport is an integral part of our school curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, grade, stage and whole school basis. School representative teams play in the Eastern Suburbs Zone PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association) competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Regional and/or State in various sports.

MJPS PSSA Teams

Participation in Friday PSSA Sport will be open to all students in Years 3 – 6.

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are in Year 3 and Year 4.

Senior Teams will be selected from students who are in Year 5 and Year 6.

When selecting students during tryouts, consideration will be given to those who display ability and strong skill level on the day of the tryouts.

Consideration may also be given for those this display:

- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude; and
- Commitment to training sessions.

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

- Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum);
- 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 other school commitments i.e. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then another tryout will be held to determine if he/she is worthy of being selected;
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors unless specifically referring to the tryout dates; and
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

Eastern Suburbs PSSA and Sydney East Representative Tryouts

- Students in Years 5 – 6 will be made aware of the tryout 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:

- Discussion with most recent PSSA coach (if applicable)
- 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 tryouts if the required skill level is not matched.



Gala Days

From time to time, the school may enter teams in Gala Days. If there are more students expressing an interest than required for the team, Gala Day selections will be determined using one or more of the following procedures:

- Students who have previously played the game or who have some knowledge of the game express an interest;
- At least one tryout

Eastern Suburbs PSSA Carnivals (Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming)

At the conclusion of school carnivals the Sports Coordinator will select a team to represent MJPS at zone level.

Usually the first two placed students in finals, in each school carnival event, will be selected. However, students must meet zone qualifying times or distances in order to attend.

Selection of relay times is at the discretion of the team coach and will be judged on:

- Ability
- Commitment to any team training sessions that may take place
- Skill when transferring the baton (in athletics)

Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

When chosen to represent Maroubra Junction Public School students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform and upholding the Player Code of Conduct.

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.

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. Parents of students competing in a PSSA sport are also required to agree to and sign a code of conduct. It is expected that students and parents uphold their respective code of conduct at all times. Failure to do so will result in behaviour management procedures being put in place, as stated in the school's Student Welfare Policy.....(insert policy for parents)

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

These policies have been made in conjunction with the New South Wales School Sport Unit and the Eastern Suburbs Zone PSSA organisation.