



**Hamilton South Public School**  
**The School Community..... Working Together for Children**

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**Hamilton South Public School**  
**Sport Selection Policy**

**Sport events:**

- Help students to develop skills in physical activity and team work, build self-confidence and ability in the Physical Education domain.
- Build school spirit and pride via students, staff and the wider school community working together to achieve one goal.
- Are important parts of the Hamilton South Public School (HSPS) Sport and Physical Education program.

**Sport events consist of:**

- Regular class based physical activities.
- Friday Sport (ES1, ST1, ST2 & ST3).
- School Carnivals (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics).
- School PDHPE Programs (include *Sports in Schools* and *Premier's Sporting Challenge*).
- Sporting Fundraising Activities.
- Zone PSSA School Representative Teams (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics).
- PSSA Knockout Competition School Representative Teams (Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys Cricket, Boys and Girls Touch Football, Girls Netball, Girls Basketball, Boys Rugby Union and Rugby League).
- Zone PSSA School Representative Trials (Soccer, Cricket, Touch Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Tennis, Basketball, AFL, Softball, Golf, Hockey and Diving).
- PSSA Regional, State and National Representative Teams.

Some sports events require a process of student selection. This may be due to the limits on the number of student places available in a specific event and/or for appropriate event allocation. Hamilton South Public School follows a series of guidelines to ensure the selection process is fair and transparent.

**Guidelines:**

- All students participating in sports events must meet and display the participation requirements, which include: commitment, positive attitude and required ability.
- Students will be well informed of the selection process for all events prior to trying out for specific events.
- A student may be relieved of a role/part if that student displays unacceptable behaviour during school hours (School Discipline Policy & School Sports Code of Behaviour).
- Parents and members of the wider community will be encouraged to be actively involved in the logistics of sporting events.

### **Hamilton South Public School Zone and Regional PSSA Representative Teams:**

- Students are selected for these teams on the basis of their performance at School Sports Carnivals.
- Teams are formed in conjunction with Zone PSSA Requirements (age, maximum number of participants and times etc.).

### **Hamilton South Public School PSSA Knockout Competition Representative Teams:**

- Students are selected for these teams at school trials on the basis of their ability level for the purpose of having the most competitive team possible.
- There will be a selector/selectors assisting the coach to choose the team.
- It is the team coach's/selectors' discretion to select students in a team based on their performance during; school team trials, observations made during school sport, previous feedback and performances in school teams.
- While previous/current experience in a sport is considered, it will not be the determining factor in final selection of the team.
- The decision of the coach is final.
- Team coaches/selectors take the following criteria into consideration when selecting teams:
  - i. Information provided by parents on the *HSPS Student Sporting Background Information Sheet*.
  - ii. Student is currently a member of a weekend representative team for their chosen sport (e.g. Emerging Jets, Knights, Hunters or other sporting representative teams).
  - iii. Student currently plays for a Division 1 team or equivalent on the weekend for their chosen sport.
  - iv. Students who play for teams in lower grades for their chosen sport will be taken into consideration.
  - v. In conjunction with steps iii. and iv., students in Year 6 will be given priority over Year 5 and Year 4 students.
  - vi. Team members may be used sparingly, and in some cases not at all, during PSSA Knockout Competition games. This will be communicated to the students prior to competition.
  - vii. Player involvement in each game will be determined by the team coach.
  - viii. If there is a *Conflict of Interest* involving students and team selectors, the selector will withdraw themselves from the entire selection process.
  - ix. Students in Year 6 who best satisfy the above criteria will be given the responsibility of leading the team and taking on the position of Team Captain.

### **Hamilton South Public School Zone PSSA School Representative Trials**

- Students will be selected for trials in conjunction with the criteria for the School PSSA Knockout Competition Representative Teams.
- Written information from parents regarding students' sporting experience/skill level will be considered when nominating students for representative trials.

### **Evaluation**

- This policy will be reviewed, as needed, by the Hamilton South Public School staff, with input from P&C.

Robby True  
Sports Coordinator  
1 February 2020

Mark Warren  
Principal

**HSPS Student Sporting Background Information Sheet**  
**PSSA School Knockout Teams and PSSA School Representative Trials**

Name.....

Year .....

Parent's/Carer's Name .....

Date .....

**PLEASE NOTE: Providing this information does not ensure your child's place in a school team, or selection for representative trials.**

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