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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.

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Sports Coordinator
10 February 2020

Sue Estens
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.

SPORT _____ Number of years played _____
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