



Representative Sport Selection Policy

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1. Policy Statement

Wiley Park Public School participates in a variety of representative sporting activities throughout the year. These include:

- Zone Swimming Carnival
- Zone Cross Country Carnival
- Zone Athletics Carnival
- Summer and Winter PSSA
- Gala/Knockout competitions

It is our belief, at **Wiley Park Public School**, that all children in years 3-6 who meet the criteria of a team, should be given the opportunity to trial for a representative team. A balance between sporting activities and academic work is encouraged for student's overall development.

2. Justification

The Wiley Park Public School Representative Sport Selection Policy has been developed to clearly state: the process by which students will be selected for representative teams.

This policy is in line with NSW Department of Education and Training (NSWDET) guidelines as set in the 'Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity in Schools.'

3. Selection of Teams

Wiley Park Zone (Swimming, Cross Country & Athletics Carnival)

At the conclusion of school carnival representatives from the sports committee will look at final results to select a team to represent Wiley Park Public School at zone level. Where necessary, Zone qualifying times will be a point of reference.

Wiley Park SESSA Zone & Sydney East Region PSSA Trials

The Sports Committee will nominate students to represent Wiley Park Public School at district and regional trials. Nominated students, who are committed and involved in playing in a local weekend competition, will be considered to trial. Sports Coordinator may elect not to nominate students for trials.

PSSA/Gala Days

Participation in Friday PSSA Sport will be open to all children in Year 3-6. In the majority of cases, at least two trials will be conducted to enable all students who wish to be considered to demonstrate their abilities.

The 'Wiley Park SESSA Zone' determines the age/grade requirements for eligibility for the teams. These requirements will be honoured when choosing students for representative teams.

Team selections will generally be based on performance at the trial sessions. The appropriate coach will make the final decision.

Junior teams consist of students aged 8, 9 & 10 and Senior teams, consists of students aged 11 & 12. The team coach/es has/have the final decision on team selection.

The school must comply with the WHS requirements set out by the DoE in regards to team selection. This includes ensuring school sports kits contain all the necessary safety equipment eg helmets, shin guards etc and that all equipment is safe to use. Team specific OHS requirements are outline in the DoE guidelines and constitutions.

Before announcing a representative team, the teacher-in-charge will discuss the team selections with school executives. The executive has the authority to exclude any student who has not demonstrated appropriate behaviour at school or the executive believes could bring the school into disrepute.

4. Collaboration and Consultation

At Wiley Park Public School, the Representative Sport Selection Policy has been developed in partnership with the staff and P&C. It is our intention that this policy reflects the needs of students, their families and the school.

5. Discipline Issues

If a student falls below Bronze level, they will be unable to represent the school. The teacher-in-charge, in consultation with the executive, may remove the student from the representative team and parents will be notified. At any time that the team is training, travelling, or involved in a match it should be regarded as a period of school representation.

6. Code of Conduct

When chosen to represent the 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 Sport Code of Conduct for both parents and students. Both parents and students are required to sign this document when they are successful in representing Wiley Park Public School.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents' Code

- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfillment, not yours.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
- Do not publicly question the officials' judgment and never their honesty.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.

Players' Code

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with an injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

7. Supporting Documents

This policy is written with reference to:

- NSW Department of Education and Training (NSWDET) guidelines as set down in the 'Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity in Schools' http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/teacher_resources/sportorganiser/sport_policy/index.php
- Wiley Park Public School Discipline Policy 2015
- Wiley Park PSSA Constitution

8. Review

This policy and associated procedures are reviewed bi-annually.