

Sports Selection and Representative Teams Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school office on 9379 3991.

PURPOSE

At Strathmore Primary School, sport is an integral part of the curriculum, providing students with opportunities for physical development, teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. The school is committed to ensuring fair and equitable opportunities for all students to participate in sporting activities and representative pathways.

This policy outlines the processes and expectations regarding participation, selection, and representation in school sporting teams and events.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students participating in:

- School sporting carnivals
- Representative team trials and competitions
- School Sport Victoria (SSV) pathways
- District, Division, Regional, and State sporting events

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Strathmore Primary School is committed to:

- Providing inclusive sporting opportunities for all students
- Ensuring fair and transparent selection processes
- Promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and positive behaviour
- Aligning school sporting procedures with School Sport Victoria (SSV) guidelines
- Supporting students to achieve their personal best

PARTICIPATION AND AGE GROUP REQUIREMENTS

All students participate and trial within their designated age groups in accordance with School Sport Victoria guidelines (age 9/10, age 11 and age 12/13-year-olds). Selection is based on a student's age rather than year level.

This approach ensures that the strongest competitor in each age group progresses to the next level of competition, regardless of their current year level.

Students may also have opportunities to represent the school at:

- District level
- Zone level
- Regional level
- State level

ATHLETICS, CROSS COUNTRY AND SWIMMING SELECTION

Students will be selected for district athletics, cross country, and swimming events based on their performance at school-based carnivals and events.

Athletics Selection

Selection for athletics events will be determined by:

- Recorded finishing times
- Measured distances and heights achieved during the school athletics carnival

Distance Events (Cross Country)

Selection for distance events, including 800m and 1500m will be based on student performance in athletics and/or trials back at school.

Progression Through Competitions

District, Division and Regional Athletics events generally follow a progression model whereby:

The top two competitors in each event advance to the next level of competition

Please note that some events may vary in qualification numbers due to competition regulations (for example, high jump may allow only one qualifier per age group).

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTION

Representative teams will generally consist of students from the relevant year level unless there is a shortage of players.

Teams may include both boys and girls unless competitions are designated as single-sex.

Selection Criteria

Students will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated ability and skill level
- Sportsmanship and behaviour
- Performance during trial sessions
- Observed skills during Physical Education classes

- Cooperation and positive attitude
- Commitment to training sessions

Participation in external sporting clubs or programs is not a requirement for selection in school teams.

Team Selection Procedures

- All teams will be selected by a minimum of two teachers/selectors from within the school.
- During trial sessions, students will be provided with equal time on the field or court.
- If there are more interested students than available positions, formal trials will be conducted.
- Once teams have been finalised, selections are considered final and are to be respected by all members of the school community.
- Parents and carers are asked to support and respect the school's selection process. Any concerns or complaints should be addressed through the school's Complaints Policy, available on the school website.

TRY-OUT SESSIONS AND ABSENCES

Try-out sessions are conducted on fixed dates.

Where students are absent, make-up sessions may not be possible due to time and organisational constraints. The school may conduct further try-outs back at school due to absences.

Students who enrol at the school after trials have occurred will be provided with the opportunity to trial for their preferred sport where practical.

COACHING DECISIONS

All coaching decisions made during training sessions and competitions are the responsibility of the team coach. These decisions are made in the best interests of the team, playing group and school.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA (SSV) STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Information regarding School Sport Victoria State Representative Teams can be accessed through the School Sport Victoria website.

Parents wishing to nominate their child for SSV State Representative Teams must follow the application and trial processes outlined by School Sport Victoria.

The school's involvement in this process is limited to providing the required principal endorsement.

Endorsement Process

Where more than three students apply for endorsement in the same sport:

- Priority will be given to Grade 6 students
- If more than three Grade 6 students apply, the school may conduct a trial process to determine endorsement

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATIONS

Representing Strathmore Primary School is considered a privilege. Students selected to represent the school are expected to:

- Demonstrate the school values at all times
- Display respectful and appropriate behaviour
- Follow school expectations and codes of conduct

Students who do not uphold school values or behavioural expectations may be deemed ineligible for selection or continued participation in representative teams.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Consultation materials will be translated into community languages.

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