



## Sport Selection Policy

Students at Beecroft Public School have the opportunity to gain representative selection in a number of individual and team sports throughout the year. School, zone, regional and state selection policies exist under the guidance of the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) and/or the NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association.

The following information is relevant to individual and team selection at Beecroft Public School.

### **PSSA**

The sports offered for PSSA at Beecroft Public School are determined by the Beecroft Zone Sports Committee. At present two summer and two winter sports are offered at Beecroft Public School to Year 6 students only, and two sports in winter for Year 4.

### Summer

- Year 6: Oz Tag and Softball PSSA games are conducted in term 1 and term 3. Preliminary selection trials are held late in term 4 of the previous year and in year 5 sports sessions. Further trials are held early in term 1. Trial dates and team selection is determined by the teachers and coaches of the respective teams and students are given verbal advanced notice of the trial sessions.

### Winter

- Year 6: Netball and Soccer PSSA are held in terms 2 and 3. Preliminary selection trials are conducted in year 5 sports sessions in the previous year for the respective teams and again late in term 1. Trial dates and team selection is determined by the teachers and coaches of the respective teams and students are given verbal advanced notice of the trial sessions.
- Year 4: Soccer and T-ball PSSA are held in term 2 and 3. Selection trials for the respective teams are held in late term 1. Trial dates and team selection is determined by the teachers and coaches the respective teams and students are given verbal advanced notice of the trial sessions.



*Where possible email notification will be given to advise trial dates and times.*

Each team member is required to sign a "Code of Conduct". This ensures that Beecroft Public School will take students to compete against other schools within our zone who exhibit the following:

- Positive sportsmanship with own team members and other school team members
- Exhibit behaviour at school consistent with the rules of the behaviour and discipline policy
- Compete abiding by the rules and the referee's/umpire's decisions
- Are a good sport and encourage fellow team members
- Be respectful of the rules and spirit of the game and make no criticism either by word or gesture to competitors, spectators or referee's/umpires

There is significant commitment required when selected to participate in PSSA. Parents/carers are required to pay the cost of bus transportation for the season as an up-front cost. There will be training sessions for all PSSA teams and students are expected to attend. PSSA times vary for stage 2 and stage 3. Stage 2 students leave school at xxx and return at xxx. Stage 3 students leave school at 12.50pm and return to school by 3.25pm.

The teams are comprised of students who display the necessary qualities to represent BPS in their chosen sport. Selections are based on a series of trials and **only take into account the performance of each child, on each trial day.** If students are absent on trial dates due to illness or injury, every effort will be made to hold trials upon their return. If a student is absent on trial dates due to personal commitments, such as holidays or travel, there may not be the opportunity for these students to participate in trials for their nominated sport.

The Principal, sports coordinator and teachers have the right to withdraw any student from a team sport where their behaviour within the school or at a PSSA sporting event is called into question. Parents/carers will be informed throughout this process.



### **Other Representative Sports**

Selection to zone, area and state teams in swimming, cross country and athletics is determined by merit and achieving the respective qualifying times or distances at school carnivals. Students are advised as soon as possible after school carnivals if they have qualified for the next level of competition.

In the spirit of sportsmanship and competition, students qualifying for the next level of competition are expected to compete. If students do not intend to compete at the next level, they are to alert the sports coordinator immediately following selection. The next eligible student will then be offered the opportunity to compete.

Opportunities exist for students to trial for representation in various Beecroft Zone sports teams. Participation in selection trials is offered to those students who compete at a club level in division 1 or are a representative in their chosen sport already. If there are no students at the school who compete at this level then consideration will be given to other students. Limited places are available at zone trials and the Principal, in consultation with the Sports Coordinator, will determine which students are offered the trial positions.

### **Dance Troupes**

All students who are selected to participate in dance troupes at BPS are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct, as detailed above. In addition it is a requirement that once parental consent is formally given, by the way of a permission note, that all students attend rehearsals and performance commitments. The performance schedule may include events during school time, after hours and on weekends. This schedule is communicated to parents and carers at the beginning of the performance season and it is an expectation that all students attend. Choreography is planned and developed with all students in mind and missing a performance may hinder the performance of the dance troupe. In the event of illness or injury, every effort is to be made to inform the dance teacher in a timely manner advising of the students' non-participation.