

Sport Team Selection Policy

RATIONALE

Sports events are an important part of the Skipton Primary School (SPS) Physical Education program and extra-curricular activities.

Sports events can help students to develop skills in physical activity and team work, and build self-confidence and ability in Physical Education. Events can also build school spirit and pride via students, staff and the wider school community working together to achieve a goal.

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

AIMS

1. To encourage students to participate to the best of their ability within a team environment whilst representing Skipton Primary School.
2. To reward efforts and sporting abilities of students. This is evident via making representative teams and achieving results at higher regional and state levels.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. All students participating in such events must meet and display the participation requirements, which include:
 - commitment to the sport,
 - a positive attitude,
 - a standard of behaviour that represents the school, and
 - the sporting ability to compete at that higher level.
2. Students will be informed of the selection process for all events prior to trying out for specific events.
3. Students successfully chosen for teams must meet the criteria outlined to all students prior to the team selection.
4. A student may be relieved of a place if that student displays unacceptable behaviour during school hours or at previous sporting events. It is important that the players accept they are representing SPS.
5. Parents and members of the wider community may at times be asked by the teachers to be actively involved in the logistics of sporting events, such as team coach or umpiring.
6. Qualifying times or distances must be within reasonable competitive levels for students to enter higher levels of competitions.

Network Sport Days (WPSSA)

All students are eligible to enter Western Plains School Sports Association events. There are four events over the year, one per term.

1. WPSSA Swimming Carnival

- Swimmers for individual events may be selected as long as they can make the distances and have a competitive time.
- Relay teams may be selected from individuals who have the best times.
- The teachers will be responsible for final selections.

2. WPSSA Athletics Carnival

The WPSSA carnival is organised by another school. It has events that are aligned with the next level of competition, the Eureka District Carnival (for detail on this event, see below). This event is for grades 3 to 6 only. Each sporting event (track and field) is open to everyone, except for the 800m, 1500m and relay race. Each school selects the two highest-performing students over these 800 and 1500m distances (based on school trials) in the age groups of 9/10, 11 and 12. Relay representatives may be chosen based on times during the carnival on the day.

3. WPSSA Winter Sports

Winter sports is organised by another school and is designed to allow children to experience a range of sports. There is no need for team selection.

4. WPSSA Summer Sports

Summer sports is organised by another school and is designed to allow children to experience a range of sports. There is no need for team selection.

Eureka District Athletics team

- The Skipton Primary School Athletics teams are selected based on the results from the WPSSA Athletics Carnival.
- The first placed student in each event at age level is selected for that event in the team.
- Students are only permitted to enter two individual events and one relay at higher levels such as District, Region and State.
- If a student qualifies in more than two events, they must select their preferred events.

District Cross Country

- Age groups offered at this event are 9/10yr, 11yr and 12/13yr old boys and girls.
- The Cross Country team is selected based on the results from the SPS House Cross Country carnival.
- The top six placed students in each age group are selected for the team, so long as they have a competitive time.

Interschool cricket teams

- Two teams for each gender are formed: A and B. All grade 5/6 children are given the opportunity to participate in the Ballarat carnival in at least one of these teams.
- Team A is selected on sporting ability to be competitive at higher levels. Students from any year level may be chosen for this team if they are more skilful.
- Team B is formed to enable all Grade 5/6 children to participate. Team B also acts as a reserve pool for Team A.

- Grade 3/4 students have the opportunity to participate in their own T20 Blast Cricket Competition, which is purely an event for 3/4 participation.
- Selection is made by the teachers after an extensive trial process. The final decision rests with the supervising teachers.

Golf

Each year Skipton Primary School participates in the School Sports Victoria golfing event, which includes local, regional and state levels. To be eligible to compete, students must be enrolled in Grades 3-6. This program at Skipton Primary School includes coaching from a combination of professional and school staff.

Grade 5/6 Golf

- The local competition (usually played at Mt Xavier) is open to all interested Grade 5/6 students.
- Subsequent tournaments are based on the results of previous matches. Those with high scores move onto regional competition. If a student is close to qualifying for regional level from the first local competition, they may be able to participate at a second local competition (usually Chalambar).

Grade 3/4 Golf

- The selection of players is done in conjunction with advice from the golfing professional and the teachers.

Extra Sporting Opportunities

Each year the teachers, in consultation with the principal, may decide to enter an individual or team in a School Sports Victoria sport not listed above. This will be done on a year-by-year basis and only if the individual or team is deemed to be competitive. Entering a sport in one year will not set a precedent for future years.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed by School Council in accordance with the School Council policy schedule or at the discretion of School Council.