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Rationale:

At Leichhardt Public School sport is an integral part of our school curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, stage and whole school basis. School representative teams play in the Balmain Primary Sports Association (Balmain PSSA) competition. Individual students may represent the school at the Zone, Region and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Teams:

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are in Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2). Senior Teams will be selected from students in Year 5 and 6 (Stage 3).

If it is not stated that it is a single sex team, then the teams may be made up of mixed sexes.

When selecting students for representative sports during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:

- Ability and strong skill level
- Sportsmanship
- Cooperation and positive attitude towards the game during trials

If a team cannot fill positions in the first tryout, a second tryout will be held for that sport. Students who do not make a PSSA team in the first round, can then select to try out for vacant positions in the second tryout.

- Selections may be held over one or more sessions;
- Where there are two children of equal ability, the child from the higher school grade will be selected;
- Children do not have to participate in this sport outside school to be eligible to try out for the team;
- The selections will be made according to performance at selection sessions

- Children who are absent due to illness or holidays on all selection days may not be considered, unless additional players are required to form a team
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to other school commitments i.e. District sports or Selective High School tests, then another trial session may be held to determine if he/she is worthy of selection
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors where possible
- All children to be selected will have equal time on the field/court during selection
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors unless specifically referring to the trial dates
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.

Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country

- Individual entry: The school team will be selected on the students' performance at School Carnivals. If a talented athlete is unable to compete at the School Carnival, consideration will be given to them becoming an additional entry based upon proven past performance.
- Relay teams: Will be selected by the Sports Coordinator and School Executive based upon results at the School Carnival. If necessary, selection trials may be held to determine the relay positions.

Representative Tryouts

- Students will be made aware of the trial dates
- Due to the limited number of students who are eligible from each school, only those students who demonstrate exceptional skills relative to the sport will be considered.

The selection process will be based on:

- Tryouts if there are more than the desired number of representatives. All individuals will be selected by two teachers/selectors
- Proof and evidence of sporting achievements.

It is deemed that it is not mandatory for a school to select students for representative trials if the required skill level is not matched.

Codes of Behaviour

Codes of behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play at sport

- That students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers
- The encouragement of student participation in sport and, in doing so, contributes to higher levels of health and fitness.

Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Region or State at any sporting event, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school PSSA/sports uniform. When representing the school, students will be expected to wear representative shirts. PSSA uniforms will be distributed by PSSA coaches and must be returned to the coach at the conclusion of the season. Parents may be charged a replacement fee for items that are not returned by the specified date or if the items are returned in very poor condition.

Full school PSSA/sports uniform includes wearing a school hat and necessary safety equipment for specific sports (e.g. helmet, shin pads, mouth guard etc.). Sports studs are only to be worn whilst playing sport. They must not be worn on the bus.

It is expected that students will uphold the values and rules of the school at all times. Failure to do so will result in behaviour management procedures put in place.

Players, parents, spectators, teachers and coaches must all abide by the Balmain PSSA Code of Conduct Policy (<https://www.balmainpssa.nsw.edu.au/codes-of-conduct>).

The school reserves the right to suspend a student's participation in sporting activities if their behaviour is inappropriate in any school activities.

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