**NORTH WOLLONGONG PSSA**

**SELECTION OF SPORT TEAMS POLICY**

## Rationale:

Sport is an integral part of the school curriculum. It is provided on a class, stage, whole school and district basis. School teams play in the North Wollongong PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at District, Zone, Area and/or State in various sports.

**PSSA Teams**

Junior Teams are the students from Years 3 - 4.

Senior Teams are the students from Years 5 - 6.

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 during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:

* Ability and strong skill level;
* Sportsmanship;
* Cooperation and attitude; and
* Commitment to training sessions.

**DISTRICT TRIALS**

Trials will be held to select students to represent North Wollongong in PSSA.

* Selections will be held at schools early in Term 1.
* Schools will select students from Years 4 - 6, who are of exceptional ability and perform at a high standard within the sport;
* It is at the school’s discretion and under guidance from the sports organiser in selecting suitable Year 4 students to trial for selection.
* Schools **must** only send to district trials students who meet the above criteria;
* Where there are children of equal ability the child from the higher school grade will be selected;
* It is preferred children participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team;
* The selections will be made according to performance on selection sessions;
* Children who are absent due to holidays on all selection days will not be considered unless additional players are required to form the team;
* If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to other school commitments i.e. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then they can be considered if he/she is worthy of being selected;
* All teams or individuals will be selected by the organising teacher(s);
* Selection will be made on a merit basis with consideration also given to the student’s ability to abide by the Player’s Code of Conduct;
* 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.
* 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.