Guildford West Public School Sport Policy

Our school is a member of the Auburn District Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)

Our ZONE covers 12 schools from South West Sydney and the Association is a member of the South West Sydney Primary Schools Sports Association which is affiliated with the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association.

The Association was formed with the aim of promoting sport through interschool competition among the Zone's primary school students.

Rationale
- At Guildford West Public School sport is an integral part of the curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, grade, stage and school basis. School representative teams play in the summer and winter PSSA competitions.
- Representing Guildford West Public School is a privilege made available through dedicated teachers working above their normal workloads. Individual students must at all times display exemplary behaviour and good sportsmanship when representing the school.
- All children are encouraged to participate in the PSSA teams and all children from years 3 ~ 6 have the opportunity to trial for school representation in the PSSA competitions held on Friday mornings in Terms 1 & 4 and Friday afternoons in Terms 2 & 3.
- Students not selected for PSSA teams will be placed in the School Sports Program which operates at the same time as the PSSA Program.
- Students may represent the school, the zone and the region in various sports.

School Sports Program
In Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4 a high energy sports program is operated at school. Students involved in this sports program will be taught sport skills and taught to play team games such as Oz Tag, Newcomb Ball and T-Ball or participate in a variety of fitness, flexibility and agility activities such as our “Walking Club.” Sports teams or associations such as Cricket NSW or the Parramatta Eels Rugby League Club might also run skills programs over a series of weeks for these students. Sports activities have a duration of 1 hour but in order to cover the additional time that students competing in PSSA are away from school (travel time and spectator time included) students remaining at school will participate in club activities in addition to the one hour of structured sports activities.
The club activities are offered are linked to the syllabus outcomes and/or perspectives. Students select from club activities offered by the teachers remaining at school. Some of the “Clubs” activities include: Drama, Gardening, Craft, Board games and Computers. Students join a club for the duration of the sport season.

Non-competitive Gala Days & Skills Sessions

From time to time the school may enter teams in gala days and/or organise sporting associations to conduct skills sessions at school or venues outside of the school. Entry for participation will be open to all interested students in the target group.

PSSA Program

- Trials will be held for each sport in which Guildford West PS participate in as part of the Auburn District PSSA.
- Ability to perform as a member of a team is paramount in this selection procedure.
- As the PSSA competition commences early in Term 1, all participating schools must select teams within the first 2 weeks of school. The summer sport competitions run in Terms 1 & 4.
- At the end Term 1 or during the first two weeks of Term 2, the winter sport teams must be selected. The winter sport competitions run in Terms 2 & 3.

The sports offered in the PSSA interschool competition are:-

Terms 1 & 4:
- Girls’ Junior T-Ball and Boys’ Junior T-Ball
- Girls’ Senior Softball and Boys’ Senior Softball
- Mixed Junior Cricket and Mixed Senior Cricket

Terms 2 & 3:
- Girls’ Junior Oz-Tag and Boys’ Junior Oz-Tag
- Girls’ Senior Oz-Tag and Boys’ Senior Oz-Tag
- Junior Mixed Newcomb Ball and Senior Mixed Newcomb Ball.
- Girls’ Junior Netball and Girls’ Senior Netball
- Junior Mixed Soccer and Senior Mixed Soccer.

Selection Information

- **Junior division** is for those students in Years 3-5, who turn 8, 9 or 10 years of age in the current calendar year.
- **Senior division** is for those students who turn 11 years and over in the current calendar year.
• The sports in which we choose to participate will be determined by school policy, needs of students and the ability to meet guidelines/criteria as set out by the PSSA.

• If a child is absent for one of the selection trials, due to other school commitments e.g. debating, choir etc. then where possible, another selection trial will be held to determine if he/she is worthy of being selected.

• If a child is absent due to illness or family circumstances and has missed all selection trials, another selection trial will only be held, if the team still requires additional members.

• Representatives have additional responsibilities including: attending training, wearing the entire school sports uniform, adhering to school rules, understanding and adhering to the rules specific to the activity, meeting any associated costs and reading, signing and committing to the code of conduct – including behaviour during transport and when indirectly supervised.

Selection of Teams
All students will be notified of PSSA trials at the prior Monday morning assembly or by PA announcements on the day of extra trials, if deemed necessary.
Parents will be notified of up-coming opportunities for their child to trial for a PSSA team through the school bulletin and/or web page.
Parents should note that summer trials are held in the first two weeks of the school year and may be held before the first bulletin is published.

• Teachers give up their own time to select and train a PSSA team.

• The teacher in charge of that team is responsible for the selection criteria.

• Places available on the teams are limited by the type of sport being played and the number of teams allowed in the competition.

• If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held.

• The selection process is based on a number of trials, usually spread over a two week period, as set out by the coach.

• Selection into a team is competitive and students will be selected on the basis of a number of attributes demonstrated at the selection trials.

• The teacher may base their selection process on the following: ability/skill level; behaviour; social interaction; sportsmanship; team work.

• Children do not have to participate in sport out of school to be eligible to try out for a team.

• The team coach has the final decision on team selection.

• Two reserves will be selected (minimum);
• Some coaches may select additional players for their teams to cover for student absences. The coach might adopt a rotational playing roster or advise players that they are included as reserves to cover for absences.
• Some sports that play as a mixed gender team e.g. Newcomb Ball, will have designated numbers of a particular gender that must participate in each game.
• All children selected in a team will have equitable time on the field/court during games whenever possible.
• Training sessions for PSSA teams are usually held during lunchtimes and times for each team practice will be determined by the teacher in charge of the team at the beginning of the season.
• Students who do not adhere to the code of conduct may incur a suspension or an exclusion from their team.

Zone Representation
• Positions in Zone Representative Teams are by selection trials and these trials are held at venues around the zone, outside of school hours and will require private transport.
• The School Sports Coordinator will nominate students to represent GWPS at zone and regional trials. Most regional trial participants will be selected from zone trials. As the level of skill required representing at zone or regional level is very high, the School Sports Coordinator may elect not to nominate students for trials.
• Generally, students nominated for zone teams will be involved in playing at representative level outside the school or display a high level of ability in that particular sport.
• Unless age based, the positions in Zone Representative Teams are usually filled by Year 5 or Year 6 students.

Auburn PSSA Carnivals (Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming)
• At the conclusion of school carnivals the School Sports Coordinator will select a team to represent GWPS at zone level.
• Students must meet zone qualifying times, heights or distances in some events in order to attend. Selection of relay teams is at the discretion of the team coach.

Permission Notes
• All students selected for PSSA will have to return a signed permission slip. This notification will include likely costs, necessary equipment and training schedules involved for selected team members. A child without parental permission will be excluded from any PSSA teams. It is expected that once a student commits to a PSSA team for the season, they will remain on the team until the competition finishes.
All students selected into a PSSA team and/or participating in a PSSA carnival must sign and abide by the **PSSA Code of Conduct**. Breaches of this code may lead to the removal of the student from the team or competition.

**PSSA Code of Conduct**
1. Play for the fun of it.
2. Compete by the rules and always abide by the referees/umpires’ or touch judges’ decisions.
3. Control your temper. Make no criticism – either by word or gesture.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.
5. Be willing to train and prepare for the game. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
6. Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members.
7. At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents – without them you do not have a competition.
8. Be correctly attired and proud to represent your school.
9. Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

Parents of all PSSA team members will be required to sign and abide by the **Spectators Code of Conduct**. Parents who do not adhere to the Spectators Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the game.

* Spectators Code of Conduct – coming soon.