



Cudgegong Valley Public School Representative Sport Policy

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This Representative Sport Policy outlines the opportunities, responsibilities and commitments required by students, parents, and school staff participating in representative sport. It is a condition that all children and adults agree to abide by this policy when participating or assisting school sport teams.

Definitions

“Representative sport” is any inter-school sporting event where students are participating as a representative of Cudgegong Valley Public School (CVPS). This includes all participation through the NSW Primary School Sports Association (NSWPSSA).

Philosophy

Representative sport is an opportunity for children to enjoy and benefit from participation in competition to develop skills, self-esteem, fun, fitness and friendships. Representative sport provides opportunities for children gifted and talented in sport.

Our school provides a range of representative sporting activities in which students can participate. These can be broadly categorised into NSWPSSA knockout competitions; non-NSWPSSA gala days; and NSWPSSA representative sports, including Cudgegong Zone PSSA (Zone), Western Schools Sports

Association (WSSA) and NSWPSSA State trials, carnivals and championships.

It is the policy of CVPS to enter competitive teams in the NSWPSSA competitions and participatory teams in non-PSSA affiliated sporting events.

Objectives

The key objectives are for our children to:

- Enjoy physical activity as a lifelong exercise
- Build self-esteem, social skills, and teamwork capabilities
- Be provided with gifted and talented opportunities to excel in sport

Age Requirements

CVPS, as a member of the NSWPSSA, offers representative sports for students in Primary school. NSWPSSA policy is that **students must be turning 8 years old in the year of competition to participate**. The NSWPSSA and CVPS believe students under this age lack the physical, emotional and social maturity to cope with the competitive stresses and competition processes involved in representative sport.

Sports Coordinator

The School Sports Coordinator is a teacher nominated by staff at the beginning of the school year, and delegated by the principal, to oversee representative sport.

The sports coordinator liaises with the School Executive on matters of representative sport and organises teachers to manage school sporting teams and carnivals.

Roles

School Sports Coordinator

- Identify the range of sports offered, with consultation of staff and school community
- Facilitate selection of team managers and sports carnival committees
- Develop sporting calendar / yearly overview and circulate to all stakeholders

- Publish WSSA trials information in the school newsletter in Term 1
- Oversee team managers/coaches, and communicate on a regular basis
- Monitor sports policy, including grievance procedures
- Is the school contact point for Zone and WSSA Trials
- Attend Cudgegong Zone PSSA meetings
- Liaise with sporting associations
- Maintain sporting house and sports girl and sports boy champion points
- Recognise individual WSSA and NSWPSA State achievements

Sports Carnival Committee

- Committees will be convened from school staff for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals
- Appoint carnival manager
- Collaboratively organise carnivals
- Appoint supervising teacher for Zone
- Organised relay training where required
- Update sporting records as required

Team Manager (Teacher)

- Commit to the sport for the year
- Organise and promote selection trials with appropriate notice
- Appoint parent/community coach if desired
- Has the final say on selection of team
- Ensure knowledge of rules of the sport and/or competition
- Organise and communicate training and commitment expectations
- Organise match dates, venues, equipment, and circulate information to stakeholders
- Organise risk assessments, consent forms
- Organise transport to/from events
- Notify NSWPSA of match results
- Recognise participation/result in school newsletter in a timely manner

Coaches

- Desirable that coaches have qualifications and/or experience

- If not a teacher, has relevant WWCC
- Provide advice to manager on selection
- Promote good sportsmanship and fairness

Students

- Commit to the sport for the duration of the competition
- Check daily notices for messages regarding sporting trials
- Attend trials and training as often as practicable
- Commit to manager/coach expectations
- Display good sportsmanship and fairness
- Maintain academic and behavioural standards
- Listen and follow coach and manager instructions
- Compete to the best of their ability

Parents

- Promote good sportsmanship and fairness with their children
- Support and encourage school sport teams where appropriate
- Refrain from publicly making critical or personal remarks about students, staff or other parents
- When available, help with the transport of players to/from events

Duty of Care

All Department of Education staff have a duty to take reasonable care for the safety and welfare of children and young people in their charge. That duty is to take all reasonable action to protect students from risks of harm that can be reasonably predicted. In the sport setting this includes, but is not limited to:

- Adequate supervision of students, especially when off school premises
- Ensuring a basic first aid kit is available
- Removing players with injuries from the game to receive treatment

- Cancel practices or matches in extreme weather, giving reasonable notice to parents
- Ensuing players comply with sunsmart practices
- Timely communication with parents and caregivers regarding serious incidents.

Grievance Procedures

Concern over issues of a sporting nature should be raised with regard to the following grievance process:

1. Concerns related to players or parents should be raised with the team manager at an appropriate time.
2. Concerns related to an external coach or another school should be raised with the team manager at an appropriate time.
3. Any unresolved concerns or concerns related to the team manager should be raised with the School Sports Coordinator.
4. A Sports Grievance Committee, chaired by the Principal, may meet to resolve any further concerns.

NSWPSSA Knockout Competitions

The School Sport Coordinator identifies the range of sports offered, and in consultation with Principal, Staff and School Community decides the knockouts to be entered in during Term 4 of the previous year. Entries into NSWPSSA knockouts close on the last day of Term 4.

CVPS aims to enter competitive teams in NSWPSSA Knockout competitions.

Students in Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) are eligible to trial for selection in Knockout teams. Students in Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will only be selected if an appropriate level of physical development and maturity is shown.

Stage 2 students must understand they are competing in an open age group, most likely against students in Years 5 and 6.

Non-NSWPSSA Gala Day Participation

'Gala Day' refers to school sporting competitions not affiliated with the NSWPSSA. From time to time, sporting and community organisations run school events, and CVPS participates as an active part of our community.

The School Sports Coordinator consults with the appropriate Stage Supervisor, who enters school teams into non-NSWPSSA gala days. The focus of these events is participation, fitness and enjoyment. In general, CVPS seeks to enter participation teams into:

- Cricket NSW Gala Days
- NRL Peachy Shield/Richardson Cup
- Mudgee Wombats Gala Day
- St Matthews Netball Gala Day
- NSW Touch Primary School Gala Day

The number of teams and age of competitors is determined on a case by case basis. Entry into these and other gala days is subject to advance notice, cost, travel requirements, and clashes with other school events.

Team Selection Policy

Competitive Selection in School Teams: NSWPSSA Knockouts

PSSA Knockout sporting teams will be selected on the basis of skill level and appropriate behaviour.

Trials will be held at school during recess and/or lunch breaks.

Team Managers are to make a reasonable effort to ensure all eligible students have an equitable opportunity to trial for school sporting teams.

If a team member is unable to compete due to injury or clash with another school event, CVPS policy is to not replace the student in the team. Should the team progress further in the competition, the original team member may re-join the team.

Selection in School Teams: Gala Days

Non-PSSA Gala Day sports are offered with participation, fitness and enjoyment as the focus. Teams will be comprised on the basis of

fair participation, with skill level not being a consideration.

Team managers will invite students to express their interest in participating in a team/event. Parents should be notified of the expression of interest of the gala day. Appropriate behaviour forms part of selection.

Team managers are to make reasonable efforts to place interested children into teams, providing they nominate within the required time.

Coaches should employ rotation and fair playing time strategies to manage the team.

Individual and Team Representation at Zone, WSSA and State NSWPSA

CVPS is affiliated with the Cudgegong Zone PSSA, the WSSA, and the NSWPSA. Students have the opportunity to compete at a representative level individually or as part of a team.

Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country carnivals provide the pathway for individuals in these sports to compete at a regional, state and national level. Students are selected based on performance at the relevant school carnival (with number of placegetters selected subject to change according to Zone policy). Students must compete at a school carnival to be eligible for Zone representation. An exception may be made for students who are absent on official school business.

In addition, Zone and WSSA trials are held in Terms 1 and 2 for a range of team sports.

Children with sporting ambitions are encouraged to participate in Zone and WSSA selection trials. A calendar of events will be published in Term 1 in the school newsletter. Additionally, trial and carnival information is available on the WSSA website:
app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/western

Recognition

As a member of the NSWPSA, CVPS follows the recommendation that in team sports the performance of the team, rather than individual achievements, should be

recognised. The emphasis is on the team's achievements and should be celebrated as such.

Teams and WSSA Representatives (to compete at a state championship) are recognised through the school newsletter and online as per the school's communications policy.

Individuals and teams are also acknowledged at Stage Assemblies, in line with non-sporting student achievement.

At Presentation Day, two awards for Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year are presented to Year 6 students who have achieved the greatest Zone/WSSA/NSWPSSA representation across all sports. The Billy Holland Award for Sportsmanship is presented in recognition of outstanding sportsmanship and attitude to school sport.

Sporting Recognition Wall

CVPS maintains a sporting recognition wall as a source of pride for students and a link to our school's sporting history.

Eligibility: Students who have achieved WSSA representation at a NSWPSA State Championship or higher will be recognised with a collective photograph.

School teams that have won Western Championships in the NSWPSA Knockout will be recognised with a photograph on the wall.

Evaluation

This policy is reviewed annually in line with CVPS' whole school evaluation practices.

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