



School Sport Selection Policy

Rationale

Rosanna Golf Links Primary School aims to provide all students with the opportunity to develop and enrich their lives through sport. We acknowledge the important role that sporting competition can play in a child's social, emotional and physical development.

Purpose

This policy is to ensure that the school provides an interschool and district sport program to aid in the following:

- Development of skills
- Understanding of game strategies
- Increase fitness
- Develop appropriate attitudes for playing team sport
- Fostering team spirit
- Sportsmanship
- Honesty
- Fairness to opponents
- Support of own team members.

Implementation

- RGLPS is a member of the Heidelberg District School Sports Association (HDSSA) that controls interschool and district sport in our area. The HDSSA is a member of School Sports Victoria. This is the governing body of Primary School sport in Victoria.
- The selection of sports for interschool sport each of the seasons (summer and winter) will be decided upon by the HDSSA. The teams are either boys, mixed or girls.

Interschool Sport – Single Team Scenario

- Where RGLPS enters one team all Grade 6's will be allocated into a team or team role as part of the curriculum (ie. Interschool sport is not optional for Grade 6)
- Grade 6's will be able to nominate their sport of choice and where numbers permit this will be accommodated. Where a certain Summer sport is over-subscribed students will be given the option of nominating an alternative Summer sport and these students will be given first preference for Winter sport
- In the event numbers are still oversubscribed, those sports will be selected by trial and players will be selected according to ability. Coaches will be responsible for team selection
- Where there are insufficient numbers to make a complete team in any particular sport, after all Grade 6's have been allocated a team or team role, then the Grade 6's will be supplemented by Grade 5's and their participation will be determined by trial and merit
- A squad is defined as the required team number plus two. The squad should be rotated on a regular basis to ensure all squad members play on a fair and equitable basis. Once the squads have been formed they will remain in place for the balance of the season

- Grade 5 students not involved in the Interschool Sports program will participate in an alternative 'good health' program

Interschool Sport – A & B Team Scenario

In the event that numbers permit an A & B team being selected for summer and/or winter the following will apply:

- Grade 6 students in the first instance select their sport of choice.
- The 'A' team will be stronger than the 'B' team.
- Although Grade 6 students receive their sport of choice, 'A' teams and 'B' teams will be determined by trial and players will be selected according to ability. Coaches will be responsible for team selection.
- If in the event of illness or other circumstance, an 'A' team in a particular sport is short of numbers, then a 'B' team player from that same sport may be called up to fill in, but not vice versa.
- If this causes a shortage of numbers in a 'B' team then the Grade 5 students not already assigned to a team can fill in for the 'B' team, or if need be, a Grade 4 student may be required.

District Sports

- The current District Sports program for RGLPS is Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country and Athletics but any sport covered under School Sports Victoria could be added
- District Sports are available for Grades 3 – 6 and are generally completed in age groups 10 years, 11 years and combined 12/13 years. Students will compete in the correct age group and unless otherwise agreed will not be forced into older age groups
- Selection will normally be via trials during school time and where possible trials will be held for swimming to ensure 50m competency and merit
- For Swimming and Athletics there is in place a HDSSA Policy of 2 individual events and 1 relay restriction for any student
- Where a student qualifies for more events than policy, in determining the events to be entered the aim should be to balance individual student performance and choice

General Guidelines

- Our objective is to develop sport skills, game strategies and good sportsmanship. Winning is a by-product of interschool sport not the sole focus
- Good sportsmanship, respect for teammates, opponents and officials, and adherence to RGLPS values will be the expected standard for all participating students
- Participants in sporting activities are to be supervised at all times by either a teacher or appropriate adult
- With the exception of mouth guards, students will be provided with adequate protective equipment appropriate to the sport as specified by the SSV. However, students are allowed to bring their own protective equipment to use during interschool sport

- It is a requirement that students wear mouthguards for contact sports such as Aussie rules football and other sports as advised. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide mouthguards
- Students need to wear the appropriate school sporting uniform including appropriate footwear such as runners. The style of uniform will depend on the sport
- The school's SunSmart policy is to apply for all interschool sporting activities. A school-approved hat must be worn during terms one and four
- Students will have the opportunity to take on different roles within the team
- Captaincy will be rotated around the teams to give as many students as possible the opportunity. The designated captain is to provide a verbal report at Monday's assembly and on occasion a written report for the school's newsletter
- Students may be asked to play on an opposition team to balance numbers
- Teams may train at a specified time and it is expected that all students attend training sessions
- The staff member in charge of each sport is to take a mobile phone (leave the number at the office) and first aid kit to non-school based locations
- Students will be expected to learn the rules for their sport so that they are able to play safely
- Students, Parents and Coaches must adhere to the appropriate codes of conduct. These are in line with the SSV policies
- Parents will be encouraged to support the Sports program through active coaching of teams during lunch and after school as agreed with the organising teacher. At the commencement of each season, parents will be provided with the names of coaches, training times and fixture details. Parents are required to abide by the HDSSA code of conduct. No sideline coaching by parents is allowed
- Students will not participate in interschool sport until they have returned their permission form and money.

Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the RGLPS review cycle.