

Boroondara Park Sport Selection Procedures

Interschool Sport at Boroondara Park comprises several areas including athletics, swimming, cross country, summer and winter interschool sport teams and Hooptime basketball. Children may also be provided with the opportunity to trial for state team selection in a range of sports. Competition is generally organised through the North Balwyn District School Sports Association. Success at District level for both individuals and teams provides the opportunity to proceed to Division, Regional and State level competitions.

The school views interschool sport activities as a way for the students with talents in a sporting area to strive for success in the highest competitive situation available. Interschool sport is considered a part of our school's extension program, similar to the way Gateways, Tournament of the Minds and Maths Olympiad provide extension for the students who perform well in academic areas and lead roles in musicals provide for the more able music and drama students.

Friday Interschool Sport

Interschool Sport teams are selected to compete against other schools in the North Balwyn District Association on Fridays during terms 1 and 2 with zone finals in term 3 (winter sports) and 4 (summer sports). The Team 4 students select the sports they wish to try out for. They may only pick one sport and not swap to another if they were not selected for their first preference. Each sport has a number of people needed to play and this includes substitute players. During the tryouts the teachers watch the students performing a variety of skills and drills to see which students show particular potential in that sport. Students are picked on their ability, regardless of their year level (5 or 6), to give us the best team to compete against the other schools. Interschool sport is considered as our extension program for those students who excel, or exhibit the potential to excel, in a competitive situation. It is important to note that students not selected participate in an intra school sport competition based on the students' house groups. They play a variety of sports in mixed gender groups. This sport time is now call the Reggie Cup and has become quite competitive within the house groups. These children do not miss out on playing weekly sport.

Interschool Sports offered are:

Summer

- Softball – mixed and girls
- Cricket – mixed
- Volleyball – mixed and girls
- Bat Tennis - mixed and girls
- Rounders – mixed and girls

Winter

- Netball – mixed and girls
- Soccer – mixed and girls
- Football – mixed
- Tee-ball – mixed and girls

Athletics

A House Athletics Carnival is conducted at a local athletics venue with the top two place getters from each event gaining selection in the school squad. At district level the students are only allowed to compete in 2 individual events plus a relay race. Students who qualify for more than the 2 allowed events have to make a choice as to which events they will compete. Where this creates a vacancy in an event, the third or subsequent place getters may then be selected to participate to complete our squad. The school maintains the discretion to decide if a lower place getter in the trials is sufficiently skilled to be selected.

Swimming

Trials are held for those who are capable swimmers and we time each race to select our fastest swimmers. Selection into the school team then follows the same guide lines as for athletics.

Cross Country

At the school cross country event, the students from Yr 3- 6 elect to compete in a fun run or a selection trial. The first 10 boys and 10 girls from each age group in the trial events are selected to compete in the District carnival. The 12/13 and 11 years age group run 3km and the 9/10 years old run 2km. If we do not get 10 participants from each age group in the trials then the top performers from the fun run may be invited to participate in the district event.

State Sport selections

During first term some students are selected to try out for state team selection. With the process starting at the district level, these trials go through a range of stages before they reach the state level. At the school level, students are selected after showing exceptional talent for a particular sport. The school may select a maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls to participate. Students can not be selected purely to 'give them a go' as the trials are rigorous and conducted within a restricted time frame.

Trials include the following sports:

- Tennis – school trials are conducted for this sport due to its popularity
- Basketball – trials are conducted for this sport due to its popularity
- Netball – selected by the netball coach
- Soccer – selected by the soccer coach
- Football - selected by the football coach
- Softball – selected by the softball coach
- Hockey – expression of interest
- Cricket – students selected by displaying outstanding talent in all aspects of the game. (Trials are run by Cricket Victoria)

HoopTime Basketball

Hooptime, organised by the Victorian Basketball Association, comprises two competitions – one for Year 3/4s (Junior Hooptime) and one for Year 5/6s (Senior Hooptime), with the 5/6 Hoop Time conducted every second year. Competition is against teams from other schools and is graded into Rookie, Future Stars and All Stars teams. The Rookies and Future Star teams are put together randomly after the students have nominated the level in which they would like to compete. They are arranged into teams of about 8 with a mixture of boys and girls. The students who nominate to go in the All Stars group undergo trials to select the **best** basketball players from both year levels. In this trial 8 boys and 8 girls are selected for the two All Star teams. The selection process is conducted through a series of lunch time trials. Students are selected on the abilities they **show** during those times. Those not selected are placed in Future Star teams.

We hope this information provided both students and parents with clear guidelines and a greater understanding of the schools policies and practices in selecting teams and individuals for sporting events.

Many Thanks

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