



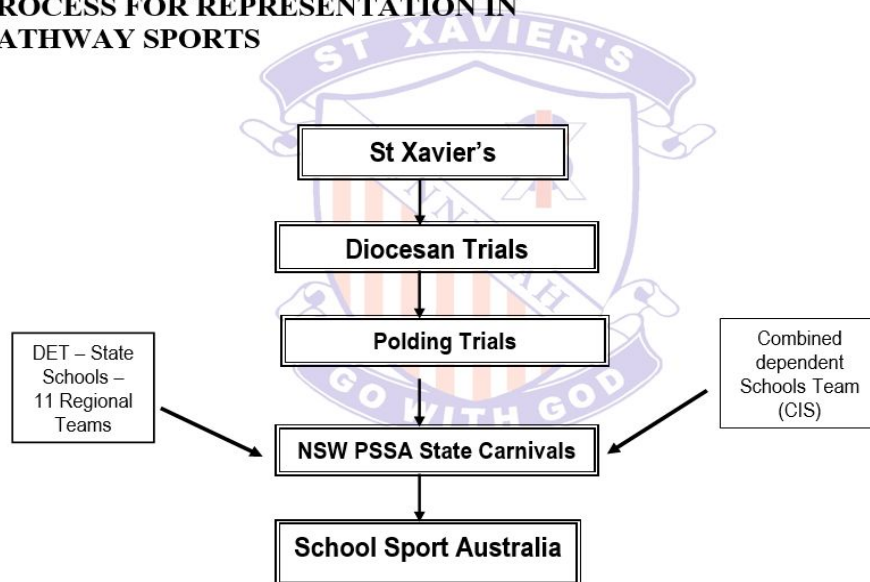
ST XAVIER'S SCHOOL GUNNEDAH

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT PROCEDURE

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS

St Xavier's encourages children from eight years of age to participate in representative teams in the following PATHWAY SPORTS: swimming, athletics, cross country, tennis, cricket, basketball, softball, touch, rugby league, rugby union, soccer, hockey, and netball.

PROCESS FOR REPRESENTATION IN PATHWAY SPORTS



Representative opportunities are also available at carnivals organised by particular sports governing bodies such as the CRL, CRU, Netball Associations, and Horse Sports Associations

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SPORTS SELECTION PROCEDURE

Where it is necessary for selections to be made in team sports, consideration may be given to Ability, Fairness, Safety, Effort, Experience and Age.

GENERAL SELECTION PRINCIPLES FOR ALL SPORTS

- All children should be treated fairly.
- Children may be required to be registered.
- Children in Year 6 may be given precedence in some but not all instances.
- Children should be suitable for the position they have been chosen.
- The Principal reserves the right to make the final decisions regarding selection and any variation of the procedure must have the authority of the Principal.
- The Principal may exercise this right in cases **where a student's academic efforts or behaviour would disqualify them from selection.**

SELECTORS

- It is the responsibility of the school to choose the best possible selectors in each sport.
- Where possible selectors should have appropriate formal qualifications.
- The selectors should be impartial and experienced.
- Selectors should run trials if selection is necessary.
- Observation of candidates in competition is desirable.
- The selectors' decision is final. Parents are not to approach selectors or coaches with grievances.
- Any grievances must be directed to the principal.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Peel Carnival

- Teams are selected on the basis of ability and experience in Rugby League. Consideration may be given to the child's grade, however suitability to position and team composition will take priority.
- Some priority may be given to an Opens Team at the discretion of the Principal, however teams will generally be entered according to the number of players available in each age group.

- Teams at state carnivals will be selected on the basis of ability. Game time is ultimately a matter of the coach's discretion however they should follow the guide for coaches at carnivals included in this policy.

Diocesan Gala Day

- Play will generally be in Under 10's and Open's. As this is a non Pathways carnival all teams will be of mixed ability.

Mineworkers Shield

- Priority given to Year 6 children

Seven-A-Side

- Teams selected on the basis of ability and suitability to the format. Mixed ability may be considered. Priority given to Year 6.

NETBALL

NSW CPS Netball

- Children will be entered in the Under 10's and Open's age groups. Children are selected primarily on the basis of ability and suitability to positions. Children will trial for places in the squads and, where possible, selectors will observe their play in competition. Depending on numbers Year 6 children may be given some priority. Depending on the strength of playing group and on travel and accommodation arrangements, more than one team may be selected per age group.

Anne Singleton Cup

- Restricted to Year Six children only. Selections may be held depending on numbers. Year 5 will only be considered if too few Year 6 children are available.

- Diocesan Gala Day

Play will generally be in Under 10's and Open's. As this is a non Pathways carnival all teams will be of mixed ability.

- Gunnedah & Tamworth and other local carnivals.

(Participation only if a staff member is willing to organise and be present)

Players must be registered netballers. Depending on numbers selection trials are to be held. Play will generally be in Under 10's and Opens though, depending on the carnival, other age groups might be included. A merit based team may be selected for each age group and other teams will be of mixed ability.

RUGBY UNION

- For safety purposes, priority will be given to registered and participating Rugby Union players, followed by League and Soccer players.
- Safety of players, particularly forwards will take priority. Experience, size and body shape will be determining factors in team selection.
- Events such as the Futuretaks Skills Day are open to all students regardless of experience.

SOCCER

- Priority is given to Soccer players. If there are not enough soccer players selection is then open to others.
- Selection trials may be held if needed.

HORSE SPORTS

- Children must be registered participants of a Pony Club.
- Parents/ Guardians must attend Horse Sports events and are responsible for horses, tack and supervision.
- All students, gear and horses must pass the gear check provided by the Pony Club registered staff member. The Staff member has the right to deem a horse or any gear unsafe or unsuitable. If this is the case the child will not be allowed to compete.

DIOCESAN TRIALS

Selections will be held for Diocesan trials participants for both Winter and Summer trials. These sports include Rugby League, Netball, Hockey, Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Tennis and Softball.

- Teachers will be responsible for selection.
- Children will be given an opportunity to participate in school based trials over a period of at least three weeks.
- Preference is given to Year 6 students. Only outstanding Year 5's will be considered.
- Yr 5 are selected at the end of the year for Summer Trial events held early the following year when they are in Yr 6.

NB: To be eligible for selection for trials or school based teams children should choose the desired sport as part of the winter sport rotation.

COACHING

St Xavier's School endeavours to appoint the best available coaches with appropriate qualifications and experience in specific sports. They must hold a current WWCC. A regular review of coaching performance will be conducted by the Sport Coordinator.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Coaches should adhere to St Xavier's Code of Conduct for Coaches.
- Rugby League Coaches must have Level O Coaching Qualifications or better.
- Rugby Union Coaches and managers must have completed the Smart Rugby Program.

GAME TIME AT CARNIVALS

- Children's game time should be reasonably equitable over the course of a carnival.
- Children should play at least 1 half in every round robin game.
- Every child should have some time on the bench during a carnival.
- Every child should be given some game time in a final.
- Effort should be made to allow every child to start at least 50% of games at a carnival.

CODES OF CONDUCT FOR SPORT AT ST XAVIER'S

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

- Be a good sport.
- Play for enjoyment.
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Treat all teammates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- Play by the rules.
- Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- Respect decisions of coaches and officials.
- Learn to value honest effort.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TEACHERS AND COACHES

- Set a good example for your players.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills.

- Teach a wide range of team skills.
- Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development of the players involved.
- Teach your players to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- Give all interested students a chance to participate in training and in games.
- Remove from the field of play any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date.

Smoking is prohibited by team officials during matches, during pre-match preparation and post-match periods whilst in contact with team members.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model for good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Teach your children to deal with disappointment and success with equal good grace.
- Be courteous in your communication with selectors, players, team officials, game officials and sports administrators.
- Respect the decisions of selectors, coaches and teachers. Parents are not to approach volunteers with grievances.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.

Parents who have any concerns about the conduct of a sporting event or any official related to the event should direct all their concerns to either the St Xavier's School Sports Coordinator or the Principal.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct the events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFICIALS

- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and games are safe and match the needs and skill level of the children involved.
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate behaviour.

- Encourage a positive attitude towards children's sport.
 - i. emphasise fun and enjoyment
 - ii. encourage both teams
 - iii. set a good example
- Be consistent, courteous and helpful toward all participants.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by experienced and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique, and that these officials are given the opportunity to improve their coaching and officiating.
- Remember that children play for enjoyment, downplay the importance of rewards.
- Avoid allowing children's sports programs to become primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participants rather than the enjoyment of the spectators.