

SAPSASA Policy and Procedure

This procedure is applicable to: all Department for Education employees at Paringa Park Primary School.

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1. Title

Paringa Park Primary School – SAPSASA Policy

2. Purpose

Paringa Park Primary School actively encourages children to participate in a range of SAPSASA and associated sporting events at local, district and state events.

3. Scope

This document governs the procedure and expectations for children wanting to be involved in SAPSASA events.

4. Objectives

Paringa Park Primary School is an affiliated school with SAPSASA, under the broader School Sport SA group, and the school is part of the South West District. At Paringa Park we have a strong and successful history of participation in SAPSASA events. Children are given the opportunity to compete at a higher level through school and/or district representation in individual and team pursuits. Children who meet the appropriate sporting criteria are encouraged to attend trials for district and state selections in their chosen sport.

At Paringa Park we believe that SAPSASA provides:

- Opportunities for children to demonstrate their ability and skills in sports, teamwork, fair play and good sportsmanship.
- An opportunity to play sport at a high level.
- A safe, healthy and friendly sporting environment that encourages personal achievement and develops self-esteem and confidence.
- An opportunity for children to demonstrate the school values of bravery and challenge, by 'stepping out of their comfort zone' and participating in a new sporting competition, a higher level of competition or selection trials for representative teams.

SAPSASA outlines the philosophy and rationale, together with the guiding principles underlying this broad based program. All competitions are run under the Association's strict Codes of Behaviour. Please refer to the School Sport SA (SAPSASA) website, <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport>, for conduct and grievance procedures.

5. Procedure detail

Selection in SAPSASA events at Paringa Park Primary is dependent on the type of activity involved. The over-riding principle used for school representation is based on the current SAPSASA selection and eligibility criteria.

Selection criteria: selection is based on ability. Selected children must have the principal's endorsement to compete.

Trials selection: a minimum of two trials will be held. Children must be given equal court/field time during trials to demonstrate their skills and abilities. Team sports selections for each district team should:

- Give equal consideration to year 6 and 7 children
- Give preference to a year 7 child if there is no clear difference compared to a year 6 child (School Sport SA website <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport>)

The school has a responsibility for nominating all teams for SAPSASA competitions and this is at the discretion of the school's coordinator. All nominations and selection for SAPSASA events must go through the appropriate school processes as outlined below. Selection is at the discretion of the school selector(s) keeping the best interests of the children and school representation in mind.

District team trials

Trials for district teams are open to children who play, currently or recently, the sport in question at either club or school level. For most team sports this is only open to year 6/7 children. Information is passed to the children fulfilling selection criteria to attend trials. If the trials are held out of school time then it is expected that children will make their own arrangements to attend these selection trials.

Some sports, (e.g. football, netball, soccer) have a district carnival to select squads. An internal trial, based on merit and in accordance with SAPSASA policy, may be held at school to select the participating team. If a full team of current school or club players cannot be filled then the places may be filled with students showing suitable ability for that sport, as shown in a selection trial.

Where district teams compete in age groups, e.g. swimming, cross country and athletics, selection is open to children from 10 year old to 13+ year old age groups. Swimmers must submit times to qualify for the District Carnival. The athletics team is selected on sports day results and follow up selection trials.

Children in year 4-7 who wish to compete in cross country championships must attend school running club, or another official running training program as negotiated with the SAPSASA selector/coordinator. Selection for divisions will be based on ability, as seen at trainings and subsequent trials.

Sport based carnivals

Some sporting carnivals, e.g. lacrosse, volleyball and girls' football, encourage participation of students rather than selection for representative teams. These events are usually open to all interested children in the required age group. If a large number of children are interested, more than one team may be nominated or an internal trial will be conducted. The selection of team members will give priority to those children who play the sport competitively.

Knockout competitions

Knockout competitions are extra SAPSASA competitions that teams may be involved in, at the discretion of the school coordinator. Our current policy is to limit the teams competing to a maximum of 1 or 2 per year, to sports with a strong student interest and only if there is a dedicated parent to coach, plan trainings and help organise/negotiate matches.

Smaller events

Some events involve a small number of children e.g. table tennis, golf. We will only nominate competitors if they are children who are interested and currently playing that sport at a reasonable standard. This may also involve consultation with parents.

6. Roles and responsibilities

Party / parties	Roles and responsibilities
Senior Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to support SAPSASA coordinator ● to follow up any breaches of code of conduct
SAPSASA coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● implement procedures as documented ● document budget submission to support SAPSASA annually ● complete excursion documentation for each event as required ● coordinate SAPSASA nominations, selections trials, trainings and team representatives ● consult with coaches/coordinators of relevant school teams as required for selection information ● communicate with children, parents and staff about upcoming SAPSASA events and other relevant information ● promote opportunities for children to participate in events and report to the school community about the school's results ● organise consent forms and transportation to SAPSASA events and all other administration tasks related to children attending an event, according to the Camps and Excursions Policy and Procedures ● to follow the School Sport SA Code of Behaviour
Children	<p>Children who attend any SAPSASA event have the following expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● return consent, medical and/or nomination forms promptly, and with any payment as required, before the due date ● inform their class teacher in advance of any event they will be attending ● Negotiate with their class teacher any work missed due to time out of class. This includes time missed due to both trials and competitions. ● attend any trainings or trials they have committed to ● notify the organiser if they are unable to attend a trial, training or competition ● As representatives of the school, children are expected to compete in accordance with the school's behaviour policy and the SAPSASA Code of Behaviour. ● children who do not follow the code may not be selected for future SAPSASA events ● children whose behaviour is unacceptable at school prior to a SAPSASA event may not be selected or permitted to compete
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to transport, score, coach or supervise players at SAPSASA events, as required ● return consent forms and payment to the school before the due date ● communicate with the school's SAPSASA coordinator about any issues or enquiries that arise prior or during an event ● notify the organiser if their child is unable to attend a trial, training or competition ● follow the School Sport SA Code of Behaviour.

7. Monitoring, evaluation and review

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis or as needed when any changes to the Department for Education policies relevant to this procedure are made. Changes will be ratified by governing council.

8. Attachments

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport>