



Paparoa Street School

Sport Team Selection Criteria

At this time of year many of the Year 5-6 children are excited about getting into one of the competitive sports teams on offer at Paparoa St School. For the main winter sports codes (netball, rugby, soccer and hockey) sports coaches are or have organised trials to select teams for the forthcoming interschool competitions that occur on Friday afternoons. The school endeavours to provide opportunities for all children wishing to be included in competitive sports teams however the number of teams on offer is determined by the number of coaches and managers available, and of course the entry restrictions and rules that apply to the various codes.

Paparoa St School is fortunate to have a good number of enthusiastic staff and parents who are able to coach or manage teams and they are very visible out in the playing areas on most days during their break times. We need to value their contribution to sports and appreciate the fact that it is because of them that we can offer so much sport at this school.

For the Friday sports sessions the Year 5 & 6 children can participate at three levels:

Level 1: (A & B Grade Teams for all codes) Interschool competition for our top players who are entered into the Primary Sports Weekly Sports Competition. (Restricted entry conditions apply. Please note that only Year 5 & 6 children are permitted to compete and team entry will be determined by the coaches on the basis of the players' ability and suitability for this high level competition.)

Level 2: (C Grade Teams) Friday games providing an introduction to games and competition against other schools. (Held at Fendalton School grounds for Year 5 & 6 children)

Level 3: Friday "At School Sports Programme" for those Year 5 & 6 children who are not involved in the competitive aspect but enjoy the opportunity to participate in games and receive skills development. These games are played here at school.

Helping children develop life skills is an essential part of teaching and learning at school. An important part of this education is to help children to appreciate and cope with the elements of competition. Some key understandings need to be nurtured and handled with care. Winning, losing, fair play, teamwork, selection and non-selection, along with developing respect for coaches and managers are important aspects of the learning process. Much of this learning comes from the role models they see through their coaches, managers, parents and the sports stars in our local and national teams. Our leaders in these positions need always

to be aware of the significant influence they can have in shaping our children's values. Trials do bring a high level of interest and anticipation of selection. However, some children will be naturally disappointed if they do not make the team they first choose. For most, that disappointment is short term as they realise that there are other options available to them. Team selectors are very mindful of the levels of readiness needed for children to be included in competitive sports teams. This readiness refers to skill level, attitude, team play, physical ability, commitment and most importantly the ability to handle set backs such as losing, stand downs and the demands needed to improve for the next game. Coaches do not want to see children playing in grades they cannot cope with, and while they appreciate there will be disappointments from non-selection, it is far more important to consider the readiness levels and personal safety of those competing. Not everyone will make the top teams, but there are other team sports on offer that they could try for.

It's all about helping children develop understandings that in life there are options and choices available, and to expand their horizons to look further and beyond the popular choice. The popular choice will always be limited and non-selection is a reality we all have to adjust to in our daily lives from time to time.

There exists an excellent spirit for sporting activities at Paparoa Street School. Thank you to those who are making this happen.

TRIAL PROCESS & TEAM SELECTION

- Notification through school newsletter and daily notices of upcoming options
- Meet with children to discuss trial process
- Skills sessions/work done prior to trials. It is useful to see the each child's skill level before entering into a 'game' format and assists in making the trials are fair.
- Where possible, at least two adults will take the trial
- Game format trials. Where possible at least two trials should be held to select teams; the time allocation must allow for each student to get equal opportunity
- Teams to be posted on the Sports Notice Board
- Coaches will choose players who demonstrate the highest levels of skill and qualities of fair play and sportsmanship and best meet the objectives of the coach
- If all guidelines are satisfied, the coach's decision is final

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- To attend all meetings, trainings, games, and other activities as required
- To notify the coach of any unavailability in participation at least one week prior to the playing date
- To remain committed to the teacher and coach for the duration of the season
- To abide by the rules of the sport at all times
- Play with sportsmanship, with respect for other players, coaches, parents and officials
- To wear appropriate team uniform at all times
- Respect the equipment and facilities at all times
- Pay for bus transportation and the school sports sub

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Have a sound knowledge of the sport
- Plan, implement and facilitate team training session. Develop individual/team skill
- Develop and encourage player enjoyment, player motivation and player fitness
- Teach players to abide by the rules of the sport
- Develop and instill in the players positive attitudes towards fair play and sportsmanship
- Set high standards and promote the need for punctuality, discipline and commitment
- Appoint a responsible team member as team captain, and if applicable, vice captain

EXTRA!!!

- **Weekly Sport – Summer and Winter Codes:** Children selected in a winter or summer school sports team are expected to play at least one half of each match
 - **Zone and Summer/Winter Tournament and ElmPap Challenge:** Coaches will select players based on ability and attitude in order to field their strongest team to compete. Reserves will be taken to the game but may not get an opportunity to play.