



SAPSASA PARTICIPATION AT LINDEN PARK SCHOOLS

Linden Park Schools has a strong history in participation in the *South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association* (SAPSASA) competition. SAPSASA runs a series of Knockout Competitions, State Carnivals and State Championships, which the school nominates individuals and teams for competition.

In some sports, competition is run in district championships. This can lead to state and interstate representation for successful students. Other SAPSASA sporting competitions are run with the support of the relevant sporting bodies in Adelaide.

SAPSASA outlines the *philosophy and rationale*, together with the *guiding principles* underlying this broad based program.

All competitions are run under the Associations strict **Codes of Behaviour**. Please refer to the SAPSASA website www.decs.sa.gov.au/sport.

SAPSASA Selection Criteria

The following processes are consistently and transparently applied when selecting students for SAPSASA teams at Linden Park Schools.

Eligibility

- Year 7 students, who are currently in a team and train at least once a week, have first priority in selection ahead of year 6's. However, it should be noted that year 6 students could and should be selected before year 7 students, if in the opinion of the school's Sports Coordinator, they are performing at a higher level. Team sport selection will be limited to students in their 11th year or older. Year 5's that meet the age criteria can only be selected if there are insufficient players in Year 7 and Year 6, and on the advice of the school's Sports Coordinator.

Correspondence to Parents

- All correspondence in relation to SAPSASA selection is to go via the school's Sports Coordinator and approved by the Principal/Deputy Principal before being circulated to parents.

Selectors

- At least one staff member must be involved in every SAPSASA selection process.

Selection Decisions

- The Principal/Deputy Principal has the ultimate selection decision, on advice from staff.
- There are no definite nominations for a particular sport in a given year. This decision will remain with staff and relate to sports covered in Physical Education lessons, and the follow up selection for competition, if at an adequate level. It will also depend on the talent pool in any given sport that year.

Further Opportunities

- Parents may make enquiries to the school's Sports Co-ordinator, the specialist Physical Education Teacher or the Principal/ Deputy Principal, if they feel their child may be eligible for an individual or team sport not generally offered. Their child's participation in out of school competition could mean that they would be of adequate standard for SAPSASA competition e.g. tennis, golf, volleyball, badminton.

Participation in more than one SAPSASA sport

- If competition dates are the same for two sports, the student can only be selected for one team (one sport). If this is not known at the time of selection, their replacement must be permanent in that team for the remaining rounds of competition.

Notification

- All notifications on team selection, and times and conditions of competition, must be distributed by the school and signed off by the Principal. Teachers must be notified in advance when their students will be absent from school.

Coaches

- The Principal has the ultimate decision on appointment on coaches.
- SAPSASA has an equal playing time policy incorporated into all of its competitions, including Knock-Out Competitions.
- Managers/coaches will be held responsible for the behaviour of their players and spectators at all matches in this competition. To this end, copies of the SAPSASA Code of Behaviour are required to be distributed to the managers and coaches.

Supervision

- A teacher, or a supervisor approved by the Principal, must accompany every team.

Selection Venues

- Teams for **all sports** will be selected on school grounds and at lunch time, or in Physical Education lessons. This means that no child can miss out by not hearing about a particular trial, or not being able to attend a session organized after school. Once a team has been selected, no changes will occur, except for injury or other clashing commitments.

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Principal
Primary and Middle Years

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SAPSASA Sports – Selection Processes

| Term | Sport | Selection Process | Staff Co-ordinator | Coach or Manager |
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| 1 | Rugby Union / Walla Rugby | After a clinic, the teacher in conjunction with the clinic organiser, choose a team from children who show talent. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 1 | Lacrosse Carnival | After a clinic, the teacher in conjunction with the clinic organiser, choose a team from children who show talent. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 1 | Swimming Championships | Students register their interest with the staff co-ordinator/s. Selection is held via an internal trial process. | Kathy Wall Hass Palka | Hass Palka |
| 2 | Cross Country | Students 10 years & over are eligible to try out early in Term 2. Selection is based on times. | Trevor Arney | Trevor Arney |
| 2 | Basketball Championships | All children who play regularly and train at least once a week for that team, whether it be District, Church or School Competition, are invited to a series of trials to compete for selection in a SAPSASA team. | Kathy Wall Julie Wright | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 2 | Table Tennis | All Year 6/7 students have instruction on table tennis in PE lessons. During these lessons, students showing potential are then asked to come to trials where children play each other. Teams are chosen after analysing these results. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 2 | Orienteering | David Tilbrook from the Orienteering Association sets up an orienteering course at our school. Children who are interested in trying out for a SAPSASA team can complete this timed course during a lunch-time. Selection is based on times achieved at this session. | Kathy Wall David Tilbrook | Kathy Wall |
| 3 | Table Tennis 4-a-Side | The same children selected in the Mixed Teams competition are able to participate. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 3 | Orienteering Relay Championship | Children who do well at the Orienteering individual championships are often given a free invitation to this event. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 3 | Volleyball | Students are instructed in volleyball during a block of PE lessons. If there are children who play in a team out of school and would like the opportunity to compete in SAPSASA competition, the school enters a team to cater for these children. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |
| 4 | Badminton | Students are instructed in badminton during a block of Physical Education lessons. If there are children who play in a team out of school and would like the opportunity to compete in SAPSASA competition, the school enters a team to cater for these children. | Kathy Wall | As organised by Kathy Wall |

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| 4 | Athletics | The year 5/6/7 students are involved in a school Athletics Day, usually in Term 2. The children scoring the highest results in their age group in High Jump, Long Jump and Discus are asked to trial for a place in the District Athletics Day in these events. Separate trials are run at lunch-time for positions in other events for District Athletics Day. | Trevor Arney | Trevor Arney |
| 4 | Cycling | We are discussing the possibility in 2009 of taking all Year 7 students to the Velodrome (cost permitting) to have a cycling clinic with David Short, who works at Cycling SA. It is hoped that David will assist with the selection of a team of children already competing in this sport and others who show potential, to give them the experience of competing in SAPSASA Cycling | Kathy Wall David Short | As organised by Kathy Wall |

SAPSASA Knockout Sports – Selection Processes

| Term | Sport | Selection Process | Staff Co-ordinator | Coach or Manager |
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| 2 | Netball | All girls in Year 6 and Year 7 are notified that there is to be a SAPSASA Netball team selected. The girls that currently play netball for the school and out of school in both age groups are encouraged to come to the allocated selection date. A team of 9 are then selected based only on ability. | Karen Taylor, Sports Coordinator | As organised by school's Sports Coordinator |
| 2 | Soccer | The SAPSASA teams for the school consist of the 12+ boys and girls teams that represent the school, and is extended to any other children who play club soccer. If the numbers are too great for one team, the school's Sports Coordinator will have a selection trial to determine the final number of players required . | Karen Taylor, Sports Coordinator | The school's Sports Coordinator offers the position to the current coach of the school team. |
| 2 | Football | Year 6 and 7's are notified of a SAPSASA Knockout team selection day held on a nominated lunchtime at school. The players that are already in the school team have priority placement along with those that play club football out of school. The school 's Sports Coordinator will determine the final number of players | Karen Taylor, Sports Co-ordinator | The school's Sports Coordinator offers the position to the current coach of the school team |
| 1 & 4 | Cricket | Year 6 and 7's are notified of a SAPSASA knockout team selection day held on a nominated lunchtime at school. The players that are already in the school team have priority placement, along with those that play club cricket out of school. The school's Sports Coordinator will determine the final number of players. | Karen Taylor, Sports Coordinator | The school's Sports Coordinator offers the position to current coach of the school team. |