



# Linden Park Primary School

## POLICY DOCUMENT

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## SAPSASA Participation Policy



Linden Park Primary School has a strong history of 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 Association's strict **Codes of Behaviour**. Please refer to the SAPSASA website [www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport) and the School Sport Behaviour Policy on the school website for conduct and grievance procedures.

### 1. SAPSASA SELECTION CRITERIA

The following processes are consistently and transparently applied when selecting students for SAPSASA teams at Linden Park Primary School. Competitors are selected based on competent ability. It is up to the coach's discretion as to the playing time and positions of each individual upon selection in a team. Playing time may not necessarily be equal for all players in team sports. However, all selected players must be given playing time in each game. SAPSASA events are conducted where the winners progress to the next level of competition. The Sports Coordinator and PE teachers reserve the right to not enter a team if it is deemed to not be of sufficient standard for SAPSASA competition.

For all sports where time/measurement is used, a member of staff must be present for a result to be considered for selection. Where there are extenuating circumstances, staff can use their discretion when selecting students.

#### 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 and team coach they are performing at a higher level. Team sport selection will be limited to students in their 11<sup>th</sup> 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 before being circulated to parents.

#### Selectors

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

#### Selection Decisions

The Principal has the ultimate selection decision, on advice from staff.

Once a team has been selected, no changes will occur, unless for illness, injury or other clashing commitments.

Should a replacement player be required at short notice, it can be done at the discretion of PE staff.

Selected players are expected to attend all trainings. Failure to notify the coach of absence at training may result in forfeiting their position in the team.

Team nominations for particular sports will depend on the talent pool available in that year. This decision will be at the discretion of staff based on sports covered in Physical Education lessons, and the possible follow up selection for competition.

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### Further Opportunities

Parents may make enquiries to the school's Sports Coordinator, the specialist Physical Education teachers or the 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 (for example, 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 of coaches. In the first instance, coaching positions will be advertised to staff members. Pending no appointment, coaches of Out of Hours School Sports teams and parents will be approached for an expression of interest and possible appointment.

Coaches/managers will be held responsible for the behaviour of themselves, their players and spectators at all games in these competitions. SAPSASA has Codes of Behaviour for coaches, parents, players and spectators.

### Agreements

Upon completing the SAPSASA consent forms, parents must acknowledge they have read the SAPSASA Participation Policy and agree to the conditions set within.

Teacher supervisors will be wearing a clearly identifiable fluoro green, Linden Park vest. Any spectators or parents with queries or concerns about the game or training in progress must not approach the coach while performing their duties. All queries and concerns must be directed to the teacher supervisor/Sports Coordinator in the first instance. If the matter is unable to be resolved at the time, the Complaint Management and Resolution Policy must be adhered to. Unresolved concerns must be addressed through an expression of concern or formal complaint in writing to the School Principal via the front office. If a coach has a concern with parents or spectators, the same complaint management and resolution process should be followed. Upon receiving written notification of an incident, the Principal will investigate and decide if any further action or consequences are required. Consequences may include a written warning or suspension of attendance at games and training (the length of which will be determined by the Principal).

### 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 at lunch time, before or after school or in Physical Education lessons.

### District Nominations

The Sports Coordinator, PE teachers and team coaches will nominate students to attend Adelaide South East District trials during the year. Where knockout trials are conducted, they will be used to assist with the selection of students for nomination.

### State Nominations

All state nominations are completed online on the SAPSASA website by the individual participant. Participants should check the SAPSASA website at the start of each year for nomination eligibility and closing dates for individual sports. The full SAPSASA calendar and information for all sports can be found at [www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport).

## SELECTION PROCESS

Term	Sport	Selection Process	Staff Coordinator	Coach or Manager
1	Rugby Union / Rugby Tag	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	After a clinic, the teacher in conjunction with the clinic organiser, choose a team from children who show talent. Out of Hours teams are available.	Kathy Wall	As organised by Kathy Wall
1	Swimming Championships	Students register their interest with the staff coordinator. Selection is held via an internal trial process.	Kathy Wall	Kathy Wall
1 & 4	Cycling	Students can attend the Cycling SA School series as individuals or a team of 4. Information will be distributed to students in years 5, 6 and 7.	Sports Coordinator	Individual parents
2	Cross Country	Students 10 years & over are eligible to trial late in Term 1/early Term 2. Selection will be based on students reaching a competitive time standard.	Sports Coordinator	Sports Coordinator
2	Basketball Championships	All Year 6/7 students who play regularly and train at least once a week for that team, are invited to a series of trials to compete for selection in a SAPSASA team.	Kathy Wall	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	Children who are interested in trialling for a SAPSASA team can complete the timed course during a lunch-time. Selection is based on times achieved at this session.	Kathy Wall	Kathy Wall
2	Badminton	Year 7 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
2	Golf	The school will distribute information about the SAPSASA 'Try Out Golf and Qualifying Day' to students in Years 5, 6 and 7 and who are at least 10 years of age. Students must be accompanied by an adult to the event.	Sports Coordinator	Individual parents
2 & 3	Athletics	Year 4/5/6/7 students are involved in a school Athletics Day, usually in Term 2. The children scoring the highest results in their age group events are eligible for selection trials for the District Athletics Day in these events. Additional trials are run for interested students that were absent and events not covered on the day.	Kathy Wall and Geoff Mills	Geoff Mills
3	Orienteering Relay Championship	Children who do well at the Orienteering individual championships are often given a free invitation to this event.	Kathy Wall	Kathy Wall
3	Volleyball	Year 7 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

## SAPSASA Knockout Sports

Term	Sport	Selection Process	Staff Coordinator	Coach or Manager
1 & 4	Cricket (boys)	All boys in Year 6 and Year 7 are notified that there will be SAPSASA knockout cricket team trials. The Sports Coordinator and team coach/es can select a maximum of 12 players from allocated selection trials.	Sports Coordinator	As appointed by the Sports Coordinator and approved by the Principal
2 & 3	Netball (girls and boys)	All girls and boys in Year 6 and Year 7 are notified that there will be SAPSASA knockout netball team trials. The Sports Coordinator and team coach/es can select a maximum of 12 players from allocated selection trials.	Sports Coordinator	As appointed by the Sports Coordinator and approved by the Principal
2 & 3	Soccer (boys and girls)	All boys and girls in Year 6 and Year 7 are notified that there will be SAPSASA knockout soccer teams trials. The Sports Coordinator and team coach/es can select a maximum of 14 players from allocated selection trials.	Sports Coordinator	As appointed by the Sports Coordinator and approved by the Principal
2 & 3	Australian Rules Football (boys)	All boys in Year 6 and Year 7 are notified that there will be SAPSASA knockout Australian Rules Football team trials. The Sports Coordinator and team coach/es can select a maximum of 21 players from allocated selection trials.	Sports Coordinator	As appointed by the Sports Coordinator and approved by the Principal
4	Tennis (boys and girls)	All boys and girls in Year 6 and Year 7 are notified that there will be SAPSASA knockout tennis teams' trials. The Sports Coordinator and team coach/es can select 4 boys and 4 girls from allocated selection trials.	Sports Coordinator	As appointed by the Sports Coordinator and approved by the Principal