

Aldgate Primary SAPSASA and School Sport SA Guidelines and Team Selection Policy

Why SAPSASA and School Sport SA?

Aldgate Primary has had a strong and successful affiliation with the South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA). SAPSASA has now partnered with School Sport SA who works within the Department for Education (DfE) for the delivery of School Sport. SAPSASA and School Sport SA offers a variety of sports and competition levels throughout the year that promote students to achieve to the best of their ability in individual and team pursuits. These include school knockout, district and state team based competitions. We believe that these pursuits give our students rich opportunities to compete in sporting events with the hope that these opportunities promote student involvement in our many community based sporting outlets. We believe that directing our students to these community sporting organisations builds lifelong associations with sport and physical activity, whilst also building strong communities.

The levels of School Sport

School Sport SA Knockout Competitions— schools play in competitive games against each other in a knockout tournament format with winning schools continuing and losing schools knocked out. Teams consist of the strongest participants (year 6/7 students) in that sport from the school. The school which wins all of their games is the state champion. *Knockout Tournaments that Aldgate Primary participate in are Boys and Girls Cricket, Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls basketball, Boys and Girls Tennis and Girls Netball*

District SAPSASA— these are individual based pursuits, open to children aged 10-13 years old. There are two formats at district level. Firstly, we have opportunities for students to represent our school at District Carnivals, where if individuals perform strongly they are in contention to be selected in a Hills representative squad at the State Carnival. *District Carnivals available are Athletics, Swimming (Courier Cup), Cross Country and Mountain Biking.*

We also provide opportunities for individual students to 'trial' for a team sport which is made up of students from other schools in the Hills district. This team consists of the strongest participants in that particular district who are selected at trials. These students then play in State Carnivals against other districts from around the state. The carnival usually lasts one week and costs approximately \$160 to attend if selected. *State Carnivals available are in Softball, Football, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Cricket and Tennis.*

State – High achievers who perform strongly at District level are well placed to be in contention State representation. These students can nominate to participate in National Carnivals. These nominations can be made on the SAPSASA website. Click on the relevant sport and follow the appropriate links. The National Carnivals take place around Australia, consisting of the best athletes for that sport and age in the country. Costs for National Carnivals can be upwards of \$1000. Please note that state teams are for those aged 12 and under. Some sports have exemptions for a few under 13 students. Information regarding the nomination process can be found at the School Sport SA website www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport.

Other SAPSASA Events

There are a great variety of other individual and team opportunities open to our students. For more information please visit www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport.

SAPSASA and School Sport SA Selection

Aldgate Primary School prides itself on its transparent selection process. Our selection process is clear, explicit and is underpinned by fairness and opportunity for all.

SAPSASA and School Sport SA believes in maximising the number of children involved in sporting programs and that selection should be based on ability. Considering their directives, selection will be based on:

- skill and ability, willingness to listen and learn from feedback, sportsmanship, effort, teamwork, positive attitude and behaviour aligned to our school values.
- ability, giving equal consideration to year 6 and 7 students.
- If there is no discernible difference when between a year 6 and a 7 student or If choosing from two students of the same year level with equal ability, the student with least representation in other SAPSASA pursuits will be chosen.
- year 5 students can be selected in knockout sides providing there are no other Year 6 or 7 students candidates - even if they are seen as having better ability.
- the Aldgate School Values set our behaviour expectations. If it is deemed that a student is not meeting behaviour requirements, they may be ineligible for selection or may be replaced by another student if necessary.

Hills SAPSASA District

Schools in the Hills District are: Aldgate, Basket Range, Birdwood, Bridgewater, Crafers, Gumeracha, Heathfield, Hills Christian, Hills Montessori, Kersbrook, Lenswood, Lobethal, Lobethal Lutheran, Mount Torrens, Mylor, Norton Summit, Oakbank Area, Scott Creek, St Catherine's, Springhead Trinity Lutheran, Upper Sturt, Uraidla and Woodside.

SAPSASA and School Sport SA Supervision

At Aldgate we will always ensure we have adequate supervision of students and occasionally we may ask for parents to fill the void, especially if we require transport to events.

Parent Involvement

Parent support is welcomed at SAPSASA and School Sport SA activities. We may require volunteers to assist with transporting the students, supervision, marshalling duties or scoring. In order to volunteer regularly at SAPSASA/School Sport SA, an approved DCSI Criminal History Screening and Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) training is required. Information is available from the front office. As a 'one off', the school may grant waiver this documentation. Please be aware that any parental involvement during COVID times could change from one day to the next.



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