



## **BRPS Sports Team Selection Policy**

The Primary Schools' Sports Association (PSSA) was established to provide opportunities, including competitive team sports and carnivals, for the more able, talented sportspeople in schools, as an extension to school sports programs. In line with this, Beaumont Road's team selection policy is, in general, to select players on sporting merit.

Students in Years 3-6 are eligible for selection by at least two teachers in charge of teams. Merit selection may mean that a student in a lower grade (e.g. Year 3) is selected over a student in a higher grade (e.g. Year 4), if that younger student displays superior skills. However, where two students are judged to be of similar ability, preference will be given to the student in the higher grade. Parents have no input in the selection of PSSA sporting teams.

The size of the squad is determined by coaches, with consideration given to offering the maximum number of students the opportunity to represent the school, without compromising the viability of the squad. Safety aspects are also taken into consideration when determining the size of the squad, as is the number permitted by PSSA rules.

Boys and girls may try out for all sports, but, in line with PSSA regulations, a maximum of two boys may play in each of the "traditional" girls' teams, and any number of girls may play, but they must be of equal standard as a boy to participate in each of the "traditional" boys' teams.

Students, parents and coaches/teachers involved in PSSA are asked to sign a contract governing their general behaviour and sporting conduct. Parents and teachers are not allowed to coach their respective team from the sideline. However, children are permitted to coach their team.

Children who violate the contract regarding general behaviour and sporting conduct may be suspended or expelled from participating in PSSA sport.

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