

# What is PSSA sport?

PSSA stands for the Primary Schools Sports Association. Schools across Sydney and NSW are organised into zone groups. Maroubra Junction Public School is part of the Eastern Suburbs Zone PSSA competition group.

*Our zone covers 14 schools - Banksmeadow, Botany, Chifley, South Coogee, Daceyville, Gardeners Road, La Perouse, Malabar, Maroubra Bay, Maroubra Junction, Matraville, Matraville Soldiers Settlement, Pagewood, Rainbow Street*

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and we are part of the Sydney East School Sport Association.

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# How Are PSSA Teams Organised?

PSSA sport options are offered to all students in Year 3 to 6.

PSSA teams are organised according to age. Sport Teams have a Junior and Senior team/s. Junior teams are for children who are in Years 3 and 4. Senior teams are for children who are in Years 5 and 6.

# What PSSA sports are offered in our Zone?

## ***Summer PSSA Sports (Terms 1 and 4)***

**Softball** – Currently we have 1 junior team and 1 senior team -Girls

**AFL-** Currently we have 1 junior team and 2 senior teams - Girls and Boys

**Cricket-** Currently 1 junior team and 1 senior team-Girls and Boys

## ***Winter PSSA Sports ( Terms 2 and 3)***

**Netball** – Currently we have 2 junior teams and 2 senior teams - Girls

**Soccer-** Currently we have 2 junior teams and 2 senior teams – Girls and Boys

**Rugby League** – Currently we have 1 junior team and 2 senior teams – Girls and Boys

*8- 12 students are chosen for each team. This number depends on the number of children who take the field of play, plus reserves*

# How are our school teams selected?

As per the School's SELECTION OF SPORT TEAMS POLICY. This policy was created in consultation with the ESPSSA association and Bruce Riley ( Sport's Officer Sydney East School Sport)

It was endorsed by our School Council on the 22nd February 2016

The policy is available on the school website <http://www.maroubrajn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/school-policies>. The policy will now also be advertised in the newsletter before school based PSSA trials.

A minimum of two trial sessions are held for the selection for each PSSA sport team for students who indicate an interest in a team where there are more students than positions:

When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display **ability and strong skill level** on the days of the trials (Students complete a range of activities that involve demonstrating the skills needed to play that particular sport. It is not about which children know how to play that sport or whether they play it on the weekend or not )

Consideration may also be given for those this display:

- Sportsmanship;
- Cooperation and attitude; and
- Commitment to training sessions.

# Other Guidelines:

- Children **do not** have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team;
- The selections will be made according to performance on selection sessions;
- Two teachers are present at the trials and make the decision together
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days or away due to other school commitments i.e. Zone Sports or Selective High School Tests, then another trial will be held to determine if he/she is worthy of being selected

# **Does every student make a PSSA team?**

- Unfortunately no. Soccer and Netball are the most popular sports with many students wanting to trial for these sports.
- Yes, we understand this means there are students who are disappointed and upset.
- These decisions are also difficult for our teaching staff who volunteer their time and effort in coaching PSSA teams.

# Limitations to having more PSSA teams

- This needs to be discussed with our ESPSSA association and the other 13 schools in our zone. ( We are the biggest school in the zone. Some schools don't have enough students to form a full team in the junior or senior competitions. If more teams are entered from MJPS it will create an unbalanced draw and other schools might deem this as unfair as it is a competition. )
- Traditionally, PSSA was seen as an extension program for students who display a high level of skill in certain sports
- Logistics – the price for students will rise as more buses will need to be used to transport ( currently certain sports share buses to decrease the cost, we can only have a certain amount of students on buses), **teacher supervision** ( we only have a certain amount of teachers to supervise all sports and students. More difficult to do when PSSA games are spread across different fields and locations)



# For more information about Zone Trials

- There are a number of Zone trials held throughout the year for many sports such as Netball, Australian Football Rugby League/Union, Basketball, Softball, Cricket, Tennis, Football Touch. Students with highly developed skills in these sports can trial against other students in our Zone for a position in a team which will represent our zone at a regional carnival.
- For more information about who can trial and how these students are selected for these trials please view the EASTERN SUBURBS ZONE SELECTION POLICY on this website  
<http://easternsuburbs.sessazones.com/espssa-selection-policy/>
- From a school level, please refer to our SCHOOL' S SELECTION OF SPORT TEAMS POLICY.  
<http://www.maroubrajnp.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/school-policies>