

Aspley State School		Policy Statement	Sports Participation
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Subject	Participation in School and Extra Curricular Sport	SDP Reference	
Issue	Age and Year Level Participation in School-Managed Sporting Events		
Committee	Aspley SS Sport Committee	Department Reference	HPE & Sport

Background:

Aspley State School recognises that participation in sport and physical activity plays a significant role in the development of a child's life. We actively encourage all students to participate in a range of age-appropriate physical activity, school and extra-curricular sport.

There is a significant difference between the range of physical activities, school and extra-curricular sport available to students at Aspley State School including school-based activities and selection processes that facilitate participation in Representative sport (via District, regional and state representation).

The roles and responsibilities for each segment of participation in these activities are clearly outlined in the relevant sections below.

School-based Sport

At Aspley State School, we define *School-based Sport* as *sporting events organised and managed by the school, conducted under the supervision of school staff and for school-based purposes.*

Aims

- *to promote fitness, skill development, house/ school spirit and team building*
- *provide exposure to modified or full competition opportunities*
- *limited progression into the representative pathway in selected activities (swimming, cross country and athletics) as governed by the eligibility criteria below.*

Inclusions

School-based Sport includes, but is not limited to:

- Early Years Sports Day
- Aspley State School Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals
- Under 8s Day
- Miscellaneous Intra-School or Inter-House competitions

Eligibility

The eligibility of students to participate in *School-based Sport* is a school decision. Items considered include:

- operational factors, including staffing
- school history, traditions and previous practise

With regards to School Carnivals for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics, students in Year 3-6 are eligible to participate **irrespective of their age**. Students may, depending on District Sport Age Eligibility guidelines, also be eligible for progression to District Carnivals in these three activities.

Interschool Sport

At Aspley State School, we define *Interschool Sport* as *competitive opportunities for students to represent the school in team sports, where teams are selected and managed by school staff in their sole discretion*.

Aims

- to recruit, select, train and supervise students in team sport pursuits for the purposes of an interschool competition.

Inclusions

Interschool Sport includes, but is not limited to:

- Friday Sport (Term 4)
- Gala Days (Term 2)
- Knockout or State-wide Competitions, administered by either a State/ National Sporting Organisation or Queensland School Sport-affiliated Sports-Specific Committee

Eligibility

The eligibility of students to participate in *Interschool Sport* is a school decision, informed by the processes and procedures of the District Sport Committee.

Items considered in the establishment and development of Interschool Sport programs include:

- operational factors, including available staff and specific expertise
- available opportunities, including the number of teams available, as determined by the District Sport Committee
- students' selection of sports, which may or may not require trialling for team selection
- school history, traditions and previous practise

With regards to Interschool Sport activities, students in Year 4-6 are eligible to participate irrespective of their age.

In extenuating circumstances, an exemption may be sought from the Principal to seek players from younger year levels to participate in these programs, provided they are age appropriate for the activity. This is the exception rather than the rule and an exemption will only be considered once it is proven that all other options have been explored.

Representative Sport Pathway

At Aspley State School, we define *Representative Sport* as *competitive opportunities for age-appropriate students to progress into District, Regional and State representation for students in Queensland School Sport-sanctioned activities*.

Aims

- to provide a pathway for age-appropriate students to progress to higher representative honours in their chosen sport/s, in accordance with District, Regional or State selections procedures.

Inclusions

Representative Sport includes, but is not limited to:

- any activity conducted under the auspices of District Sport, Regional Sport or State Sport
- participation as a player or match official in a District, Regional, State or National Championship

Eligibility

The eligibility of students to participate in *Representative Sport* is informed by the processes and procedures of the District, Regional or State Sport Committee.

The primary considerations for selection in the *Representative Sport* pathway are:

- the age eligibility of the student
- the performance of the student at the relevant selection trial or Carnival for that sport
- the attitude and behaviour of the student, on and off the field of play as demonstrated at the relevant selection trial or Carnival
- adherence to nominations conditions, usually through the school's PE Teacher
- adherence to nomination timelines, with late nominations prohibited.

With regards to *Representative Sport* activities, students elect to nominate for the respective District Trial in Team Sports for either a 12 Years and Under or 13 Years and Over competition.

For activities such as Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics, students must participate in that event at the School Carnival to be progressed to the District Trial.

For ease of reference, *Representative Sport* age eligibility is based on the student's age as at 31 December annually, with the minimum age of eligibility being 10 in the year of competition and the maximum age of eligibility being 12 years (for a 12 years & under team) or the maximum for the relevant 13 years and over division (may be 14/ 15 or 19 years & under, depending on the sport).