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At Clovelly Public School sport is an integral part of our curriculum. Sport is undertaken at class, stage and whole school levels. Representative teams participate in the Sydney Coastal Primary School Sports Association [SCPSSA] competition. Individual students may represent the school at District, Regional and/or State levels in various sports.

Sport is an important component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education [PDHPE] syllabus. Students need to be provided with opportunities to participate in a range of sporting activities and programs appropriate to their interests and abilities.

Sport assists in the development of a healthy lifestyle by promoting physical activity.

All students Years 3 to 6 participate in a sports program each week on a Friday. The number of opportunities for interschool competition is governed by the length of the season each for any given term of the school year.

Students have the opportunity to select their preferred sport from the following options in Terms 1 and 4.

- PSSA [Primary School Sports Association]
- AFL
- Swimming
- Tennis
- School based sport provided by Kelly Sports

Dress Code.

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, District, Region or State at any sporting event, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform. When representing the school, students will be expected to wear representative shirts.

Full school sports uniform includes wearing a school hat and necessary safety equipment for specific sports. Studs are only worn whilst playing sport. They must not be worn on the bus.

Students selected in PSSA teams to represent Clovelly Public School must wear school hats and the correct uniform.

Girls are expected to wear green sport skirt/green shorts, a white polo shirt, white socks, trainers and a school hat.

Boys are expected to wear a white polo shirt, white socks, green shorts, trainers and a school hat.
Students have the opportunity to select their preferred sport from the following options in Terms 2 and 3

- PSSA
- Tennis
- School based sport provided by Kelly Sports

It should be noted that there are larger numbers of students accommodated in PSSA during Terms 2 and 3 due to available options.

School based activities are for students not selected in PSSA teams or not participating in other paid sporting activities. The program focuses on skill development within the context of a game or games during which they are taught and practised. The program consists of circus skills, fundamental fine and gross motor skills, tabloid sport, games skills, netball, handball and gym skills.

Students not selected in PSSA teams may elect to participate in another paid sporting activity instead of school based sport.

Students selected for swimming must be in school uniform when walking to and from Bronte Pool. They are to be equipped with swimmers, goggles [if needed], a towel, sunscreen and a hat. Students must use the change rooms provided at the beach.

Students participating in all sports are expected to have a water bottle.

Students participating in Netball, Soccer, AFL or Rugby League must be in full sports uniform. Rugby League, Soccer and AFL jerseys are given to the students and are to be returned at the end of the season. Shin pads and boots are compulsory for all soccer players and boots and mouth guards are compulsory for all students playing Rugby League and AFL.

Clovelly Public School enters teams in all PSSA sports. Prior to the commencement of competition try outs are conducted to determine who will be in the teams.

Teams for PSSA sports include the following:

- Netball-Junior and Senior [girls only]
- Rugby League in 3 age groups- 8 - 9, 10 and 11 - 12 years.
  Rugby League is divided into groups based on the age the students will be turning that year.
- Soccer- Junior and Senior [mixed]
- Soccer Junior and Senior [girls only]
- AFL- Junior and Senior [mixed]

Junior consists of students in Years 3 and 4. [Stage 2]

Senior consists of students in Years 5 and 6. [Stage 3]

Tennis and the Kelly Multi Sports Program involve some team games but are not part of the district teams representative sport program.
In any given sport if there are more students than available positions, trials will be held.

- Selections will be held over one or more sessions.
- Where there are two students of equal ability the student from the older grade will be selected.
- Students are not required to have prior experience in any given sport to try out for a team.
- Selection to teams is made by assessing performance during selection sessions.
- Students absent at selection sessions due to illness or holidays may not be considered unless additional players are required to form a team.
- Students absent due to other school commitments will be able to try out at another selection session.
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors.
- All students trying out for a team will have equal time on the field/court during selection.
- Parents and Carers are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors.
- Selections made are final and decisions must be respected.

**Swimming and Athletics.**

Selection of individuals to school teams is based on student performance at School Carnivals. If a talented athlete is unable to compete at the School Carnival, consideration will be given for their inclusion in the team.

Relay teams will be selected by the Sports Coordinator based on results at the School Carnival. Selection trials may be held to determine relay positions.

**Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct provides a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. The values of PSSA sport are about participation, skill development and enjoyment. PSSA officials and coaches are school teachers, not professional coaches, who do their best to ensure that all students are given the chance to participate and reach their full potential in a safe sporting environment.

Students and Parents are to sign a Code of Conduct prior to attending PSSA sport and any other external sporting event. It is expected that students will uphold the Code of Conduct at all times which they must agree to and sign. Failure to do this will result in behaviour being dealt with in accordance with the School Fair Discipline Policy.

The school reserves the right to suspend a student’s participation in sporting activities if their behaviour is inappropriate in any school activities.

All students, schools, coaches, parents and spectators are expected to abide by the following code of conduct to ensure all participants achieve their best. All students, schools, coaches, parents and spectators are expected to actively support the positive environment in which school sport is played.
Students are expected to:

- Play by the rules of the game.
- Accept decisions of the official/umpire/referee without argument.
- Exercise self-control.
- Conduct themselves at all times with dignity and respect.
- Treat other players as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with the coach, other team members and their opponents.
- Stay in supervised areas unless competing or marshalling.
- Listen to all announcements being made.

The following consequences may be imposed should students not follow the code of conduct:

- Missing scheduled events/being replaced for the remainder of the game.
- Suspension from future sporting events

Parents and Spectators are expected to:

- Remember that students participate to have fun and that the carnival or sporting event is for students and not adults.
- Inform the teacher or official of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child and other students.
- Be a positive role model for their child and encourage respect and courtesy by demonstrating positive support for all competitors, teachers, officials and spectators during every event.
- Respect the teachers/officials and their authority during carnivals, games and trials and never question, discuss or confront teachers or officials.
- Direct any form of protest to the team manager which must be a school teacher.

The following consequences may be imposed should parents and spectators not follow the code of conduct:

- Being asked to leave the premises or park.
- Meeting with the school principal to discuss attendance at future PSSA or school sporting events.
- Police being called and parents/spectators being charged with section 60E where teachers feel that student or teacher safety is threatened or intimidated by either verbal or physical abuse.

Teachers are expected to:

- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules or games are safe and match the needs and skill level of the students involved.
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are available for all students.
• Ensure everyone involved including parents and spectators understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and the Sydney Coastal PSSA code of conduct.
• Encourage positive attitudes towards student’s sport by emphasising fun and enjoyment, encouraging both teams, setting a good example and doing their best.
• Encourage students to play the game for enjoyment and downplay the use of rewards.
• Avoid any hint of criticism towards the officiating of a match/carnival particularly in front of students, parents or spectators.

Any incidents of unfair play or inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with in line with the NSW Department of Education and Communities Teacher Code of Conduct under the direction of your school principal.

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