

**Jamboree Heights State School
SCHOOL SPORT**

School Representative Team Selection (for West Akuna District Trials)

Since the inception of the West Akuna Primary Schools Sports Association in 1999, there has been a district policy to enable schools to nominate **3 students per age group (Years 10 – 13) per gender** for such competitions as Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics. Thus normally a school would nominate **24 students** for the respective District Carnival. Nominations can vary for Athletics based on the specific event. All other team nominations for other sports (ie. soccer, rugby league, softball, etc.) are dictated by the sport's specific team numbers.

School trials for Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics are conducted within an inter-house carnival format. All other team trials are conducted in a less formal manner based on student interest by a teacher during a lunch break or after school. In the event that a student is absent on the day of the school's Cross Country, Swimming or Athletics Carnival then they are allowed to be **considered as an extra competitor** provided they have demonstrated **prior ability and aptitude to compete at the District level**. Prior ability is defined as having represented the school in previous years at Jamboree Heights or another school, or for younger students, have proven ability at the club level. All schools are reminded at District meetings and in correspondence sent out re the upcoming carnival that this is acceptable. All schools are required to notify the District convener of the addition of an extra competitor. In this situation **the extra competitor does not take the place of a student who was placed in the top three places in their respective school carnival**. This policy is also in place to allow students similar entry from District level to the Regional level as well.

In the event that a student cannot make a school-based trial for another sport (ie. Soccer, Rugby League, Softball, etc.), then the student or parent can notify the school and the coordinator of that particular sport can make arrangements to observe the student at an alternative time.

Acceptable reasons for not being able to compete on the day of the trial include illness or injury, family commitments such as holidays, family custody issues, etc. It is hoped that every effort is made to avoid clashes with other regional and state sporting events when planning the sports calendar and trial days. The State and Regional calendars are promoted at the beginning of each calendar year.

Children who are unable to compete for any reason are entitled to submit an application for "Consideration for School Team Selection under Special Circumstances". This can be submitted to the Principal by either a parent or teacher and must be received no later than one week after the event. It can be submitted prior to the event in the case of a planned holiday. The Principal or Deputy Principal will give consideration to the student's aptitude and/or previous qualifications for the particular sport or event. It would also relate to students who have come to Jamboree Heights State School from another school (after the original selection trial) where they showed an aptitude for a particular sport in their previous school.

Consideration will not be given to students who actually competed but performed below par on the day of the event, including reasons such as an illness or injury during the event. Students who do place in the top three places in the finals at Cross country, Swimming or Athletics (some events) will be automatically nominated for the school's representative team, gain points for their house on the day and, also compete for the age champion. Students not in attendance will obviously not be able to gain points for their house nor compete for the age champion.

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**Application for "Consideration for School Team Selection under Special
Circumstances"**

Date of Application: _____

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____ Class: _____

Sporting Team/Age Group: _____

Reason for Missing School Trial:

Previous Experience/Aptitude:

Name of person (not a family member) and contact number for person who can verify experience:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Parent Contact Number: _____

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Decision made by: _____ Date: _____

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