SPORTING SELECTION POLICY

Rationale
At BHPS sport is an integral part of the curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, stage and school basis. School representative teams play in the three PSSA competitions. Individual students may represent the school, the district and the regional in various sports.

Non competitive Gala Days & Skills Sessions
From time to time the school may enter teams in gala days and/or organise sporting associations to conduct skills sessions at school or venues outside of the school. Entry for participation will be open to all interested students in the target group.

If there are a limited number of places, then available places will be filled on a first come basis until all positions are filled.

PSSA Sport
Participation in Friday PSSA Sport will be open to all students in Years 3 – 6. The Georges River PSSA determines the age/grade requirements for eligibility for the teams. These requirements will be honoured when choosing students for representative teams.

If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held.

Team selections will generally be based on performance at the trial sessions. However, in some cases, students may be selected for the team based on other needs, such as social skills, self esteem etc.

For the senior teams, students in Year 5 & 6 will compete in trials as equals with no preference given to students in Year 6.

The team coach/es has/have the final decision on team selection.

Georges River PSSA & Sydney Region PSSA Trials
The Sports Coordinator will nominate students to represent BHPS at district and regional trials. Most regional trial participants will be selected from district trials. As the level of skill required to represent at district or regional level is very high, the Sports Coordinator may elect not to nominate students for trials. Generally students nominated will be involved in playing in a local weekend competition.

Georges River PSSA Carnivals (Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming)
At the conclusion of school carnivals the Sports Coordinator will select a team to represent BHPS at district level.

Usually the first two placed students, in each school carnival event will be selected. However, students must meet district qualifying times or distances in order to attend.
Sport Code of Conduct
When chosen to represent the school at district, regional and state levels, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner, both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sports uniform and upholding the Sport Code of Conduct.

Sport Code of Conduct

*It isn’t whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.*
*(Grantland Rice)*

1. Play for the fun of it.
2. Compete by the rules and always abide by the referees/umpires’ or touch judges’ decisions.
3. Control your temper. Make no criticism – either by word or gesture.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your teams’ performance will benefit and so will your own.
5. Be willing to train and prepare for the game. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
6. Play only when you are fully fit. To play with an injury will handicap your team and may expose you to risk of serious, lifelong injury.
7. Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members.
8. At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents – without them you do not have a competition.
9. Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.