



Great Ryrie PS Sport Selection Processes

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Years 5&6 Interschool Sport:

Interschool sport happens during Term 1 (Summer) and Term 2 (Winter). This is open to students in years 5&6. The selection process for this is that each year 5&6 student fills out a preference form (1-10). Year 6 students are guaranteed to be in a team if they would like, however they also have the option of not taking part in interschool sport. The Phys-Ed teacher will try their best to give grade 6 students their highest preference but sometimes this is not possible due to the popularity of some sports. Grade 5 preferences are then looked at to fill the remainder of the spots in the team. There are often not enough spots left available for all the grade 5 students wanting to be a part of the team so some may miss out. Those students not taking part in interschool sport will take part in a sport and peer tutoring program at school.

During the 'Home & Away' seasons of sport, teachers work to ensure that each student on the team participates in an equal amount of games and playing time. If an interschool sport team progresses to a District Final or further then it is at the discretion of the teacher in charge as to who will be fielded and the game time may vary between players, depending on player skills and abilities.

Years 5&6 District Trials (12 years and under):

School Sport Victoria has changed its sport trials process in 2015 and again slightly in 2016. No longer are School Sport Victoria looking for a particular number of students who are assessed to be the best at each school to participate in district trials in various sports. The 'have a go' and 'see how far you can go' mind set has gone and School Sport Victoria are now only looking for the elite athletes in the state to assess at district trials. If you think your child is potentially in the best 50 athletes in the state of Victoria, for their particular sport, then you should consider nominating them. You need to be confident that they are good enough not just to take part at a district, division or regional trial, you need to be comfortable that they are capable enough to make it to a state trial and get selected for Victoria, before nominating them. By no means is being the best athlete at your school or sporting club a good enough reason to nominate. You need to be potentially in the best 50 elite athletes in the state of Victoria to nominate for these district trials.

If you think your child is potentially in the top 50 athletes in the state of Victoria for their sport then here is what you must do:

There are various district sporting trials that emerging elite athletes can nominate for, through the School Sport Victoria website. By no means does nominating your child guarantee you a spot at a trial. To nominate your child will cost \$25 through the School Sport Victoria website. School Sport Victoria officials will then look through all sport nominations and select those elite athletes whom they would like to see trial. By nominating your elite athlete you are nominating them to be considered by School Sport Victoria for trial in a particular sport.

During the nomination process you will be asked to get your child's school principal and sport coordinator to sign off that the child is a student at GRPS and that the school endorses your nomination. For the principal and sport coordinator to sign off on the nomination and uphold the integrity of the process, we will be asking potential elite athletes to provide a letter from their club coach, stating that they are demonstrably among the top 50 athletes in the state of Victoria in their sport and age group (i.e. not simply the best athlete at their club or school). After receiving this letter both the principal and sport coordinator will be happy to endorse the a student's nomination.

Please view the following 3 you tube clips from the CEO of School Sport Victoria to help you find out more information on this topic and to help you understand what School Sport Victoria are looking for at their trials.

Jude Magure about the Online Registration Process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZsZ56EgFxl>

Jude Magure speaking to Parents:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mZFqIBozCU>

Jude Magure speaking to the Sport Coordinators:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bt_QSKPyw-I

Registrations are open till the 16th March, after which nominations are closed.

Special Sports Competitions:

Each year GRPS can enter teams in various different sporting competitions, e.g. the state netball championships. Students are selected for these special sport competitions through in-school trials. Students who perform the best in the trials are selected irrespective of their age or year level. i.e. no preference is given to students in a higher year level.

Years 3&4 Sports Round Robin:

Each year GRPS invites 3 other schools to take part in a year 3&4 sports round robin, which is held at GRPS in term 4. Teams are selected for this through in-school trials. These trials are run by the Year 6 Sport Captains and the Phys-Ed Coordinator during term 3. Teams are determined by the Year 6 Sport Captains in consultation with the Phys-Ed Coordinator. Students who perform the best at these trials are selected irrespective of their age or year level. i.e. no preference is given to students in a higher year level.

Years 3-6 District Athletics Team:

The GRPS District Athletics team is selected from the years 3-6 school athletics event. Students who win individual events in the 11year old and 12/13 year old age groups automatically qualify for the team. Students who are in the 9/10 year old age group compete in different groups (grade 3 group & grade 4 group) on the school athletics day. The winners of individual events in that age group do not automatically qualify for the field events. Students in the 9/10 year old age group, who win individual running events do however qualify for the track team. Competitors for field events in the 9/10 year old age group to be included in the district team will be determined by the sports coordinator. This decision takes into consideration prior knowledge of each student's abilities and in some cases by a play-off between students. Students are only able to compete in a maximum of two individual events and one relay at district athletics. This will at times open up positions for other students who have finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in various events.

Years 3-6 District Cross Country Team:

The GRPS District Cross Country team will be selected from the years 3-6 school cross country event. Students who finish in the top 10 quickest times for each age group will be selected for the district team. All races will be timed so that students who are away on the day of the cross country can still try out for the district team.

Years 3-6 District Swimming Team:

Students who would like to try out for the district swimming team will need to follow the instructions on the swimming letter distributed at the start of each year. Students need to bring in their 50 meter swimming times in the various strokes. School Sport Victoria have instructed Phys-Ed teachers to only allow students in the team who can swim the various strokes in the specific times provided by School Sport Victoria for each of the different strokes. If more than one student's times are within the requirements then the spot will be given to the swimmer with the fastest time.

Yours sincerely,

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