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## PSSA SPORT 2024 – Information for Years 3-6

What is PSSA?

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Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) provides opportunities for primary students to participate in competitive sport at the zone level and above against other schools. Our local zone, Wiley Park, is comprised of 18 schools, who compete in swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals, as well as weekly Friday afternoon team sports throughout the year.

### Wiley Park Zone Team Sports in 2024

This year, trials for all PSSA team sports will be held in Term 1. See below for teams that your child may like to trial for. Summer Trials will begin this Friday 9th February, and Winter trials will be held a few weeks later. Students should wear their sports uniform, bring a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat. Trials will be held at school or at Beaumont Park, our closest sports ground, and a short walk from school. At CPPS there are many children who wish to trial and only a limited number of students able to be on each team, so there can be disappointments. Please speak to your child about this possibility – it is a great lesson in resilience. If your child is unsuccessful, they will join the school sports program on a Friday afternoon, so will not miss out on the opportunity to participate in regular physical activity. If your child is successful, they will be forwarded permission and PSSA Sport Code of Conduct notes later in the term. They will be required to attend training sessions, care for equipment and show excellent sportsmanship when representing CPPS.

Winter PSSA competition in 2024 will run from Term 2, Week 1 (3/5) until Term 3, Week 3 (9/8). Summer PSSA Competition will run from Term 3 Week 6 (30/8) until Term 4, Week 7 (6/12). All schools will play 13 games in each competition. There will be no semi-finals or finals this year, it is “first past the post” at the end of the 13 rounds – with an emphasis on the Wiley Park motto of “participation is winning”.

PSSA games are played in various local parks in our area. They will begin at 12.45pm each Friday and conclude by 2.15pm.

There will be a “safe zone” at all PSSA games. This will mean no parents or spectators are allowed within 3m of any part of the field. This is to protect staff and students against an increase in unacceptable spectator behaviour. The Wiley Park PSSA will also be strongly enforcing student conduct. There will be zero tolerance for complaining to the referee, by students on the field or off. Please remember that staff are teachers, not professional referees or coaches, and are doing their best so that students get to play and enjoy a competitive game against another school each week.

Some selected students will be asked to take part in Zone trials, a representative pathway for more skilled athletes, where they may be chosen to represent the Wiley Park Zone as part of a team competing in

Sydney East PSSA Gala Days. The Zone trials for many sports will also be held throughout the year. More details will be given to those selected.

Please find below an outline below of team sports in the Wiley Park Zone as well as criteria for selection at trials.

Team	Age Group	Other information
<b>WINTER PSSA TEAMS</b>		
Senior Football	Year 5 and Year 6	Two teams available - one for boys and one for girls. Shin pads required.
Junior Football	Year 3 and Year 4	Two teams available - one for boys and one for girls. Shin pads required
Senior Netball	Year 5 and Year 6	Senior A and a Senior B team selected. Teams available for Girls, Boys can also play (max 2 per team)
Junior Netball	Year 3 and Year 4	Junior A and a Junior B team selected. Teams available for Girls, Boys can also play (max 2 per team)
Rugby League	Junior team – Year 3 and Year 4 Senior team – Year 5 and Year 6	Mixed Teams – boys and girls play together. Previous experience preferred as this is a physical game. Mouth guard and head gear required
<b>SUMMER PSSA TEAMS</b>		
Senior Softball	Years 5 and Year 6	Two teams available - one for boys and one for girls. Mitt is provided for the season but must be returned.
Junior T-Ball	Year 3 and 4	Two teams available - one for boys and one for girls. Mitt is provided for the season but must be returned.
League Tag	Junior team – Year 3 and Year 4 Senior team – Year 5 and Year 6	Two teams available - one for boys and one for girls. Two teams available - one for boys and one for girls.
Cricket	Junior team – Year 3 and Year 4 Senior team – Year 5 and Year 6	Mixed Teams – Boys and Girls.

The criteria for the selection process is-

#### **NETBALL**

- \* throwing – can use a shoulder pass
- \* catching
- \* footwork
- \* can break forward to the ball
- \* breaks to space
- \* knows positional play
- \* defending – gets hands up
- \* good sportsmanship/ team spirit

#### **SOFTBALL**

- \* throwing
- \* catching with mitt
- \* hitting
- \*running

#### **FOOTBALL**

- \* dribbling
- \* passing
- \* controlling the ball – trap, chest, head etc.
- \* shooting, crossing
- \* heading
- \* positional play
- \* defending, tackling
- \* good sportsmanship/ team spirit

#### **CRICKET**

- \* throwing
- \* catching
- \* hitting
- \* running between wickets

- \* knows positional play/thinks quickly
- \* good sportsmanship/ team spirit

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

- \*catching and passing
- \*correct body build for key positions
- \*evidence of tackling style
- \*speed
- \*strength
- \*stamina
- \*agility
- \*perceived positional play
- \*kicking ability
- \*good sportsmanship/team spirit

### **T-BALL**

- \*throwing
- \*catching with mitt
- \*hitting off a tee
- \*running
- \* knows positional play/thinks quickly
- \* good sportsmanship/team spirit

- \* bowling
- \* good sportsmanship/ team spirit

### **TOUCH**

- \*catching and passing – run forward, pass back
- \*speed
- \*agility
- \*perceived positional play
- \*good sportsmanship/team spirit

### **LEAGUE TAG**

- \*catching and passing
- \*speed/fitness
- \*agility
- \*perceived positional play
- \*good sportsmanship/team spirit

We are looking forward to a great year in sport!

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