



Eastern Suburbs PSSA

EASTERN SUBURBS ZONE SELECTION POLICY

Selection Policy:

1. Carnivals:

i) Students must in all circumstances be in attendance and compete at an ESPSSA Zone Carnival in order to allow them to be considered for selection in the ESPSSA Zone team to compete at a Sydney East PSSA Carnival.

ii) Students must compete at the ESPSSA Zone Carnival in order to allow them to be considered for selection in the ESPSSA Zone team to compete at the Sydney East PSSA Carnival, unless they are:

a) Competing at a higher level school sport competition

In this case, a [Consideration For Inclusion Into Eastern Suburbs PSSA Zone Carnival – Application Form](#) must be presented to the Convener. This is to be verified/endorsed by the student's Sports Coordinator or Delegate and Principal, listing the student's school performance and any relevant previous Zone/Sydney East performance in that sport. This will then be considered for selection by a panel - i.e. ESPSSA Executive and Convener. Inclusion in the ESPSSA Zone team under these circumstances will not be at the expense of individuals who have competed at and qualified for the zone team based on the qualification procedures determined by the Sydney East PSSA, and is also subject to approval from the relevant Sydney East PSSA Convener. Submitting a consideration for inclusion does not guarantee inclusion in the ESPSSA Zone team. In these cases, a request for inclusion form must be presented to the ESPSSA Zone Convener at least one week prior to the ESPSSA Zone Carnival.

iii) If a student is not available for the Sydney East trial or the NSW State Carnival, then the student is deemed ineligible to be chosen in the ESPSSA Zone team.

iv) Member schools should contact the relevant ESPSSA Zone Convener and discuss exceptional circumstances for zone inclusion. ESPSSA Zone Conveners must seek ratification through the ESPSSA Zone Executive.

v) ESPSSA Zone Convener and the ESPSSA Executive will make the final decision on any inclusion into the ESPSSA Zone team.

vi) ESPSSA Zone Conveners are to organise all aspects of running the zone carnival e.g. venue, format, program, jobs, bookings for following year, dissemination of information in sufficient time prior to carnival being held, information regarding dates and organisation for the regional carnival.

vii) It is the responsibility of all school sport coordinators to submit entries to the ESPSSA convenor by the published due date. Sport coordinators should ensure entries are correct and no changes are made after the date specified by the convenor. They should also notify the relevant convenor immediately if a student who is scheduled to compete at the regional carnival is unable to compete. Sport coordinators should also communicate to their community information relevant to carnival events for students with a disability, including the need for an official classification to be obtained prior to entry dates.

vii) The Zone pathway is for students who are able to demonstrate they are gifted and talented athletes. Students must have demonstrated competence in the relevant event at the school level. Each school may send a maximum number of students to a Zone carnival. These numbers are as follows:

- Swimming: three representatives for 50m Freestyle events, two representatives for all other events in each age division for boys and girls (medley events subject to qualifying times as determined by the Zone Convenor each year)
- Athletics: three representatives for 100m, two representatives for all other events in each age division for boys and girls
- Cross Country: four representatives per age division for boys and girls

- In exceptional circumstances, dispensation may be given by the Zone Convener, in consultation with the Eastern Suburbs Zone PSSA Executive, to allow additional students to compete. Schools are not obliged to send the maximum number of entries for each event.

ix) In the event that an ESPSSA Zone Carnival is cancelled due to poor weather or other such circumstances, the Zone team will be selected on an alternative date being available prior to the Sydney East Carnival for the same sport. If an alternative date is not able to be arranged for any reason, competitors will be invited to submit times/heights/distances to be considered by the ESPSSA Zone Convener and Executives. These submitted entry marks should be from the School Carnival, with the exception that it does not necessarily have to meet the PSSA qualifying standards. Entry marks must have been achieved in the same year of competition prior to the ESPSSA Zone Carnival, and must be ratified by the School Principal of the school that the student attends, as well as the School Sport Convener.

x) The first two or three place getters (dependent on the zone entry requirements for each event as determined by Sydney East) will be considered for selection into the Sydney East representative team. In case of a tie for third place, the Convener shall determine selection for the third position using the following criteria:

- a) Field: the tie will be resolved at the event through a countback of the results, or a 'jump/throw off' if still unresolved.
- b) Track: heat times will first be considered. If the tie is still not resolved, the position will be resolved by the toss of a coin.

xi) The ESPSSA Zone Convener is responsible for naming the Zone team and subsequently contacting Zone Executive and all member schools of chosen students to compete at Sydney East trials. This should be done in the immediate days following the ESPSSA carnival. The Convener is also responsible for managing the ESPSSA Team at the Sydney East carnival, including dissemination and collection of permission notes, uniform, etc. A copy of all permission notes for regional, state and national carnivals must be retained by the student's school.

Please note: Students on school suspension at the time of any Zone Carnival will not be allowed to compete, nor will they be considered as an extra inclusion in the ESPSSA Zone team.

2. Teams

i) Students must in all circumstances be in attendance and compete at the ESPSSA Zone Trial in order to allow them to be considered for selection in the ESPSSA Zone team to compete at the Sydney East PSSA Trial.

ii) Students must compete at the Zone Trial in order to allow them to be considered for selection in the ESPSSA Zone team to compete at the Sydney East PSSA Trial, unless they are:

- a) Competing at a higher level school sport competition

In this case, a [Consideration For Inclusion Into Eastern Suburbs PSSA Zone Team – Application Form](#) in the ESPSSA Zone team must be presented to the ESPSSA Convener. This is to be verified/endorsed by the student's Sports Coordinator or Delegate and Principal, listing the student's school performance and any relevant previous Zone/Sydney East performance in that sport. This will then be considered for selection by a panel - i.e. ESPSSA Executive and Convener. Inclusion in the ESPSSA Zone team under these circumstances will not be at the expense of individuals who have competed at and qualified for the ESPSSA Zone team based on the qualification procedures determined by the Sydney East PSSA, and is also subject to approval from the relevant Sydney East PSSA Convener. Submitting a consideration for inclusion does not guarantee inclusion in the Zone team. In these cases, a request for inclusion form must be presented to the Zone Convener at least one week prior to the ESPSSA Zone Trial.

iii) If a student is not available for the Married trial, or Sydney East trial or NSW State Carnival, then the student is deemed ineligible to be chosen in the ESPSSA Zone team.

iv) Member schools should contact the relevant ESPSSA Zone Convener and discuss exceptional circumstances for zone inclusion. ESPSSA Zone Convener must seek ratification through the ESPSSA Zone Executive.

v) ESPSSA Zone Convener and the ESPSSA Executive will make the final decision on any inclusion into the Zone team.

vi) ESPSSA Conveners are to organise all aspects of running the ESPSSA Zone Trial - i.e. venue, permission notes, format, referee/umpire. The selection panel of personnel choosing the Zone team will be determined by the ESPSSA Convener and/or Executive, if deemed necessary.

vii) All students trialling for an ESPSSA Zone team need to have the school's permission to attend the ESPSSA trial. The school Sports Coordinator or Delegate and Principal must sign the student's ESPSSA Zone consent/permission form prior to the ESPSSA Zone trial to allow participation in the ESPSSA Zone trial. The school Sports Coordinator or Delegate must collate all signed permission notes from students at their school and forward a list of students who have been permitted to attend the Zone trial to the Eastern Suburbs Zone Convener via a mode of communication specified by the Convener by the Friday of the week prior to the trial. Students who have not been permitted to attend by the Sports Coordinator or Delegate will not be allowed to trial. It is the responsibility of all school sport coordinators to notify the relevant convener immediately if a student who is scheduled to compete in an ESPSSA team is unable to participate for any reason.

viii) The ESPSSA Zone pathway is for students who are able to demonstrate they are gifted and talented athletes. Zone trials are not a "come and try" day. Each school may send a maximum of 6 students to an ESPSSA Zone trial. In exceptional circumstances, dispensation may be given by the Zone Convener in consultation with the ESPSSA Executive, to allow additional students to trial. Schools are not obliged to send the maximum number of trialists. The ESPSSA Convener is responsible for sending information regarding the trial, including a permission note, trial details and school return form at least two weeks prior to the trial date. A nil return is required to be sent to the ESPSSA Convener if a school is sending no students to trial.

ix) The ESPSSA Zone Convener is responsible for naming the Zone Team and subsequently contacting the Zone Executive and all member schools of chosen students to compete at the Sydney East trials. The Convener is also responsible for managing the ESPSSA Team at the married or Sydney East trials, including dissemination and collection of permission notes, uniform, training, etc.

Please note: Students on school suspension at the time of any Zone trial will not be allowed to trial, nor will they be considered as an extra inclusion in the ESPSSA Zone team.