**Guidelines for Great Southern Grammar Sports Team Selection Criteria**

The following Team Selection Criteria have been formed so parents/players are aware of the procedure from registrations, team formations and to disputes.

Great Southern Grammar, the Sports department with consultation with the Director of Sport (DOS) has developed a guideline where decisions based around team selections will be derived from.

**Nominations and registrations for Summer/Winter Sports.**

**Major points to consider with your nomination:**

1. All players that nominate for a summer or winter sport will be given every opportunity to play for GSG in the outlined and nominated sport,
2. Nominations will be collated online, and both parents and students need to accept the Terms and Conditions advised during the online process by the nomination expiry date.
3. Any application submitted post-closing time may not be accepted or will be placed on a wait list.
4. New trials will be held at the start of each season for appropriate players and paper grading’s from previous seasons will be used to help formulate teams with coaches and Teachers in Charge (TIC) of sports in consultation with the DOS.
5. Based on the registration numbers, players and parents please note, teams may vary from year to year based on trial results, and no team will remain exactly the same every year.
6. In the event GSG is unable to field a team in certain sporting groups (where schools have limited involvement – at present AFL and junior cricket), GSG will announce registration days for interested parents and players to attend and nominate individually and be responsible for their own fees.

**Further information:**

Where we have received nominations:

**Grading – for A, B or C Teams**

Where leagues have grades, teams may be formed based on the following criteria. Selections will incorporate a trial system. Based on the paper gradings and trial observations of the TIC (and support group if available) and DOS and in consultation with the coaches of that particular sport and grade, trials will be planned and held. Trials may consist of from 1 to 3 trials. Players will be graded on the sport specific skills required for that sport and specifically towards the player’s age, gender and conditions directed by the association guidelines to the upcoming season.
**One Grade**

Where one grade stands for particular sports, teams will be formed based on the following criteria.

1. Based on the number of nominations and where two teams exist in the same year group or grade, teams will be split into *two equal* teams (or more where required.)
2. The DOS, TIC and/or support group will allocate a trial date, where participants will be placed through sport specific and progressional skills and drills, and game situations, whilst a panel of 2 or more people, will record performance and sort players into equal teams for a fair and equitable competition.
3. Player assets may assist in team formations, based on the individual sports positional requirements.
4. Students may be given an opportunity to play together in their senior teams at Country week from years 10-12 in preparation for the upcoming competition. Please be aware in this instance, there may be an imbalance in teams which may play in the same grade. This gives our most senior players an opportunity to play together at some time during their years at GSG as they prepare for our most senior competition and we strive as a school to achieve Champion country school status at Countryweek.

**Low Numbers**

1. Where numbers of players are not plentiful to create or form a team, players from another year group may be asked to play down or play up depending on their skill level,
2. If unable to achieve point 1 above, external sources may be sourced, whether it be another school or club, within the guidelines of the sporting organisation intended (e.g. no poaching if soccer)
   If we are unable to achieve point 1 or 2, players, with their parent’s permission, may be invited to join a team outside GSG,
   In the event GSG is unable to field a team in the chosen activity, GSG sports will endeavour to try and find a team with alternate schools/clubs/groups for interested parties to participate in. Out of a sign of good faith, the Principal, DOS and TIC may allow registrations to be paid for by GSG accounts.

   Our main point being, that we endeavour to involve all students into their nominated sports for GSG as per the student handbook and enrolment agreement.

**Appeals**

Appeals must be made in writing to the DOS, TIC and/or support group within 7 days of the official release of teams.

**Playing up a year group or down**

Sport specific details available on association websites

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