

# Horsley Zone Primary Schools Sports Association

## PSSA Information for Coaches of School Teams

### (SUMMER COMPETITION)

1. In consultation with the Executive (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Presidents) based on information provided to them on risk assessments from those who have checked the grounds. **NOTE:** These people will be defined at a zone meeting at the start of each season. A decision will be made by 10.30am. In regard to heat three weather apps will be checked for temperature and if over 32 degrees games will be cancelled. **Carried Dec 2023**
2. All Horsley Zone PSSA competition games will be drawn to be played on a Friday.
3. The NSW PSSA General Rules for all sports will be adopted by Horsley Zone PSSA, unless specifically determined by the Horsley Zone PSSA.
4. All rule clarifications are presented and approved at Zone Committee Meeting before the commencement of the season.
5. Each school is to bring a First Aid kit to the grounds.
6. Children in the Horsley Zone are banned from the fixed and play equipment, before, during or after any sport/carnival at any venue.
7. All **jewellery** must be removed for all sports. Religious jewellery must be covered with suitable material, eg tape, bandaid, bandage, supports, etc.
8. All children must wear **appropriate footwear** for the sport in which they are participating.
9. If children are not wearing correct **safety equipment** (as set out in rules for each sport) the child will be removed from the field. If there are insufficient children properly equipped then the game is to be forfeited. (eg no shin pads, catcher's gear, **mouthguards**). The secretary is to be informed and the principal of that school notified.
10. Students participating in PSSA sport are encouraged to wear hats/caps at appropriate times.
11. Summer competitions (where possible) will be drawn to be played in Terms 1 and 4.  
Games will **commence by 12:30pm** and must **conclude by 2:00pm**.  
The Summer competition will consist of the following sports:  
Cricket, Touch Football, Newcombeball/Girls'AFL, Softball and T-Ball.
12. All Horsley PSSA games will continue until **2:00pm** or a time limit specified by each sport. If a game is to be shortened it **MUST** be agreed upon by both teachers. **Carried 5.12.23**
13. When teams arrive late, all games to be played are reduced in time (with equal halves) to allow all games to still be run.
14. **When a school arrives after the mid-point of the summer session (that being 1:15pm) then a DRAW becomes the result and a friendly game/s will be played.**
15. **Coaches, referees/umpires must only be teachers.** Parents are not to officiate in games. Teachers are to assist each other whenever possible. Inexperienced/new teachers to a sport are asked to attempt umpiring/refereeing with sideline assistance from the more experienced teacher, if required.  
*In some sports, eg. softball & T-Ball, students from Westfields Sports High may be involved in refereeing/umpiring duties if so required by the convener.*
16. **Opposing coaches are to confer at the end of each quarter, half, inning and the conclusion of the game to ensure scores are exact. Teachers are to insist scorers sit together and, if students move, stop the game and return them to their correct position.**

17. Competition points will be awarded for all sports in the following way

Win	2	
Draw	1	
Loss	0	
Bye	2	(1 point for a washed-out round)
Forfeit	2	
Wash-out	1	to all teams including those with a bye.
Mutually called off	0	pts

**NOTE: Schools that agree not to play a sanctioned PSSA round will not be awarded any points. This would not apply to individual teams that turn up to a ground on those rare occasions and playing conditions are deemed unsafe. CARRIED 30.11.17**

*Teachers coaching school teams should check updated tables for their particular team/s to ensure that it is correct. The Zone Convener for the sport should be notified as soon as possible if any errors are noted. All tables will be available on the Horsley Zone website.*

18. a) A junior player is allowed to play in a senior team under the following conditions....

1. the senior team is short of players
2. the junior player is physically capable of playing in the senior team
3. the opposition coach is notified of the junior playing up.
4. the junior player has not played in a game beforehand

**NOTE:**

\* If there are no senior reserves and a senior player is injured, then a junior player may substitute for that player so long as conditions 1, 2 & 3 are met.

\* No senior shall be subbed or replaced by a junior thus depriving the senior of their normal game time.

\* Under NO circumstances shall a SENIOR student take part in any JUNIOR game.

**Motion Passed - HZ Meeting 7.2.19**

18. b) School teams which are found playing children over the age limit or below their designated grading will lose competition points. The number of points will be decided by the HZPSSA executive in consultation with the convener of the sport concerned.

19. If any child is sent off, the teachers responsible from both schools concerned must notify the convener of that sport, the Zone Secretary and the Principal of each of the two schools. The Zone Secretary and convener are to be informed of the subsequent outcome.

For the **first offence**, the child will receive an **official warning from their Principal** of a consequent suspension from PSSA sport if a further send off occurs. (N.B. A suspension may be given to a student if the student offender has behaved in a manner that the school Sports Organiser and school Principal believe warrants such a consequence.)

A **second offence** will incur a **minimum one week suspension** from PSSA sport imposed by the Principal of the child's school.

A **third offence** will incur an **automatic disqualification** from any PSSA team for that season of play.

**The Zone Secretary will keep a record of all children sent off during PSSA games. This will be written on the weekly result sheet sent to the Zone Secretary by the child's school.**

20. A FORFEIT is only ever claimed under the following circumstances....

1. a team/school has another planned event on, such as a camp or excursion, and cannot attend. Notice of which must be given to the opposition team and the convener of the sport/s involved.
2. a team turns up but is clearly short of numbers. A FORFEIT is claimed by the other team and a FRIENDLY is played.
3. In newcombball when a school does not bring their equipment, the offending team will forfeit both games and a FRIENDLY game is played, dividing the game time equally.

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21. a) In the event of a team **forfeiting 3 or more games**, all points for that team be deleted from the competition table along with all points for and against by teams who played against them during the competition. **The team may continue playing social matches**. No points will be awarded.

b) In the event that a PSSA team forfeits the following will occur in relation to the points table...

- The team that receives the forfeit will be awarded the 2 points for the win
- The team that forfeits will receive 0 points
- The official match score will be recorded as...

### Summer

\* Touch 5-0

\* Softball 7-0

\* T-Ball 7-0

\* AFL 20-0 (same for Winter/Summer)

\* Newcombeball 2 sets

## Motion Passed – HZ Meeting 30.11.21

22. During summer and winter competitions there is to be no injury timeout. The clock will not stop but rather continue in the event of an injury.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Each team/school must provide all its own equipment as listed in the Horsley Zone PSSA Cricket, Touch Football, Newcombeball/Girls'AFL, Softball and T-Ball rules.

**Safety Equipment** as outlined in the Horsley Zone PSSA rules **must** be worn by all students participating in the Horsley Zone PSSA competition.

### **SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS**

- a. After the last round has been played the teams positioned first, second, third and fourth on the total number of points shall contest the semi-finals, (1 v 4 and 2 v 3). The subsequent winners of these matches will play in the finals. If two or more teams finish level on points, the order of the placings will be decided by for and against.  
(See By-Law 18 for two pooled competition format)
- b. The winner of the final shall be declared the Premiers.
- c. If in the event of wet weather for the semi-finals the teams placed 1 and 2 on the competition ladder will play in the final. If in the event of wet weather for the final the teams will be declared Joint-Premiers.
- d. In the event of a draw at the end of regulation time in a Touch football or Girls AFL semi-final only, 5 minutes each way will be played to determine the winner. If the score is still drawn at the end of extra time the team highest on the ladder will progress through to the final. Otherwise, for all other Summer PSSA sports in the event of a draw at the end of regulation time in a semi-final, the team higher on the ladder will play in the final.
- e. In the event of a draw at the end of regulation time in a Touch football or Girls AFL final only, 5 minutes each way will be played to determine the winner. If the score is still drawn at the end of extra time Joint Premiers will be declared. Otherwise, for all other Summer PSSA sports in the event of a draw at the end of regulation time in a final, Joint Premiers will be declared.
- f. **Summer competition-** Games will commence by **12:30pm** and must conclude by **2.00pm**.
- g. Game times in semi-finals and finals will remain the same as per the rounds.
- h. If possible, neutral umpires/referees will be arranged.

23. A decision to be made whether semi-finals and finals to be played or the Zone votes to go with first past the post at the beginning of each year. (This will allow for an extra 6 weeks of PSSA to be played in a year). **December 2023**

# HORSLEY ZONE PSSA

## Code of Conduct for Teachers



1. Encourage children to play sport for the fun of it and do not over emphasise winning.
2. Create opportunities to teach sportsmanship.
3. Never ridicule children for making mistakes or losing.
4. Avoid over-playing talented players.
5. Ensure children use safety equipment and adhere to safety guidelines.
6. Develop team respect and respect for the judgement of officials.
7. Learn and use current Horsley Zone PSSA rules.
8. Ensure that the Duty of Care obligations that you hold as a Department of Education representative extends to all students who may be in attendance at a Horsley Zone event.