



South Australian School Sport (SAPSASA) Policy

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PURPOSE

At Ingle Farm Primary School, we support students to reach their potential through high quality physical activity and sporting opportunities. Participation in SA School Sport (SAPSASA) enables students to extend their skills, demonstrate sportsmanship, build resilience and represent the school with pride.

SAPSASA AFFILIATION

Ingle Farm Primary School is affiliated with School Sport SA (formerly SAPSASA) and is a member of a designated geographical SAPSASA district.

School Sport SA competitions are conducted at district and state levels and follow published annual calendars. Ingle Farm Primary School staff determine which the events and sports each year based on:

- alignment with the Physical Education curriculum
- student interest and wellbeing
- availability of suitably trained staff to coach and supervise
- funding and staffing capacity.

Participation may vary from year to year.

COMPETITIONS

District Carnivals

Ingle Farm Primary School may nominate students or teams to attend district carnivals, including athletics and cross country. Students who perform strongly at district events may be selected by district officials to represent the district at State-level carnivals.

Knockout Competitions

The school may nominate teams to participate in selected knockout competitions, such as football, netball, soccer, basketball, cricket or tennis.

- Games are played during school hours
- Draws and formats are organised by School Sport SA
- Winning teams progress through the competition
- Some competitions may be held in a mini-carnival format

Final decisions regarding participation are made by school leadership.

State Teams and Carnivals

Students who demonstrate a high level of performance in school competitions may be invited to attend district trials. Selection for district teams enables participation in week-long State Carnivals. Invitations to trials are determined by coaches in consultation with leadership.

Eligibility and Participation

- District carnivals (athletics and cross country) are available for Years 4–6, in line with School Sport SA age requirements.

- Team sports generally involve Year 5 and Year 6 students.
- Selection is based on demonstrated skill, effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- External club participation does not guarantee selection.
- Where skill level is comparable, priority may be given to older students.

TRIALS

Team Sports Trials

- Trials for team sports are conducted internally during lunch and/or recess breaks.
- Trial information is communicated to students via school announcements.
- Selection considers skill, effort, teamwork, game awareness and sportsmanship.
- Teams are selected by the coach and, where possible, an assistant selector.

Cross Country

- No school-based trials are conducted.
- Students may enter and participate in the district cross country event with supervision from their family on the day.
- Families are responsible for supervision and transport when choosing this option.

Athletics Trials

- Athletics trials are conducted during the Years 4–6 Interschool Athletics Day, held in Term 2.
- All events are taught and practised during Physical Education lessons.
- Results from this day are used to select students for the District SAPSASA Athletics Carnival.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Students selected to participate in SAPSASA events are expected to:

- demonstrate the school values at all times
- show respect towards peers, staff, officials and volunteers
- follow school behaviour policies and expectations
- commit to training and preparation
- display positive sportsmanship.

Students who do not meet expectations may be withdrawn from participation, following consultation with school leadership and families.

PLAYING TIME

While School Sport SA supports participation, SAPSASA competitions are designed to determine a winner.

- Coaches will make decisions in the best interest of the team.
- Some students may receive more playing time than others depending on the event.
- Decisions are made professionally and fairly.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Students selected to represent Ingle Farm Primary School may be required to pay a School Sport SA levy.

The levy contributes to:

- team registrations
- officiating costs
- staff release for supervision
- maintenance and replacement of sporting uniforms
- transport.

TRANSPORT AND SUPERVISION

Student safety is the priority for all SAPSASA events.

- All school-organised transport is provided by bus.
- Bus costs are currently funded by Ingle Farm Primary School.
- Families may alternatively choose to transport their own child to and from the event, provided this is communicated to the school in advance.

Students who attend events remain under school supervision during official competition time and are expected to comply with school behaviour expectations.

All transport arrangements align with Department for Education policies and School Sport SA guidelines.