



LENDY PARK SCHOOL

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Maximising The Potential Of Each Child Through Christian Education

Lendy Park School Team Selection Policy

This document seeks to clarify the way in which teams are selected at Lendy Park School. In team selection, we seek to give every child an opportunity to have some game time in the respective sporting disciplines.

Team Selection Policy

1. In team sports, selection for First Teams and Colts and Fillies A Teams is based solely on merit and ability.
2. In team sports, selection for Second and Third Teams and Colts and Fillies B and C Teams is less focused on ability but it is here, through the rotation of players while maintaining a core of regular players (a maximum of 50% of the team) to ensure competitiveness. We will endeavour to give all children an opportunity to represent the school. In these teams, participation is more important than the outcome.
3. In individual sports, such as athletics, cross country and swimming, the selection of the school teams is solely on merit as determined through a selection process prior to the events.
4. Selection for Inter-house Events will ensure that all children participate in at least one event during the course of the day.
5. However, Lendy Park School acknowledges the importance of **grit, sportsmanship, effort, commitment and discipline**. Developing these traits is as important as playing the game. As such, a child who is lacking in these areas, may, despite their ability or talent, not be selected for these teams. In this case, it is the coaches responsibility to inform the child and provide them with a clear path for rehabilitation and then reinclusion in the team.
6. Any cheating, fighting (initiating the fight or retaliation), arguing with a referee or bad sportsmanship, poor behaviour on or off the field or misbehaving on the bus will disqualify the child from participating in school teams for a period of 3 weeks from the time of the offence
7. Failure to be correctly dressed for a match will disqualify the child from representing the team on that day **and** for the next match. This is the case even if it means the team must play with less than the required numbers for the match.
8. The selection of a team is the coaches responsibility and theirs alone.
9. Selection for a team is not permanent as other players may develop their skills and warrant selection for a team.

If a parent is concerned that their child is being unfairly treated, they should, in the first place, ask the coach why their child was not selected. If they are not satisfied, they should approach the Director of Sports. If they are not satisfied, they should approach the Deputy Head. In the final instance they can approach the Headmaster.