



RYDE ZONE

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION





1 Result

- 1.1.1 Result should be entered via the PSSA web site at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rydepssa/home/> by the Monday after the game.
- 1.1.2 Each school is to be responsible for entering and checking the results.
- 1.1.3 Where a school disputes the results entered on the web site, the sports coordinator from the school should fax the sport's convener, indicating the round and score in dispute.
- 1.1.4 If no results are received the match in question will be deemed a draw.

2 Postponements/drawn games

- 2.1.1 If rain stops play during a game so that the match has to be abandoned, then a draw will be declared.

Special Rule for Cricket

- i) If the senior game has 4 overs or less to be completed (2nd team batting) when rain stops play, a count back shall be done. The comparative runs scored by the team batting first (in their last 4 or less overs) will be deducted from their total. If more than 4 overs are to be bowled the match is deemed a draw.
- ii) If the junior game has 4 overs or less to be completed by the team batting second, the average score of that team at the stop in play shall be considered that team's final score. If more than 4 overs are to be bowled the match is to be deemed a draw.

- 2.1.2 If the majority of games are played in a particular round that round is then declared a full round. Teams not playing can either:
- 2.1.3 Accept draw points
- 2.1.4 Play the missed match before the commencement of the semi-finals.

3 Disputes

The disputes committee shall consist of the Association Executive and the Convener of the sport involved, provided that a conflict of interest does not occur. The chairperson of the committee shall have the casting vote. All protests must



be received in writing.

4 Grades

- Netball - Senior A and Senior B. Junior A and Junior B
- Football – Senior Boys, Junior Boys, Senior Girls, Junior Girls
- Cricket - Senior Mixed and Junior Mixed
- Softball - Senior Girls and Senior Mixed
- T-Ball - Junior Girls and Junior Mixed
- Tiger Tag – Senior Mixed and Open Girls, and Junior Mixed
- Australian Football – Junior A, Junior B, Senior A, Senior B

5 Ages

The age a child turns in the calendar year will be the age in which he/she competes. ie. 8, 9, 10 yrs - Junior 11, 12, 13 yrs – Senior in swimming and athletics events.

Teams competing in weekly PSSA competitions shall consist of juniors - years 3/4 and seniors – years 5/6 unless otherwise stated.

6 Umpiring and refereeing

A teacher from each school is expected to umpire/referee half of each game unless negotiated otherwise.

The teacher from the home team on the draw has the option of which half he/she will umpire/referee.

With concurrent matches teachers shall umpire/referee the full match.

In Cricket the home team will umpire the Senior game.

In Softball/T-Ball the home team will umpire the mixed game.

Only teachers may officiate in the control of games unless an accredited umpire/referee is available and has the approval of both schools playing the particular match.

The Convener is responsible for arranging umpires/referees for both the Semis and the Finals.



Teachers not umpiring/refereeing are responsible for the supervision of the remaining children from **both schools**.

7 Disciplinary action

Any child cautioned or sent off in a game should be written on the result sheet that is sent to the convener listing the name, school, team and offence

In normal circumstances the following suspensions apply.

7.1.1 Send off = 1 week automatic suspension

7.1.2 Two cautions in one season = 1 week automatic suspension

Any player sent off more than once or cautioned more than twice in any one season will be suspended for a period deemed suitable by a committee comprising:-

7.1.3 The Zone Executive.

7.1.4 Convener of the sport involved.

7.1.5 A teacher representative from the child's school.

Where a child's send off offence is considered to be extraordinary he/she will be suspended for a period deemed suitable by a committee comprised as per section c)

8 Coaching

Coaching of teams from the sideline is not allowed unless specifically allowed for in certain sports ie. Softball and T-Ball.

Coaching in all other sports should be restricted to half time, and before and after the game.

9 Scoring

In Netball, Softball, and T-Ball a representative from each school should be seated together for scoring.

Any discrepancy in scoring should be brought to the attention of the umpire at a suitable break in play.

In all other sports scoring is the sole responsibility of the umpire/referee.



10 Rules

The rules for each sport are those laid out by the governing body of each sport in conjunction with NSW PSSA rules.

11 Team sizes

The following are maximum team sizes allowed in Ryde Zone PSSA.

Netball -10

Football - 14 (Senior) & 12 (Junior)

League -18

Cricket - Junior -14

Cricket - Senior -13

Softball -12

T-Ball -12

Touch -12

Australian Football - 12 Substitutes and reserves

11.1.1 Netball - Unlimited subs allowed at an interval or an injury.

11.1.2 Football - Unlimited subs allowed at any break in play.

11.1.3 League - Unlimited subs allowed at any time during the game.

11.1.4 Softball -2 subs allowed at injury or break in innings.

11.1.5 T-Ball -2 subs allowed at injury or break in innings.

11.1.6 Cricket - Reserves may field but not bat.

Note - Children may compete in a higher grade or age group with the stipulation that they become ineligible for the lower grade or age group when they have played 3 or more games in the higher grade or age group.

12 Times

Summer sport – all games are to begin no later than 1.00pm

Netball - Junior and Seniors 20 minutes per half with 3 minute half-time.

All Football games - 15 minutes per half with a 3 minute half-time break.

Softball - Seniors 45 minutes or 5 innings.

T-Ball - Junior 45 minutes or 5 innings.

Cricket - Juniors. 15 x 6 ball overs. Each batter faces 9 deliveries.

Cricket - Seniors maximum of 20 x 6 ball overs per team.

Tiger Tag – 20 min per half

Australian Football – 20 min per half



13 Order of play

Netball - Senior A and Junior A, then Senior B and Junior B.
Football – Girls, Junior, Senior.
League - Junior, Seniors.
Softball and T-ball – Girls, Boys
Cricket - concurrently
Tiger Tag - Girls, Boys
Australia Football - concurrently

The order of play can be changed on the day by mutual agreement.

14 Point score

Win - 3 points
Draw - 2 points
Loss -1 point
Bye - 3 points (still received during a washed out round)
Forfeit - 0 points

Forfeit

- i) Any team forfeiting will receive 0 points for the round.
- ii) The team receiving the forfeit will receive maximum win points and the highest score (for and against) for that particular round.

15 Finals

15.1.1 Semi-Finals

Game A - 1st v 4th

Game B - 2nd v 3rd

Scores for and against will be used to determine placing 1st – 4th when teams finish with the same number of points at the completion of all rounds.

15.1.2 Drawn Semi-Finals

Winter Sports

- i) There is no extra time.
- ii) The team finishing highest on the competition ladder, advances to the final.

Softball/T-Ball

- i) There is no extra innings.



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ii) The team finishing highest on the competition ladder, advances to the final.

Cricket

i) Draw - Highest on the table wins.

15.1.3 Final - Winner A v Winner B

15.1.4 Drawn Finals

Winter Sports - 5 minutes extra time each way. If still drawn teams will be declared Joint Champions.

Softball/T-Ball

i) Count back

ii) Incomplete innings to be completed.

iii) Extra innings to be played.

iiii) If still drawn teams will be declared Joint Champions.

Cricket - Draw or tie will be declared Joint Champions.

16 Equipment

16.1.1 Each school should supply at least half of the equipment required for the conduct of each game.

Note should be made of all special protective equipment required for each sport. ie. Softball - batting helmets, catchers turtle, helmet, throat guard, leggings.

16.1.2 Cricket - Batting pads and gloves. Batting helmets are optional for juniors. Seniors must wear a batting helmet. If the wicket keeper is playing up to the stumps they must wear a helmet.

16.1.3 Football - Shin pads.

16.1.4 Zone equipment is to be stored at a suitable nominated school within the Zone PSSA. All Conveners must collect gear from this school and return this equipment promptly after use.

16.1.5 Australian Football – mouth guards

16.1.6 Sun safe hats must be worn at all times when fielding.



17 District medallions, patches and ribbons

Medallions for all Premiership winning teams.

Champion pockets for all 1st place getters in finals of Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. (1 pocket only per child)

Representative pockets for:-

17.1.1 All place getters in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics who are eligible to represent the Zone at Area Carnivals. (1 pocket only per child)

17.1.2 All children representing the Zone at Area Trials and Championships.

Place Ribbons for:-

17.1.3 All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in all finals in Swimming and Athletics.

17.1.4 All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters, individual and team events (top 4 runners in each team) in Cross Country.

Finalist ribbons for:-

17.1.5 All children unplaced in a final in Swimming and Athletics.

17.1.6 All Premiership runner-up teams.

18 Zone managers

At all Area Carnivals where bus transport is provided Zone Managers and Coaches must travel on the bus.