GOONDIWINDI STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Sporting Teams Selection Procedures | 2026

This document outlines how students are selected for school sporting teams and representative trials.

Track and Field Carnival

For events involving students aged 9–12, the first three placegetters in each event are invited to join the school team for the MZSS Track and Field Carnival. Students are informed about trials early in Term 2. Anyone who misses a trial should speak to the PE teacher to arrange an alternative.

- **800 m** Students nominate themselves on the day of the school carnival.
- **80 m / 100 m sprints** Trials take place in PE lessons before the carnival. Students are ranked within their sporting house; the two fastest runners enter the age championship heat. All students may run in a sprint race on carnival day.
- **200 m** Trials are held in PE lessons. The four fastest runners, regardless of house, are invited to compete in the carnival final.
- **Shot put (SP)** Trials take place in PE lessons. The top three students are invited to finals held before the carnival. Shot put is for students aged 10–12 only.
- **High jump (HJ)** Trials take place in PE lessons. The best performers from each house are invited to finals held before the carnival.
- **Long jump (LJ)** Trials take place in PE lessons. The top three performers from each house are invited to finals held on carnival day.

Carnival day includes sprints, 200 m finals, 800 m and long jump. Shot put and high jump finals are held in the preceding weeks. Dates and times are shared through the usual school communication channels.

Cross Country Carnival

- **Nomination** Students nominate on the day of the school Cross Country Carnival.
- **Selection** The top five students are invited to attend the MZSS Cross Country event.

Swimming Carnival

- **Preparation and nomination** Students practise events during PE lessons and nominate for their chosen events on carnival day.
- **Selection** Invitations to the MZSS Swimming Carnival are informed by school carnival performances, swimming lesson performances and consultation with the pool lessee.

Other Sports — Aquathlon

1. Students are invited to aquathlon training in preparation for the DDSS aquathlon trial.
2. Invitations to training and the regional trial are based on students' ability to run 2 km and swim 200 m continuously.
3. Initial training squad invitations are informed by school swimming and cross country performances, as well as discussions with the pool lessee.
4. Students may also be invited as part of individual personal development projects, with a focus on building resilience.

Nomination for Other MZSS Sports

1. At the start of the school year, students aged 10–12 are asked to nominate for MZSS trials they wish to attend. Where required, school trials determine team selections or individual nominations. Students who did not nominate initially should speak to the teacher responsible for the sport.
2. Students and parents should notify the teacher responsible if a student cannot attend training or trials. This will be considered when determining team invitations. For Track and Field, the teacher will organise an alternative trial.
3. Exemptions from attending an MZSS trial are only granted for illness, bereavement, or representation at a school sporting event of a similar or higher level.

Important Information

- **Team participation** In special circumstances, school administration may withdraw a student from a team.
- **Carnival dates** School administration may change carnival dates when necessary, including due to illness or weather.