



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL BOYS SELECTIONS - POLDING

The primary focus of these selections is to select a Polding Team and provide the pathway for our students to NSWPSA level.

1. General Rules			Refer to NSWCPS General Rules >>>
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2. Eligibility	1	a	Students enter through the Diocesan pathway in a Diocesan team.
		b	Diocesan entries - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Armidale. ● Bathurst. ● Broken Bay. ● Lismore. ● Maitland Newcastle. ● Wilcannia Forbes.
	2	a	Students turning 8 -13 in year of the competition are eligible, however duty of care and diocesan discretion on age and/or grade may narrow the age range.
		b	Principal consent is required for any student to attend selections.
		b	Each diocese may send up to (14) team players.
		c	Individual players are placed into teams for the modified games and do not play as a diocesan team.
		d	Students turning 8, 9 or 13 in the year of competition may be selected in the Polding team, but may not be selected in a NSWPSA Team for School Sport Australia Championship.

3. Uniform & Footwear	1	a	<p>i) Students are to play in the correct Diocesan attire.</p> <p>ii) Numbered Australian Football Rules jerseys will be distributed on the day and each player is to remain in that jersey for the duration of the trial.</p> <p>iii) Armidale - red, blue & white. Bathurst - bottle green & white. Broken Bay - royal blue & white. Lismore - black & white. Maitland Newcastle - emerald green & white. Wilcannia Forbes - green & gold.</p>
		b	No Polding, MacKillop, NSWPSA or rep uniform may be worn.
		c	Studded boots are permitted but must not be metal and not be sharp or excessively worn.
		d	Students must provide their own compulsory mouthguard and safety equipment.
		e	Player equipment including footwear and other protective items must comply with age or standard levels appropriate to the laws of the game.

		f	Shorts must not have pockets
4. Officials	1	a	i) Students are to report to the nominated Diocesan Team Manager on arrival and before departure. ii) Any enquiries during the selections should be directed to the Diocesan Team Manager.
	2	a	Games are to be officiated by suitably qualified match officials.
		b	Secondary Student officials' pathway opportunities are available, refer to CSNSW Sport portal for further information.

5. Medical	1	a	A designated first aid officer must be in attendance and visible, equipped with a medical kit and ice.
		b	Physiotherapy & taping services will not be provided at selections by the designated first aid officer.
		c	It is the parent/guardian responsibility to inform team management of any current or ongoing medical condition or injury which may affect participation at the trials
		d	Players should ensure that they have an adequate level of hydration before, during and after any physical activity.
		e	Students participating at outdoor venues are to be instructed to use adequate sun protection, e.g. an SPF50+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen reapplied regularly and a hat where appropriate.
		f	i) It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform team management of any concussion recently sustained. ii) Any student who has sustained a recent concussion injury may not return to contact/collision activities until the resolution of all symptoms. iii) Each sport may have specific guidelines from the National Sport Organisation in relation to returning to play after a concussion. For further information refer to Sports Medicine Australia iv) A medical clearance must be provided to your Diocesan Representative prior to the Polding event.

6. Venue	1	a	A minimum of 1 Australian Football field with grass or an approved synthetic covering clearly marked in accordance with the rules.
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7. Format	1	a	<u>Polding Australian Rules Selections</u> <i>A suggested timetable:</i> 9.15am Team Officials & Development Officers meeting Welcome and induction Drills and skills session Modified games Team manager meeting Games and Possibles v Probables if required Announcement of Polding Team
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			2.00pm Polding team information & uniform sizing
		b	The duration of games shall be determined by the number of students and/or weather. The convener reserves the right to alter the program.
		c	No scores shall be kept.
		d	The event program for Polding Australian Football Rules selections will be available to view on the CSNSW Sport portal approximately 3 days prior to the selections.

8. Selection criteria	1	a	Selection panel to be composed of the appointed Polding Team manager/s and if possible an independent selector.
		b	Selection panel will liaise and collaborate with Diocesan team officials.
		c	Selection will be based on demonstrated ability on the day of selection. The areas of performance considered are: i) Skills. ii) Fitness level. iii) Performance of the player as a member of a team. iv) Attitude and behaviour of player both on and off the field. v) Positions played.
		d	Team selections may conclude with Possibles v Probables game.
		e	A paper selection may occur if circumstances arise.
		f	A Polding Australian Football Rules team of a twenty two (22) students will be selected to represent Polding at the NSW Primary School Sports Association (NSWPSSA) State Championships

9. Rules & Guidelines	1	a	The Laws of Australian Football will apply.
			The NSWPSSA Australian Football Rules exception rule is: Field umpires will throw the ball up, rather than bounce the ball, during the match.

10. Weather	1	a	In the case of predicted severe inclement weather or a natural disaster: i) in the preceding days of the selection date, the event may be postponed to the scheduled backup date. ii) within 48 hours of the scheduled selection date, every effort will be made to conduct the selections, whether this be transferred to an indoor venue or in a modified format.
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11. Code of Conduct	1	a	All players, officials and spectators must abide by the CSNSW Sport Code of Conduct
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12. Privacy & Photography	1	a	i) Media exposure at this event may result in your child's name, school details and/or photograph appearing in media forms or on websites including Diocesan and CSNSW Sports portal promoting sport in Catholic schools. ii) If you have a concern with this occurring, please contact your Diocesan representative immediately.
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