



## SOFTBALL BOYS AND GIRLS - MACKILLOP

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

<b>1. General Rules</b>			<a href="#">Refer to NSWCPSS General Rules &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>2. Eligibility</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Students enter through the Diocesan pathway as individuals.
		<b>b</b>	Diocesan entries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canberra/Goulburn.</li> <li>• Parramatta.</li> <li>• Sydney.</li> <li>• Wagga Wagga.</li> <li>• Wollongong.</li> </ul>
	<b>2</b>	<b>a</b>	Students turning 8 - 13 in the year of the competition are eligible, however duty of care and diocesan discretion on age and/or grade may narrow the age range.
		<b>b</b>	Principal consent is required for any student to attend selections.
		<b>c</b>	Each diocesan team will consist of a maximum of twelve (12) players.
		<b>d</b>	i) Students trial as individuals not as a diocesan team. ii) Boys will be placed into mixed teams based on their CSNSW Sport registration playing positions. iii) Girls format will be skill based and modified games.
		<b>e</b>	Students turning 8, 9 or 13 in the year of competition may be selected in MacKillop team, but may not be selected in a NSWPSA Team for School Sport Australia Championship.
<b>3. Uniform &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	i) Students are to play in the correct Diocesan attire. ii) Numbered shirts will be distributed on the day and each player is to remain in that shirt for the duration of the trial. iii) Canberra/Goulburn - navy and gold. Parramatta - gold and royal blue. Sydney - yellow, green and red. Wagga Wagga - light blue, navy and red. Wollongong - red and white.
		<b>b</b>	No MacKillop, Polding, NSWPSA or rep uniform may be worn.
		<b>c</b>	Students are to wear appropriate footwear such as softball cleats or sports shoes that conform to the laws of the game.
<b>4. Officials</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	i) Dioceses are required to provide adequate supervision for their Diocesan players. ii) Students are to report to the nominated Diocesan Team Manager on arrival and before departure. iii) Any enquiries during the selections should be directed to the Diocesan Team Manager.
	<b>2</b>	<b>a</b>	Games are to be officiated by suitably qualified match officials - referees.
		<b>b</b>	Secondary Student officials' pathway opportunities are available. Please refer to CSNSW Sport portal for further information.

5. Medical	1	a	A designated first aid officer <b>must</b> be in attendance and visible, equipped with a medical kit and ice.
			Physiotherapy & taping services will not be provided at selections by the designated first aid officer.
		b	It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform team management of any current or ongoing medical condition or injury which may affect participation at the trials.
		c	Students should ensure that they have an adequate level of hydration before, during and after each game and the selections.
		d	Students participating at outdoor venues are to be advised to use adequate sun protection, e.g. an SPF50+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen reapplied regularly and a hat where appropriate.
		e	<p>i) It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform team management of any concussion recently sustained.</p> <p>ii) Any student who has sustained a recent concussion injury may not return to contact/collision activities until the resolution of all symptoms.</p> <p>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 <a href="#">Sports Medicine Australia</a></p> <p>iv) A medical clearance must be provided to your Diocesan Representative prior to the MacKillop selections.</p>

6. Venue & Equipment	1	a	A minimum of 2 softball diamonds marked in accordance with the rules.
	2	a	<p>i) Students must provide their own safety and playing equipment such as gloves, shin guards and helmets which are compulsory.</p> <p>ii) Catchers are to wear helmets, face masks with throat protectors, body protectors, genital protector (if applicable) and leggings.</p> <p>iii) It is recommended that players wear a mouth guard especially infield players.</p>
		b	Student's equipment including footwear and other protective items must comply with age or standard levels appropriate to the laws of the game.

7. Format	1	a	<p><b><u>MacKillop Softball Selections</u></b></p> <p><i>A suggested timetable:</i></p> <p>8.15am      Team Officials meeting</p> <p>8.45am      Welcome &amp; Induction</p> <p>i) Boys</p> <p>9.00am      Commencement of games</p> <p>                 Team Manager's meeting</p> <p>                 Possibles v Probables if required</p> <p>                 Announce MacKillop Team &amp; uniforms</p> <p>2:15pm      MacKillop Team information &amp; uniforms</p> <p>ii) Girls</p> <p>9.00am      Skills &amp; drills session</p> <p>                 Commencement of games</p> <p>                 Team Manager's meeting</p>
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			Announce MacKillop Team & uniforms 12:15pm MacKillop Team information & uniforms
		<b>b</b>	The duration of games and skills sessions shall be determined by the number of students and weather, where the convener reserves the right to alter the program.
		<b>c</b>	No scores shall be kept.
		<b>d</b>	The event program for MacKillop Softball selections will be available to view on the CSNSW Sport portal approximately 3 days prior to the selections.

<b>8. Selection criteria</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Selection panel to comprise the appointed MacKillop Team manager/s and if possible an independent selector.
		<b>b</b>	Selection panel will liaise and collaborate with Diocesan team officials.
		<b>c</b>	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
		<b>d</b>	Team selections may conclude with Possibles v Probables game.
		<b>e</b>	A paper selection may occur if circumstances arise.
		<b>f</b>	A MacKillop boys and girls Softball team of twelve (12) students will be selected to represent MacKillop at the NSW Primary School Sports Association (NSWPSSA) State Championships.

<b>9. Rules &amp; Guidelines</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Modified match rules shall be in accordance with the official rules of the Australian Softball Federation and are subject to any variations herein.
		<b>b</b>	(i) Pitching distance for the Girls selection shall be 11.58 metres. (ii) Pitching distance for the Boys selection shall be 12.19 metres.
		<b>c</b>	i) Students must remove jewellery and other ornaments likely to cause injury ii) Students must also cut or tape long fingernails.

<b>10. Weather</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	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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<b>11. Code of Conduct</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	All players, officials and spectator must abide by the <a href="#">CSNSW Sport Code of Conduct</a>
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<b>12. Privacy &amp; Photography</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	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
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			<p>Sports portal promoting sport in Catholic schools. ii) If you have a concern with this occurring, please contact the team management immediately.</p>
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