



SOFTBALL BOYS AND GIRLS 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 as individuals.
		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.
		c	Each Diocese may send up to nine (9) students.
		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	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) Armidale - red, blue and white Bathurst - bottle green and white Broken Bay - royal blue and white Lismore - black and white Maitland Newcastle - emerald green and white Wilcannia Forbes - green and gold
		b	No Polding, MacKillop, NSWPSA or rep uniform may be worn.
		c	Footwear that conforms to the laws of the game must be worn.
		d	Students must wear shin guards which are compulsory.
		e	It is recommended that players wear a mouth guard, especially infield players.
		f	All batters, base runners and junior base coaches must wear helmets.
		g	Catchers are to wear helmets, face masks with throat protectors, body protectors and leggings.

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 - referees.
		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 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 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.
		d	Players should ensure that they have an adequate level of hydration before, during and after the game or training session.
		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 selections.

6. Venue &	1	a	A minimum of 2 softball diamonds marked in accordance with the rules.
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7. Format	1	a	<u>Polding Softball Selections</u> <i>A suggested timetable:</i> 8.30am Managers meeting 9.00am Welcome and induction 9.10am Trials commence 10.45am Morning tea break 11.00am Trials recommence 12.15pm Lunch break 12.45pm Afternoon session Possibles V Probables 2.00pm Announcement Polding boys and girls teams
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		b	The duration of games shall be determined by the number of students and weather. The carnival convener reserves the right to alter the program.
		c	No scores shall be kept.
		d	The event program for Polding Softball 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 boys and girls softball team of twelve (12) students will be selected to represent Polding at the NSW Primary School Sports Association (NSWPSSA) State Championships.

9. Rules & Guidelines	1	a	NSW PSSA State Carnival Rules Match rules shall be in accordance with the official rules of the Australian Softball Federation.
		b	The NSWPSSA softball exception rule is: (i) Pitching distance for the Girls Carnival shall be 11.58 metres. (ii) Pitching distance for the Boys Carnival shall be 12.19 metres.
		c	Students must remove jewellery and other ornaments likely to cause injury. Students must also cut or tape long fingernails.

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
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