



**Belswains Primary School**

**Sports Team Selection  
Policy**

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## Sports Teams Selection Policy

Our Sports Team Selection policy aims to provide fair access for all pupils to represent the school in school sports competitions. The school perceives inter-school sports as a means of extending experience for pupils that demonstrate the requisite skills and qualities in the curriculum area.

As a school we enter many matches, festivals, and tournaments (both competitive and non-competitive) and all staff involved recognise the need to work towards an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience competitive sport, in some cases representing the school.

In some instances, depending on the competition, there will be a limited number of places available. When this happens, staff (including those running clubs) will make selection decisions based on the following areas:

- Performance, effort, and behaviour in lessons and at practices
- Level of skills demonstrated
- Commitment to training and learning the sport
- Enthusiasm to learn and improve
- Understanding of games, tactics and rules
- Attitude of player on and off the field of play
- How the player presents themselves, dress, manners, helpfulness, sportsmanship, etc.
- Performance as a team member
- Understanding the importance of safety

It is not feasible to expect that every pupil or parent will be wholly satisfied with team selection but the school's decision will be final.

Taking part in different clubs/teams (inside and outside school) contributes to each child's personal development and self-esteem. This is more important than winning. All our pupils/teams play to "win" but not at any cost, it is important to compete/play in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere.

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