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**Person responsible: Principal, School of Sport Education NT**

### **Introduction**

The School of Sport Education NT provides selection opportunities to represent the NT at the School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships in a range of sports.

### **Purpose**

To ensure the selection is fair and transparent for all students of the correct age range in each sport who meet the selection criteria both School of Sport Education NT generic (see Attachment A) and sport specific.

### **Policy**

Students must be in full time education within the Northern Territory, aged between 10 and 19 years of age in the year of competition. Age ranges will vary between sports but must be strictly adhered to as per SSA policy.

To be considered for selection in a School of Sport Education NT interstate squad a student is expected to attend the appropriate inter-region Championship or Development and Interstate Selection Camp. If a student is unable to attend the selection event and would still like to be considered for selection, the School of Sport Education NT Exemption Policy must be followed. If exemption is granted, the student can be considered for selection but selection is not guaranteed.

Selection will be the responsibility of the interstate coach, assisted by the interstate manager and, where possible, a sport specific representative with no affiliation to a regional team. The event convenor will chair the selection process to ensure the process is fair and transparent but will not give input into sport specific selection decisions. The selection process is outlined in Attachment B. Input from all regional coaches must be sought to determine the suitability of students.

Any member of the selection panel is required to declare any conflict of interest should they have family connections to students wishing to be considered for selection.

A student's final selection in the interstate team requires Principal approval.

### **Definitions**

Age Dispensation – SSA offers age dispensation in some sports as part of the SSA Sport Participation Policy. It allows for up to 50% of a team to be 6 months older than the particular championship upper age provided that the 50% is less than the number in the sport specific starting line-up.

School of Sport Education NT Championship – Regional teams compete against each other in a Championship with winners being announced, trophies and medals presented.

School of Sport Education NT Development and Interstate Selection Camp – Students nominate as individuals through regions for inclusion in a Development and Interstate Selection Camp. Skills, strategy and game play will be included within the program. There is no inter-region competition and winners will not be announced.

Event Convenor – The person responsible for running the Championship or Development and Interstate selection Camp. This is usually a regional Sport Education Coordinator otherwise a person appointed to the role by the School of Sport Education NT.

Squad – all students selected including the team to travel and the reserves.

Team to Travel – the students who will travel to the SSA Championship.

Reserves – the students who will only be offered a place in the team if another student withdraws. Reserves are expected to train with the team and complete all School of Sport Education NT requirements.

Emergency list – the students listed in the event that all reserves either withdraw or are promoted to the team to travel. This list is not published and students will only be contacted if a place becomes available.