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APS SELECTORS INFORMATION 2025

Dear Selector,

On behalf of the Delegates and Teachers-in-Charge of the Associated Public Schools of Victoria (APS), I would like to thank you for volunteering as a Selector for the APS Representative Team.

The following information is designed to give you a better understanding of your role and perhaps answer any questions that you may have.

Selectors: After reading through the information, you might like to contact the other Selector(s) to discuss a possible selection session format and process, if not predetermined in the Regulations.

All APS Representative Teams are selected on merit and there is no obligation to include a student from every school if ability doesn't warrant it.

Determining the Coach: Prior to the Selection Session; Selectors will need to determine who amongst them will Coach the APS Representative Team on the day. APS Sport would ask that **only one person** is appointed as Coach, and others as Assistants and/or Managers if required, so that all are aware of who will be in charge on the day.

Note that, when deciding the Coach and/or Manager of the APS Representative Team, one of these positions should be filled by an employed and practising teacher at an APS School for duty of care responsibilities, if both are not VIT Registered then a practising teacher from an APS school should be present on the day to assume duty of care responsibilities.

In Boys & Girls Basketball and Boys & Girls Football, the Representative Team will be coached by the Premiership Coach.

Team Uniform: The APS Sport office will arrange the team uniform for distribution to all players at the Selection Session.

The Cross Country team are selected 'off paper' from the APS Rounds 1-5. The selected Cross Country runners will receive uniforms on the day of competition.

The Coach will also receive an APS polo shirt to be worn for the official Representative Team photograph and for the game.

Selection Session: The Selection Session should be inclusive of all students who are present. All students should receive equal playing time for evaluation. Selectors should be able to provide some feedback on the selection process and individual students, should a school request it.

It is highly recommended that Selectors should nominate **at least three (3) emergencies** in case of illness, injury or unavailability.

Equipment: Coaches are responsible for organising and providing adequate equipment for Selection session (Hosting venue will not provide equipment).

On Friday 15 August (Representative Match day) equipment will be supplied by the Host School/Association, however, please **bring any warm-up equipment**.

Team Sheet: All Team sheets will be collected immediately following the Selection Session. This information is important as it will be used for the production of the official Program for distribution on match day.

For Cross Country, once the APS Representative Team has been selected, the Coach should email the official Team Sheet to the APS Sport office.

Please make note of the following reminders:

- a) Include the Coach's name and contact details.
- b) List the **Captain & Vice-Captain** (should be from different Schools)
- c) Selected players. Print their full name clearly (preferably in capitals).
- d) Include the **Emergencies names** on the Team Sheet. These students will be contacted by their Delegates, if they are required to play due to injury or illness.

On the day: The team should arrive **at least one hour prior to match** and report to the Coach on arrival. Change room facilities will be available by the host school, but these may be shared with the opposition or other Representative Teams. Remember that the Coach of Football (Boys & Girls) is responsible for organising appropriate Support Staff (Runners/Water Carriers/Trainers etc) for their match.

Team Photograph: Once the team is fully changed into the APS Representative Team uniform, along with the Coach (in the APS polo shirt) they will need to assemble for the official team photo. The photographer will take a digital photograph of the team and will require the names and order of the players as taken in the photo. The photographs, along with title and names will be distributed to schools in the following week.

Pre-Match & Game: The normal responsibilities as Coach or Team Manager will apply. Please note your conduct with regard to addressing players before and during the game and no comment(s) are to be directed to the umpires/referees. At the conclusion of the game, you should try and seek out the opposition Coach and congratulate them on their team's performance regardless of the result, thank the umpires/referees and encourage our Captain to give three cheers.

The After Match Function: All officials and players are expected to attend the after-match function until the conclusion of the speeches. The Captains of both teams are expected to say a few words about the game, opposition and result, as well as thanking the host school for the use of their facilities and catering. Finally, the host Association should be thanked.

The game is under the control of the appointed umpires/referees and the Coach is responsible for the managing players, team strategies, changes and control.

Hopefully the above information has provided you with some answers to the questions you may be asking. If not, then please don't hesitate to contact APS Sport at pso@apssport.org.au for further clarification of any issue.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your part in the APS Representative program. APS Sport appreciates your time, commitment and effort in an already busy schedule, to provide the opportunity for our students to experience Representative Sport at the highest level.

Best of luck!

Yours faithfully,



Luke Soulos
Chief Executive Officer
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