

# Oatley Public School PSSA Information

## PSSA is the Primary School Sports Association

PSSA is an association run by teacher volunteers. It provides opportunities for primary students in years 3-6 to participate in competitive sport at the District, Regional and State levels.

Oatley Public School falls into the Georges River District. The schools are listed below. A cost for participation in the Association is required from each school.

### Further Information

W: [www.georgesriverpssa.nsw.edu.au/home](http://www.georgesriverpssa.nsw.edu.au/home)

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### Georges River District Schools

- Beverly Hills PS
- Hannans Rd PS
- Hurstville South PS
- Kingsgrove PS
- Lugarno PS
- Mortdale PS
- Narwee PS
- Oatley PS
- Oatley West PS
- Peakhurst PS
- Peakhurst South PS
- Peakhurst West PS
- Peshurst PS
- Peshurst West PS
- Riverwood PS

**Duration:** There are three PSSA seasons throughout the year. Each season is approximately 10 weeks, inclusive of finals rounds. Sports that are available for our school to participate in are usually those that are also running through those sporting seasons.

**Trials:** Usually held 2-3 weeks prior to season start. Students are advised when trials will be on and then pick which sport they want to try out for. If unsuccessful in the first trial, they can usually try out for a different sport for the second trial. Students wear sports uniform and can bring their own equipment eg. mitt, hockey stick, goalie gloves etc. A Junior team (from stage 2) and a Senior team (from stage 3) will be selected following the trials.

**Cost:** There is a cost for transport which is dependent on the sport choice and field location. Costs are calculated upon fuel/bus costs. Current cost is \$65 for a season.

**Location:** Some sports such as basketball and Newcombe ball are held on school grounds. Other sports such as soccer, touch football and softball, are played at local parks including Gannons Park, Evatt Park, Peakhurst Park etc. Sport locations and the draw are available at the start of each season. The school also provides this information weekly on their phone system.

**Training:** Each team will have a weekly training session. The teacher will advise day and time. For example, before school, during second half of lunch or fruit break. Training may also be across the road from the school at Memorial Park. Students can wear sports uniform on the training day.

**Uniforms:** Depending on the sport, specific uniform items are provided by the school for the players. For example – netball dress, soccer jersey. Any items provided by the school are required to be washed and returned at the end of that season. Long football socks for soccer and hockey, along with baseball cap and hockey visor, can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Some sports also require mouth guards and shin pads.

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**Spectators:** There are clear guidelines for players and parents under the sports Code of Conduct. Parents/carers are permitted to watch the games. Junior games (stage 2) are usually played first and commence at approximately 10am, followed by senior games (stage 3).

**Code of Conduct:** This provides a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These Codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. All students participating in a PSSA team plus their parents/carers are required to read and sign the Code of Conduct.

**Non-PSSA Students:** Students who are unsuccessful in PSSA selection participate in school sport where skills are developed. This runs concurrently with PSSA.

**PSSA Representative pathways:** Each PSSA sport has a representative opportunity for students to further advance to District and Regional competition. Georges River District is part of the Sydney East Region. Teachers nominate 2-4 students in Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) who play their sport at a competitive level. Students who are nominated by the PSSA teacher or sports coordinator then participate in a Georges River PSSA District trial. If successful, students can then go on to compete at Regionals and then State. Many OPS students have represented the school at Regional and State PSSA championships. For more information, visit the PSSA website and search by sport [app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/nswpssa](http://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/nswpssa)

### Sports available by season

\* Pending availability and school participation

#### Season 1

(Term 1 to early Term 2)

- AFL (years 4-6), Boys
- AFL (years 4-6), Girls
- Basketball, Girls
- Cricket, Girls
- OzTag / Touch Football (alternate years), Boys
- T-Ball (Stage 2) / Softball (Stage 3), Boys

#### Season 2

(Term 2 to Term 3)

- Newcombe Ball, Mixed
- Netball, Mixed
- NRL / League Tag, Boys
- Soccer, Boys
- Soccer, Girls

#### Season 3

(Term 3 to Term 4)

- Hockey, Mixed
- Basketball, Boys
- Cricket, Boys
- OzTag / Touch Football (alternate years), Girls
- T-Ball (Stage 2) / Softball (Stage 3), Girls