

Competitive School Sport and Bishop Monkton Primary School Selection Criteria

This criterion varies from fixture to fixture and is hugely dependent on the level of competition, as well as the number of children that we are allowed to take to events.

Selection for School Teams

In an ideal world, we would love to give every child the opportunity to represent the school in every competition we enter. However, due to circumstances beyond our control (usually squad-size restrictions) this is not possible. The decision of which children to select is never an easy one and many conversations take place to ensure that choices are fair and just. We also have to consider the level of the competition that the team will be facing and select children accordingly.

For some competitions, selection through trials taken place at school and who have the best times/results, as long as they also fulfil the criteria as stated below.

Selection for team events is also based on:-

- ✓ Level of skill demonstrated
- ✓ Understanding of games, tactics and rules
- ✓ Attendance, performance, effort and behaviour in school.
- ✓ Attitude of player on and off the field of play.
- ✓ Previous performances in prior events
- ✓ Performance of the player as a team member, especially in team based sports.

Friendly Matches

Children who have not had an opportunity to represent the school at competition events will in the majority of cases be given priority for friendly fixtures.

Sporting Events

For obvious reasons, almost every formal inter-school event is for KS2 children only. The vast majority of these are targeted at year 5 and 6 children. Opportunities for year 3 and 4 children are available but occur less frequently throughout the year.

We believe that our team selection policy is fair and will allow us to succeed in all the sporting events we take part in. We hope that you would support us in this. If your child is not chosen for a match, encourage them to enjoy what they do, play sport and never give up. If your child is regularly chosen, help them to understand it is a privilege to represent this school.

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