



Cheadle Hulme School

CHS Junior School – Sports Team Selection Policy (Years 3–6)

Our policy throughout the school is to encourage children to enjoy all aspects of PE and Games, whether it is competitive or creative, individual or team based. This helps them to play or participate in sports throughout their lives, which has many benefits both to their health as well as socially. All pupils receive at least 2 ½ hours per week of quality PE / Games provision as part of the curriculum and experience competitive and non-competitive sport internally, playing many matches within lessons and sport events. In Years 3–4 the priority will be on developing skills and preparing the children for the more regular fixtures in Years 5–6.

The school perceives inter-school **competitive** sports as a means of extending pupils that demonstrate the requisite skills and qualities in this curriculum area. Therefore, 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. Throughout the year, we also organise Inter House Sporting Competitions, to give all pupils an opportunity to compete in sport.

The criterion for selecting teams 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. Many of the competitions that we enter are of a high standard, with opposition being extremely competent. Therefore we will, on occasions, pick what we consider to be our strongest team for fixtures, which may include children from a younger age group who have shown considerable skill or talent.

Selection criterion for team events is based on:

- Performances and effort in lessons
- Commitment to and attendance at clubs / fixtures
- Level of skill demonstrated, including understanding of the game and tactical play
- Attitude of player on and off the field of play including enthusiasm to learn and improve, teamwork, sportsmanship etc.

The decision of which children to select is never an easy one and it is not feasible to suggest or expect that every pupil or parent will be wholly satisfied with team selection. However we hope that you will support us in this policy –if your child is not chosen, encourage them to come and practise, enjoy the sports they play and never give up. If your child is regularly chosen, help them to understand it is a privilege to represent the School.

We believe that taking part in a club contributes to each child's personal development and self-esteem. This is more important than winning matches. All our teams play to "win" but not at any cost. It is important to play in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Walker, our P.E. subject leader.