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School sport permission 2025

Drop-in sessions 7 and 8

Representative School Sport Pathway Events

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Overview

Communication timeline

- **Week 2 Term 4** – Sport permission support for schools published on SSU website; Familiarisation guides released
- **Week 4 Term 4** – Drop-in sessions 1 & 2 – **Mandatory inclusions**
- **Week 5 Term 4** – Drop-in sessions 3 & 4 – **Weekly school sport**
- **Week 6 Term 4** – Drop-in sessions 5 & 6 – **Carnivals, gala days, knockouts and external providers**
- **Week 7 Term 4** – Drop in sessions 7 & 8 – **Representative School Sport Pathway events**

The School Sport Unit has developed the 'School sport permission 2025' resource to save time in schools and to streamline permission processes in the provision of school sport. The resource will be released in Week 2 of Term 4, 2024 for implementation in Term 1, 2025.

The main components of this resource include:

- Mandatory permission inclusion statements that must be included in all notes for 2025 concerning:
  - Accident insurance
  - Concussion management
- A library of templates that schools can choose to use when seeking permission for a range of sporting activities across:
  - Weekly school sport
  - Carnivals, gala days, knockouts and external providers
  - Representative School Sport Pathway events

Following the release of the resource, the School Sport Unit team will conduct a series of online drop-in sessions, offer presentations, if required, and will be available to provide any additional support by contacting sportandphysicalactivity@det.nsw.edu.au

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Acknowledgement of Country

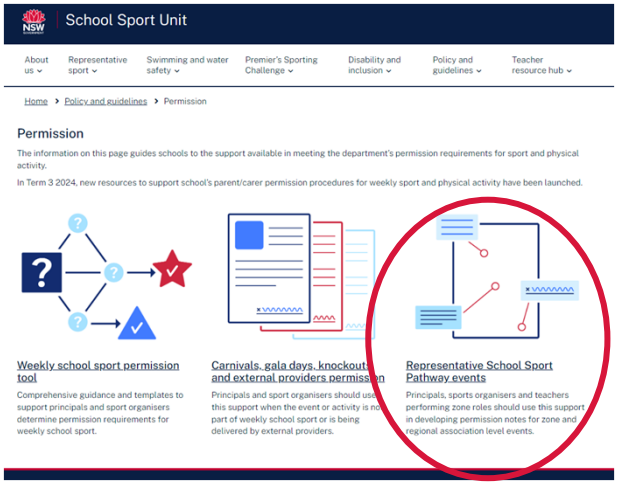
We recognise the Ongoing Custodians of the lands and waterways where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders past and present as ongoing teachers of knowledge, songlines and stories.

We strive to ensure every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learner in NSW achieves their potential through education.

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Representative School Sport Pathway events



Principals, sports organisers and teachers performing zone roles should use this support in developing permission notes for zone and regional Association level events when students are not necessarily in the care of teachers from their own school.

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Presentation overview



- Representative School Sport Pathway
- Zone convenors
- Questions, comments and suggestions

Digital platform service providers

The School Sport Unit is working with the department's Administrative Market Place Panel for Schools (AMPS) (nsw.gov.au) suppliers to deliver these resources and will keep schools updated on the progress.

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Representative School Sport Pathway events

Permission for Representative School Sport Pathway events

To note: Parent/s refers to parent/s and carer/s

Permission is required for each Representative School Sport Pathway (RSSP) event. Parents and principals of students selected to represent their school or zone (including those nominating for selection trials) must be informed of the event details. Both the principal and a parent must give permission for the student to compete. The student's school should retain a record of the signed permission form and all documentation provided to the supervising teacher/s.

Building a RSSP permission note

The following six sub-headings provide examples of content that should be included in permission notes for RSSP events.

- 1. Event details
- 2. Student details
- 3. 'Must have' statements
- 4. Permission to publish student information
- 5. Principal's declaration
- 6. Parent/carers acknowledgement and signature

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Event details

For RSSP events where the **supervising teacher/s is/are from the student's school:**

- who the student is representing (for example, school, zone)
- event name (for example, Waratah Zone CHS open netball trials)
- date/s
- start and finish times
- venue
- levy and payment instructions
- permission instructions (for example, who the completed form goes to, by when and by what method)
- what to wear (for example, school sport uniform, zone uniform provided)
- transport arrangements (for example, bus, private transport)
- supervising teacher/s
- general information (for example canteen and changeroom availability).

Additional content for RSSP events where the **supervising teacher/s (team manager, event convener) is/are not from the student's school.**

- supervising teacher/s details, for example, school, contact number and email.

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Student details

For RSSP events **where the supervising teacher/s is/are from the student's school**:

- student's full name.

Note: All other details, such as parent/carer contact and medical information, are kept by the school. The supervising teacher should access this information in preparation for the event and bring the relevant details to the event.

Additional content for RSSP events where the **supervising teacher/s (team manager, event convener) is/are not from the student's school.**

- date of birth
- school
- parent/carer's contact details, for example, name, phone number and email
- emergency contact details, for example, name and phone number
- medical details, for example, anaphylaxis action plan, asthma action plan, other relent conditions, illnesses or special needs.

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‘Must have’ statements

Accident insurance information

In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. The Department’s public liability cover is fault-based and limited to breaches by the Department of its duty of care to students that may result in claims for compensation.

For events outside NSW, parents/carers who have private ambulance cover are advised to check that their cover extends to interstate travel.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the loss of use of certain prescribed parts of the body. The Supplementary Scheme does not cover medical costs or dental costs. Further information can be obtained from https://www.icare.nsw.gov.au/injured-or-ill-people/sporting-injuries/payments/#gref.

Concussion acknowledgement

- ❑ I acknowledge that if my child has sustained a concussion in the lead-up to the event, I must provide medical clearance to the school or the supervising teacher prior to competition commencing.
- ❑ I understand that if my child sustains a concussion or suspected concussion during a NSW Department of Education sporting event, they will be removed from competition until medical clearance is provided to the supervising teacher.

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‘Must have’ statements

Additional mandatory inclusion for collision sports: Australian football, rugby league and rugby

By signing this permission note:

- I confirm that my child has the necessary skills and experience to participate in this collision sport at the event/program level, either through a school-based training/coaching program or a community sports club.
- I understand that wearing a correctly fitted mouthguard is mandatory in all games and training sessions. My child will bring their own correctly fitted mouthguard.
- I understand that, while efforts are made to minimise the possibility of injury, there will remain some degree of risk inherent in participation in this collision sport.

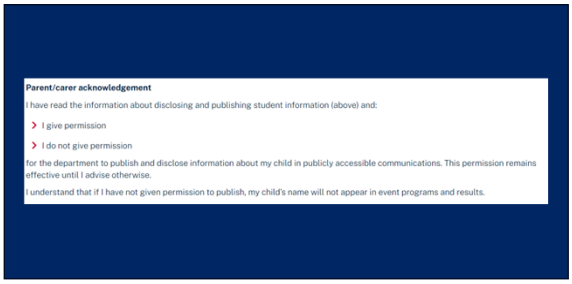
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Permission to publish

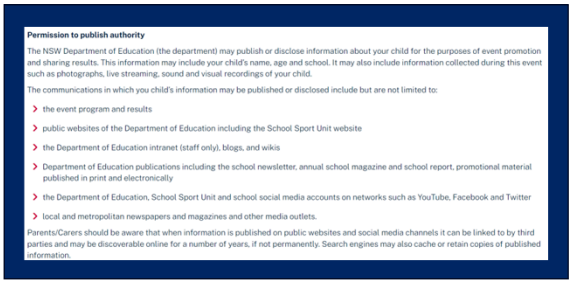
a) For RSSP events where the **supervising teacher(s) is/are from the student's school:**

Permission to Publish information is kept by the student's school. The supervising teacher should access this information in preparation for the event.



b) For RSSP events where the **supervising teacher(s) (team manager, event convener) is/are not from the student's school:**

The following is required and must be completed by the participating student/s and provided to the supervising teacher/s by the school.



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Principal's declaration

For RSSP events where the **supervising teacher/s (team manager, event convener) is/are not from the student's school**. The following is required and must be completed by the principal and provided to the supervising teacher/s along with the completed permission note.

Principal's declaration

Principals or their delegates (for example, sport organiser) should sight and sign the permission note declaring that:

- the student's details are correct, for example, enrolment, date of birth etc.
- the student is endorsed to represent at this event
- a copy of this permission note will be retained by the school.

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Parent/carer acknowledgement and signature

For all RSSP events

The following information must be included in all Representative School Sport Pathway permission notes for parents/carers to acknowledge by signing:

•I have read the information provided and give permission for my child to participate in this event.

•I understand the NSW Department of Education Representative School Sport Pathway supports wellbeing, inclusivity and a sense of belonging for all students through sport and physical activity.

•I acknowledge that this event will be held in accordance with current NSW Health and Department of Education policies and procedures.

•I acknowledge that my child will be supervised by Department of Education teaching staff during the event.

•I understand the 'Accident insurance information' and 'Concussion management' set out above

•I acknowledge that if my child seriously contravenes behavioural expectations, they may be immediately removed from participating in the event.

•I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, my child has no medical condition or injury that places them at risk in participating in this event.

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Questions, comments and suggestions



Please place comments and suggestions in chat.

Raise hand for question.