3.4 Diocesan Selection Process Guidelines

- Start time 9.30 – 10.00 am (to allow time for travel to carnival)
- Finish time 2.30pm (at latest – to allow travel time home).
- All participants are considered genuine chances of being selected.
- Each participant to be given equal time and opportunity to perform (unless sick or injured).
- Each participant, her/his parents and school be fully aware that participation at this trial means she/he is available to take her/his place in the Diocesan team if selected.
- For team sports, it is highly recommended that full, balanced zone teams are sent to diocesan trials.
- For team sports, Possibles V Probables highly recommended.
- At least two selectors be involved in selection process— all as highly qualified as possible. Recommended that Development Offices and other expertise be utilised.
- Briefing session involving Convener, all selectors and Zone Managers at the start of the day. However this session should stress the openness/inclusiveness of the selection process ie all participants considered.
- Zone Team Managers to be briefed prior to selection of Possibles and Probables.
- Skills Development, where time permits, to be included in the day – drills, tips, coaching etc.

**Please note:** Candidates for selection should be present at the selection trial. However, special consideration might be given to absent candidates - due to school or family situations, or attendance at a sports event organised by our school system - provided this “Application for Consideration” form is completed, signed and sent to the Diocesan Sport and Health Coordinator at least one week prior to the trial (unless special circumstances prevent this early notification). It must be made firstly through the school sports coordinator (for validation), then the respective zone delegate to the Diocesan Sports Council. Inclusion of such a candidate must be approved by the Diocesan Sport and Health Coordinator (not by conveners/selectors – although they would normally be consulted). Other documentation may be required. The application would only be approved if the athlete has a proven past performance in that sport or event at Diocesan level and above. It is not approved for holidays, injury/illness or for absence due to playing in an event outside the school system pathway. There is no guarantee of acceptance of this application.

- Remember that all players are to be considered.
- Diocesan Team Manager to be a mandatory member of selection panel.
- Zone Team Managers to be available at Convener’s request to assist with selection recommendations.
- Zone Team Managers invited to nominate outstanding player/players on opposing Zone teams at the conclusion of the trial games.
- Selection of shadows is recommended. However, it is a policy of the Diocesan Primary Sports Council **not** to announce shadows due to the unnecessary expectation and anxiety this often creates.