3.4 Diocesan Secondary Sport Selection 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) – especially as most have travelled considerable distance to attend.
- 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, Possibles v Probables highly recommended.
- At least two, preferably three, selectors be involved in the selection process – all as highly qualified as possible. Recommended that Development Officers and other expertise be utilised – usually organised by DSHC.
- Briefing session involving convener, all selectors and school team managers at the start of the day. However this session should stress the openness/inclusiveness of the selection process i.e. all participants considered.
- School Team Managers, if present, 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.
- Candidates for selection must be present. However, special consideration may be given to absent candidates provided an "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) and must be made firstly through the school sports coordinator (for validation). 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). Medical or other certificates/documentation may be required. The application would only be approved if the athlete has a proven past performance in that sport – at diocesan level and above. It is not normally approved for holidays or for absence due to playing a sport outside the school sport pathway. There is no guarantee of acceptance of this application.
- Diocesan Team Manager/Coach to be a mandatory member of selection panel.
- School Team Managers, if present at the trial, to be available at convener’s request to assist with selection recommendations.
- School Team Managers invited to nominate outstanding player/players on opposing school teams at the conclusion of the trial games.
- Selection of shadows is recommended. Shadows should be made fully aware, however, that they will only be contacted if required to replace a withdrawal.
- Schools to strictly adhere to maximum number policy and to sending names and details of all trialists to convenor by the set date (which will be set well before the trial).
- If entering a school team or a large contingent of participants from a particular school, it is essential to send a supervising teacher from that school.
- If an appointed convener withdraws from this appointment, the responsibility lies with that person to find a suitable replacement form his/her school.