



Metropolitan West Region and Western District Ranges School Sport



Information for Students, Parents and Staff

The pathway for students to attend Metropolitan West School Sport Regional trials will change from the start of 2018 with the introduction of five new Districts.

NEW DISTRICTS

Following a review and consultation process held with schools during 2016/2017, Metropolitan West School Sport announced in early 2017 that five new equal sized 10-19 years Districts would replace the previous nine 10-12 years Districts and six 13 – 19 years Districts.

The purpose of the review was to:

- **Overcome systemic inefficiencies** created when too many Districts have committees organising trials and selecting partial teams to compete at regional trials.
- **Improve the cost effectiveness** of the regional school sport program for all students in the region through reduced TRS costs and teacher time out of school.
- **Redress unequal access to regional trials** when Districts have vastly different student enrolments.
- **Address the decline in participation of 12 year old Secondary schools students** occurring since Year 7 students moved to high school in 2015.

The five new 10-19 years Districts and their new colour schemes are:

Western Ranges	Navy Blue and Green
Northern Eagles	Red and Black
Eastern Taipans	Green and White
Central Comets	Purple and Lime Green
Southern Scorpions	Maroon and Sky Blue

A steering committee has worked in consultation with member schools since April 2017 to develop District identity, policies and operational processes. A new Western District Ranges Sports Committee will be elected at an Annual General Meeting held in November.

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Western District currently consists of 74 schools from Boonah in the south to Toogoolawah in the north and through Ipswich and eastern Lockyer Valley. 16 000 students are eligible to participate in 10-19 years District selection trials. Due to our rural/regional demographics, Western District has the largest number of member schools and the longest travel distances of all districts. This has influenced the way District selection pathways

and other operational processes are structured including the:

- Inclusion of zones for the 10-12 years age group
- Central location of most District trials
- Employment of staff to run the District sport program

Students should expect that it will become more challenging to make a District team compared to previous years given the significant increase in the number of students and schools in all of the of the 5 new Districts.

ZONES (10-12 YEARS AGE GROUP)

As all 74 primary, secondary and P-12 schools have 10—12 year old students, 4 new zones have been created to encourage participation by 10-12 year old students and streamline selection processes. Schools have been allocated to the 4 new zones as outlined at the back of this information sheet. These new zones are similar to the old 10-12 years districts, with Ipswich being split in half.

Fassifern Zone
Ipswich North
Ipswich South
Lockyer District

Zone Committees will be established and Zone Coordinators appointed to organise each zones selection trial processes in collaboration with member schools. Zones will nominate teams (or individual students) to attend District trials. Zone selection trials will be held afterschool except for Track & Field and Cross Country where zone trials will be held during school time. No Zone Swimming trials will be held.

DISTRICT TRIALS

Schools and zones nominate students to District trials differently for each sports as indicated in the table below.

District Trials	Age Groups	District Selection Pathway
General Sports	10 – 12 years	Zone trial → District trial
	13 – 19 years	Direct to District trial
Swimming	10 – 19 years	Direct to District trial
Track and Field & Cross Country	10 – 12 years Primary	Zone trial → District trial
	12 years Secondary	Direct to District trial
	13 – 19 years	Direct to District trial

Western District will conduct selection trials (or nominate individual students) in all Metropolitan West School Sport sports and age divisions.

District selection trials will be conducted as one of the following trial types depending on anticipated and historical participation rates for each sport/age division:

- **Afterschool trials** (from 4.00 – 5.30 pm)
- **Half day trials** (from 1.00 – 4.00 pm)
- **Full day trials** (from 9 – 2.00 pm)
- **Nomination direct to District Secretary** (no trial held)

A full list of sports, age/gender divisions and trial types is included on the back of this information sheet. Trial types are subject to change with the final list being communicated to schools in late 2017.

Where possible sports have been clustered on the same day to assist schools to coordinate transport arrangements. Clashes in District trials exist in a small number age/gender division. Where this occurs, students will need to make a choice about which sport to trial for.

District trials will not be held for some sports/age divisions where it is anticipated insufficient students are expected to trial. For these sports, schools will nominate individual students direct to the District Secretary. If nominations exceed the allowable District team size, an afterschool selection trial may be organised to select a District team.

The District will utilise the best venues available through partnerships with schools, local councils and local sporting organisations. Most District trials will be held in Ipswich so that students from the outer parts of the District will travel less than 45 minutes to most trials. A small number of trials will be held outside Ipswich each year.

Annual District and Zone sports calendars will be finalised and distributed to schools in November each year. Schools will make this information available to students and parents through their regular communication channels. Zone/District calendars and governance handbook will be available to schools and the public on a dedicated District page on the Metropolitan West School Sport website.

Students will pay a **\$10 District Trial Levy** (Track & Field, Swimming & Cross Country) or **\$5 District Trial Levy** (all other sports) to participate in District trials. This levy covers the costs of running District trials including venue and equipment hire, specialist officials, first aid and referees for various trials. This levy is paid by students to their own school prior to attending the trial.

Principals have the discretion to approve or withdraw student participation in selection trials and team representation in all Queensland School Sport events.

Athletes with a disability (AWD) will be invited to attend all selection trials and compete for District selection.

Specific AWD events will be held at the District Cross Country, Swimming and Track and Field trials.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

The District Cross Country will be a 10-19 years event held on the **17th May at Limestone Park** in Ipswich.

Secondary schools will nominate 12-19 year old students direct to the District trial convenor. Primary schools will nominate 10-12 year students to attend Zone trials where students will compete for selection in zone teams to attend this District Cross Country trial.

Secondary schools and zones can nominate the maximum number of students listed in the table below. For equity reasons, each zone is allocated a different number of competitors based on their total student enrolments. While there are no qualification standards, schools/zones should only nominate students who are of a competitive standard for this level. Therefore schools/zones may not enter their full complement of competitors.

Schools will be advised which students are selected in the District team to attend the Regional Cross Country trial.

Age Group	Competitors
10 – 11 years	Max of 32 competitors per age group - Fassifern (x5), Lockyer (x7), Ipswich South (x10) and Ipswich North (x10)
12 years	Max of 67 competitors – 11 Secondary schools (x4), Fassifern (x4), Lockyer (x5), Ipswich South (x7) and Ipswich North (x7)
13 – 19 years	Max of 55 competitors per age group – 11 Secondary schools (x5)
AWD 10 - 19 years	Athletes with a disability (AWD) will attend this selection trial and compete for District selection.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

The District Swimming will be a 10-19 years event held on the **7th February** at the **Lockyer Valley Sports and Aquatics Centre** in Gatton.

Schools will nominate students using their school carnival times or verified times swum at official Swimming Queensland affiliated club carnivals. Schools must verify these club times on the Swimming Queensland website prior to nominating students. No zone swimming trials will be held as schools nominate 10-12 years students directly to District Swimming convenor.

The best 30 students nominated in each event/age group will be invited to compete irrespective of which school they come from. Given the short time frames at the start of the year, if a student is invited to compete and withdraws, no replacement competitor will be organised. Up to 3 timed heats (no final) will be held with 10 competitors in each heat. While there are no qualification

standards, schools should only nominate students who are of a competitive standard for this level.

50m and 100m events will be conducted in all 4 strokes. Schools will nominate individual students directly to the carnival convenor in longer distance events as these events will not be conducted at this District trial. Schools will be advised which students are selected in the District team to attend the Regional Swimming trial.

DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD

The District Track & Field will be a 10-19 years event held over 2 days on **1st and 2nd August** at the **University of Queensland Athletics Centre** in St Lucia.

Secondary schools will nominate 12-19 year old students direct to the District trial convenor. Primary schools will nominate 10-12 year students to attend Zone trials where students will compete for selection in zone teams to attend this District Track & Field trial.

Secondary schools and zones are able to nominate the number of students listed in the table below. For equity reasons, each zone is allocated a different number of competitors based on total student enrolments.

Age Group	Competitors
10 – 11 years	Max of 23 competitors – Fassifern (x4), Lockyer (x5), Ipswich South (x7) and Ipswich North (x7)
12 years	Max of 67 competitors – 11 Secondary schools (x4), Fassifern (x4), Lockyer (x5), Ipswich South (x7) and Ipswich North (x7). Qualification standards apply.
13 – 19 years	Max of 44 competitors per age group – 11 Secondary schools (x4). Qualification standards apply.
AWD 10 - 19 years	Athletes with a disability (AWD) will attend this selection trial and compete for District selection.

Students must meet District qualification standards to nominate. This will significantly reduce the final number of competitors in each event, particularly in the 12 – 19 years age group. It is anticipated that there will be no more than of 3 heats (24 competitors) for track events. Schools will nominate individual students directly to the carnival convenor in specialist events as these events will not be conducted at this District trial.

Schools will be advised which students are selected in the District team to attend the Regional Track & Field trial.

DISTRICT TEAMS

The District will nominate teams (or individual students) in all sports/age/gender divisions where students compete for selection in Metropolitan West School Sport regional teams. Schools will be advised which students are selected in District teams to attend Regional trials.

Students selected in District teams must return relevant paperwork and pay the **\$25 District Team Levy** by the due date. The *District Team Levy* covers \$5 for hire of a District uniform and the \$20 Regional Trial levy. The levy is paid by students to their own school prior to attending the trial. The District collects the District Team Levy from schools and forwards the Regional Trial Levy component onto Metropolitan West School Sport.

DISTRICT SPONSORSHIP

Western District School Sport is grateful for sponsorship provided by Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council, City of Ipswich Council, JJ Richards, Schulte's Meat Tavern and Lockyer Valley Toyota. This sponsorship has enabled the purchase of team and staff uniforms and free use of many council sporting facilities.

DISTRICT TEAM UNIFORMS

More than \$25 000 worth of District team uniforms will be purchased thanks to sponsorship and a grant from Metropolitan West School Sport.



Students will hire a District team shirt/jersey to wear on the day of Regional trials. Hire fees are included in the District Trial Levy and will be put aside by the District to fund future uniform replacement and purchases. It will be recommended (not compulsory) that students wear navy blue shorts/skirt to compliment the District shirt.

Students will be able to purchase an optional District souvenir shirt online direct from a nominated supplier. More details will be provided at 2018 District trials.

DISTRICT AFFILIATION FEES and TRS POOL

Schools pay a District affiliation fee of \$6.50 per year for each Year 4-12 student in their school to be eligible to participate in District trials and represent the District at Regional trials. \$2.20 of this affiliation fee pays for staffing and other costs associated with running District sport. \$4.30 of this affiliation fee creates a teacher release scheme (TRS) pool to reimburse schools the cost of replacing teachers who attend District and Regional trials in a District official capacity.

Schools also pay Regional/State affiliation fees for Year 4-12 students to Metropolitan West School Sport each year.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you have further questions, contact your school Sports Coordinator or Principal. Sports Coordinators/Principals can contact the Chair of the Steering Committee or District Sports Committee once it is formally established.

WESTERN DISTRICT RANGES SCHOOLS and 10-12 YEARS ZONE ALLOCATIONS

Fassifern Zone	Ipswich North Zone	Ipswich South Zone	Lockyer Zone
All Saints' School, Boonah Aratula State School Ashwell State School Boonah State High School Boonah State School Haigslea State School Harrisville State School Kalbar State School Marburg State School Maroon State School Mount Alford State School Mount Marrow State School Mutdapilly State School Peak Crossing State School Roadvale State School Rosewood State High School Rosewood State School St Brigid's Primary School Walloon State School Warrill View State School	Blair State School Brassall State School Ipswich Adventist School Ipswich East State School Ipswich North State School Ipswich Special School Ipswich State High School Ipswich West State School Ipswich West Special School Karalee State School Mount Crosby State School Saint Joseph's Primary School Saint Mary's Primary School St Edmund's College St Mary's College Tivoli State School	Amberley District State School Bethany Lutheran School Bremer State High School Churchill State School Claremont Special School Deebing Heights State School Immaculate Heart Primary School Ipswich Central State School Leichhardt State School Raceview State School Silkstone State School West Moreton Anglican College	Blenheim State School Clarendon State School Coominya State School * Esk State School Faith Lutheran College, Plainland Fernvale State School Forest Hill State School Glamorgan Vale State School Glenore Grove State School Grandchester State School Hatton Vale State School Kentville State School Laidley District State School Laidley State High School Lockrose State School Lowood State High School Lowood State School Minden State School Mount Tarampa State School Patrick Estate State School Prenzlau State School Saint Mary's Primary School, Laidley Tarampa State School Thornton State School * Toogoolawah State High School * Toogoolawah State School
No of Schools: 20 Year 4-12 enrolments 1000	No of Schools: 16 Year 4-12 enrolments 2350	No of Schools: 12 Year 4-12 enrolments 2450	No of Schools: 26 Year 4-12 enrolments 1750

* These schools are currently consulting with their community with the intention of joining Darling Downs School Sport Region in 2018.

WESTERN DISTRICT SPORTS AND TRIAL TYPES

Sport	Age Division	Trial Type
AFL	13-15 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	13-16 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Girls	Afterschool Trial
Basketball	16-18 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	16-18 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
Cricket	10-12 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	15-19 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	13-14 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
Cross Country	10-12 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	10-19 yrs. Boys & Girls	Full Day Trial
Football	16-19 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	16-19 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
Hockey	10-12 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	13-19 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	13-19 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys	Afterschool Trial
Netball	10-12 yrs. Girls	Afterschool Trial
	16-19 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
Rugby League	10-11 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	16-18 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	14-15 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial

Sport	Age Division	Trial Type
Rugby League	14-15 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	11-12 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	10-11 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	11-12 Yrs. Girls	Afterschool Trial
Rugby Union	17-18yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	14-15 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	11-12 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
Softball	10-12 yrs. Boys	Afterschool Trial
	10-12 yrs. Girls	Afterschool Trial
Swimming	10-19 yrs. Boys & Girls	Full Day Trial
Tennis	13-19 yrs. Boys & Girls	Full Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys & Girls	Full Day Trial
Touch	16-18 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	16-18 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Boys	Full Day Trial
	13-15 yrs. Girls	Full Day Trial
	10-12 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
Track & Field	10-12 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	10-19 yrs. Boys & Girls	Full 2 Day Trial
Volleyball	16-19 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	16-19 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
	12-15 yrs. Boys	1/2 Day Trial
	12-15 yrs. Girls	1/2 Day Trial
No District Trial. Students nominated to District Secretary		
Golf	10-18 yrs. Boys & Girls	No District Trial
Softball	13-19 yrs. Boys	No District Trial
	13-19 yrs. Girls	No District Trial
Squash	13-19 yrs. Boys & Girls	No District Trial
Triathlon	11-19 yrs. Boys & Girls	No District Trial
Water polo	13-17 yrs. Boys	No District Trial
	13-17 yrs. Girls	No District Trial

* NOTE - Trial types subject to change. Schools will be informed of final trial arrangements and dates by the end of 2017.