

Competitive School Sport and Brandesburton Primary School's Selection Policy **Children are selected for sports teams by different criteria depending on the event**



This criterion 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 in terms of skill level, knowledge of rules, tactical knowledge, strength and speed.

Inter-School Competitions (vs other schools)

This year we are very pleased to be working in conjunction with Hull City Tigers Trust. As part of this agreement, our school will compete against other schools in a multitude of events within our cluster. These sports include football, benchball, dodgeball and kwik-cricket. We have also participated in the Football Association East Riding Schools' U11 cup.

We are currently in the process of organising another cricket festival in partnership with Hull City Tigers Trust in the summer term, which will see primary schools from across the East Riding being invited to compete in a celebration of school cricket.

Selection for School Teams

In an ideal world, we would love to give every child the opportunity to represent the school in every competition that we enter. However, due to circumstances beyond our control (usually squad-size restrictions) this is not possible. The decision of which children to select is never an easy one and many conversations take place to ensure that choices are fair and just. We also have to consider the level of the competition that the team will be facing and select children accordingly.

Whenever numbers and rules allow, we will always attempt to enter more than one team in a competition in order to allow as many children as possible to compete. We have done this already this year at football competitions and the recent dodgeball competitions. Children who choose to represent the school in a wide variety of activities (i.e. not just the sport that they enjoy) will always be considered for selection first.

Of the primary schools in our area, Brandesburton Primary School has one of the highest participation rates and is proud that **all** children are given many sporting opportunities – not just inter-school competitions but also intra-school competitions, after-school clubs, sport and health weeks, health for life activities and Sport Relief.

Friendly matches

Children who have not had an opportunity to represent the school at competition events will always be prioritised for friendly fixtures. Children who are keen and make the effort to attend clubs/practices will always be prioritised over children who show little commitment or interest.

Younger Children

For obvious reasons, almost every formal inter-school sports event is for KS2 children only. The vast majority of these are targeted at year 5&6 children. Opportunities for year 3&4 children are available but occur less frequently throughout the year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Horsley our P.E subject leader.