

Policy on Qualification for Cork City Sports

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Introduction:

This policy has been developed by the staff of Kilbonane National School, in consultation with the Parents Association, and was reviewed and ratified by the school Board of Management at a meeting on 13 March 2024.

This policy applies specifically to the qualification of pupils in for the annual Cork City Sports event.

Policy:

Every year, four pupils (two boys and two girls) from each age level (i.e. the year they were born – not their class level) are selected to represent the school and to compete in the Cork City Sports event.

In addition, eight pupils (4 boys and 4 girls) from 5th and 6th Class are selected for a relay competition at the same event.

In order to ensure fairness, the school will follow these guidelines:

- A qualification race will be held in advance of the event and pupils from every age level (both boys and girls) will race against each other.
 - An example of this might be: all boys born in 2011 race each other. Next, all girls born in 2011 race each other, etc.
- Qualification races will be held as follows:
 - (i) Infant Classes – School’s all-weather pitch
 - (ii) 1st to 6th Class – Cloughdub GAA pitch. If the pitch is unavailable for any reason, the school’s all-weather pitch will be used
- The school will provide as much notice of the qualification race to parents as possible.
- Important: Only pupils who are present on the day of the qualification race will be considered to go forward to the Cork City Sports event. There will be no exceptions to this.
- The three fastest children from each category will be recorded, with the top two selected to go forward and represent the school. The third person recorded will then act as a substitute should a runner be ill on the day of the event.
- In the same way, the relay teams will be selected by racing all girls from 5th and 6th Class, then all boys from 5th and 6th Class. The five fastest children in each group will be recorded, with the top four selected to go forward and represent the school. The fifth person recorded will then act as a substitute if necessary.
- The results will be final and cannot be appealed by pupils, parents, etc, due to slips, falls or otherwise.
- Parents of selected students will be notified by email once the results have been finalised.

Review:

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management on 13 March 2024. will be reviewed when and if necessary.