

Sports teams at Kilbirnie School.

Our school sports and events are underpinned by the idea of making events challenging and accessible to a range of levels. They are intended to be enjoyable and a fun experience as well as providing challenge for our more serious competitors.

The following sports are offered at Kilbirnie School. All teams are able to be mixed teams.

Sport	Term/s offered	Year level	Day of week
Miniball	Terms 2 & 3	Years 3 & 4	Wednesdays
		Year 5 & 6	Mondays
Floorball	Terms 1 & 4	Years 2 – 6	Tuesdays
Flippaball	Terms 1 & 4	Years 4 – 6	Fridays
Netball	Terms 2 & 3	Years 4 – 6	Saturdays
Touch	Terms 1 & 4	Years 3 – 6	Wednesdays

As well as the above, our school participates in the eastern zone school sports fixtures: miniball; hockey/floorball; **cross country**; **swimming**; **athletics**; football and cricket. These sports are organised by specific schools, our school has traditionally organised the Floorball/hockey. In the sports bolded, winning competitors compete in the wider Wellington competition.

At the end of the term prior to the sport being offered, a sports notice will be sent home asking for names of children wishing to participate. The notice will make mention of the sport and commitments required, practices, costs, equipment needed, uniforms and possibly parental assistance. Reminders will be given by class teachers and through the daily notice book.

Some sports have a limit on the number of teams a school can enter into a competition, and if this is the case, it will be outlined in the initial notice, along with the selection process.

The process for selecting children for individual teams is based on the following:

-  Previous experience
-  Social and friendship patterns
-  Availability of coaches
-  Practical issues
-  Whether a particular sport is graded

When confirming teams, effort is put into balancing a mix of abilities, while taking into account continuity of teams from previous years and personality fit.

If there is a high interest and a limited number of places available or the school decides that a “top” team will be entered into a competition, a fair selection process will be agreed and communicated clearly to all parents and children before teams are announced.

Netball: this is run through Moto Kairangi (MK), we have a parent coordinator who oversees the teams, managers and coaches. Team selection is based on year group, previous experience and skill level. Final selection is made by the parent coordinator with input from the coaches and managers. In Year 4 & 5 grades the players rotate positions, in Year 6 per MK rules, there are no rotations.

Parent volunteers

Kilbirnie School could not enter the number of sports teams that we do without the incredible amount of time and effort put in by our parent volunteers. Initial forms to express a child's interest will ask for parents to volunteer to help with either coaching or managing a team.

If we do not get enough parental support we have to limit the number of teams offered, this may also impact on coaching and practice opportunities

Managers and coaches will not have a particular say in the selection of teams – the final teams will be determined by the school teachers responsible for that particular sport. However parents/coaches work with the teams that their children are playing in, and so the selection criteria relating to previous experience and team fit for the child will be taken into consideration.

If parents are not experienced in the particular sport, help is available with coaching techniques and drills either from other more experienced school parent coaches, the school lead sports teachers, or the sports league itself.

When coaching sports teams, the school's general rules for behaviour management will still stand – the most important being that no child will stop another child from playing. If parent coaches have any particular issues they are encouraged to speak to the school lead sport teachers early.

The role of the team manager is to ensure that their teams know when and where their games are, sub players during games, and perform basic administrative functions.

Players Code of Conduct:

- ✚ Be a good sport and cheer all good play
- ✚ Treat all players as I would like to be treated
- ✚ Co-operate with my coach and team mates
- ✚ Play by the rules
- ✚ Turn up to training when required
- ✚ Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat
- ✚ Let my coach deal with any problems – accept their decisions without argument
- ✚ Have fun and enjoy my game
- ✚ Thank the coach, officials, opponents and supporters

Parents Code of Conduct:

- ✚ Encourage children to play by the rules and accept a referee's decision
- ✚ Applaud good play by both teams and a good call
- ✚ Display control, courtesy, respect, and dignity to all involved in the sport
- ✚ Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and umpires
- ✚ Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory
- ✚ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical bullying from sporting activities
- ✚ Bring any problems to the attention of the teacher in charge of sport
- ✚ Accept the final word of sports leaders in matters of team selection

Coaches Code of Conduct:

- ✚ Be fair, considerate and honest with the players
- ✚ Ensure the players time with you is a positive experience
- ✚ All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- ✚ All players try different positions
- ✚ Encourage your players to do the same
- ✚ Display control, courtesy, respect, and dignity to all involved in the sport
- ✚ Operate in the spirit of fair play
- ✚ Ensure the players have fun