



Selection Policy

Each age group may play a number of competitive games each season and for those games teams need to be selected. Team selection can sometimes be an area of tension between parents, coaches and players so the Club has outlined some principles around which each age group's selection policy is based.

It is a vital part of being a Club member that parents understand and are supportive of the selection policy used.

How each age group chooses its teams is ultimately the decision of the age-group coaches but elements of the following will be common to team selection policy:

Attendance

Players need to attend training sessions as well as matches. Players that turn up week in week out for training will, to some extent, be given precedence over those that don't. The extent to which attendance is used as the basis for selection is up to the coaches.

Ability

It is the stated aims, and the purpose, of the Club allow players of all ability to play cricket recreational and competitive cricket regardless of ability. Our coaching is based around the view that each player should be developed to his or her maximum potential. However, cricket is a competitive sport and the Club has as much responsibility to develop talented players to their full potential as well as those with more development needs. This means that some age groups may operate squads streamed on ability to help ensure that the coaching is delivered to the level most appropriate way to those players' abilities. This also means that some team selection will be based on ability.

Every player selected for a match or festival should play some part in that match – no child should be selected for a squad and made to sit out the entire game.

Some team selection may also be affected by the ability of the opposition. It is not in the interests of any Club to be on either side of a mismatch and coaches may select accordingly.

Motivation, commitment, and attitude

Players who try hard at training and in matches serve as valuable example to their teams and sometimes this attitude is as valuable as talent. Players who show commitment may be selected ahead of more talented players with a less positive attitude.

Behaviour

To be selected to represent the Club is a privilege not a right and as such it needs to be earned. Bad behaviour by players will not be tolerated and the coach has the right to use team selection as a sanction against bad behaviour if he or she sees fit.