



GREENFIELD CRICKET & SOCIAL CLUB
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JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Eligibility

Players can only be considered for selection if the following are in place:

1. Registration Form has been completed and submitted to the club's membership administrator.
2. The appropriate subscription has been paid.
3. All training fees are paid up to date

Training/Selection Ethos:

The junior committee recognises and acknowledges that children in particular Under 9's and Under 11's develop at different rates, as such we have adopted a three stage Under 9s squad process comprising off:

1. Beginner's Training Squad
2. Development Squad
3. Performance squad

Beginner's Training Squad – primarily for beginners, the emphasis will be on FUN, whilst learning basic skills associated with cricket i.e. balance, throwing, catching, holding a bat and playing mini games. Target group - U 9's and All stars.

Development Squad - In this squad the coaches will focus more of developing your child's cricketing skills, such as correct grip of bat, stance at wicket, hitting balls of cones e.g. learning to drive the shot, bowling action and delivery and games. Target group some U/9's, together with U11's/U13's/U15's

Performance Squad – This group will be for more advanced stroke play and team selection. Bowling to batsman (some net practice), deep fielding, catching and throwing, running between the wickets, competitive match play and selection into under 11's who play hard ball cricket. Target group: Some more advanced under 9's, together with U 11's/13's & 15's

League Matches U9's:

This league is designed to give as many U9's, who may not be ready for hardball matches, the opportunity to play cricket in a match environment. As such, based on availability, the selection of players will be rotated, on a regular basis to allow every player fair chance to take part, irrespective of their ability.

League / Cup Matches U11's

If all three eligibility criteria are satisfied, then U11's cricket will be a balance between selection on ability and selection on rotation at the judgment and discretion of the coach. This will ensure a competitive, balanced side that will have the opportunity to win, whilst affording the opportunity for interested players to play for Greenfield. This will also ensure interest in the game is maximized from the 'training squad' and will ensure more players have experience playing competitive cricket and developing with their peers in preparation for U13's cricket. As this is "hard ball" format, the coaches and players must be confident that the player is ready for hard ball cricket.

League / Cup Matches: U13/15/18's

The strongest team possible will be selected, from those players that are available and eligible to represent the Club at each age level.

The objective is to win these games, whilst further developing the skill set of each selected player. Coaches may require players of certain ability and aptitude (as outlined above) to play up an age group. If this is the case they will advise the relevant coach manager.

Managers may also ask players from a lower age group to play in their side if availability necessitates it.

The age-group manager should be informed but the decisions whether or not to play rests with the player and their family.

It does **not** rest with the age group manager.

As far as is possible Managers will try to ensure that League fixture clashes between age groups are minimised, though if there is a clash of fixtures Junior's **must** play for their own age group in preference to an older age group, with the exception of when a clash of fixtures between a League and a cup game occurs, in this circumstance, the cup fixture will take precedent.

Representative players (e.g. County or District) should be encouraged to play up an age group but should not be obliged to do so and neither should they do so to the exclusion of their own age group where they are considered outstanding role models.

Juniors Selection to Senior Squad

The Junior Chairman in conjunction with the Senior Director of Cricket shall be responsible for introducing players into senior sides and young players aspiring to play adult cricket should identify themselves to the Junior Chairman. GC&SC have adopted the ECB guidance relating to open age cricket namely year 8 children aged 13 and above will only be invited to play open age cricket, with the exception of any player who have been accepted to play at county level in year 7.

U18 Players will train with the senior squad, the Junior Chairman in conjunction with the Senior Director of Cricket to ensure that U18's benefit from some team training time in line with an agreed coaching/training plan.

U13/15 Players deemed to have demonstrated the appropriate mental, physical and technical qualities as well as a willingness and enthusiasm to further develop their skills will also be invited to train with the senior squad, which will be in addition to their team training sessions.

Young players shall expect to be played as an equal member of the team and captains shall make every effort to ensure that they are used as such.

Once selected, captains will be expected to allocate a mentor from the team to support the integration of the young player into the senior sides. Any player or his or her family with a concern over selection should raise it with the Junior Chairman and/or Senior Director of Cricket.

Behaviour

To be selected to represent the Club is a privilege and not a right. As such it needs to be earned. Greenfield Cricket & Social Club has clear guidelines on expected behaviour whilst attending both coaching and matches. Unacceptable behaviour by players will not be tolerated and the club/manager/coach has the discretion to use both coaching sessions and team selection, as a sanction against bad behaviour if deemed

required.

Matchday

Juniors who are selected to represent the Club in matches must be at the appointed ground, at the agreed meet time suitably presented in appropriate Cricket attire.

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