

Selection Policy

Selection decisions are to be made by the selection committee, taking into account the advice provided by team captains. The selection committee will be appointed by the Club's senior committee before the commencement of each season, and shall consist of a Chairman and two other selectors. In the absence of any selector, that role will be filled by either the President or Vice President (Senior) of the Club.

The decisions of the selection committee must always reflect the best interests of the Club, then the teams (in descending order), and then the individual. Paramount in the Club's interests are the short-term and long-term success of the First XI.

All players who are registered with the ECA as STC players, and are financial members of the Club, shall be considered for selection. However, any player who is under suspension by either the ECA or the Club shall not be considered for selection.

Teams are to be selected in order commencing with the First XI and progressing in order to the Sixth XI. The selection committee will always strive to field the most competitive First XI possible.

The Second XI should consist of, where possible, prospective First XI players. This should include players on the verge of First XI selection, and younger players who are deemed by the selection committee to be future First XI players.

The Third XI will be selected as the next best side, with strong consideration also given to the development of younger players. The Fourth XI in particular will be viewed as a development team, with young cricketers making up the majority of the side. Younger players will be played in this side rather than one of the LOC sides.

The Fifth XI and Sixth XI, when applicable, will be comprised of those who have informed the selectors of a preference to play, one-day cricket, as well as any surplus players from the two-day sides. While each side will be permitted to maintain a core group of capable players (where possible), the Fifth XI will be selected to be the stronger of the two sides. Further to this, the club will expect that ALL players will make themselves available to the two-day teams when there are challenges with filling positions in these sides.

Regular attendance at training sessions and club functions will be taken into account in the selectors decisions, particularly where there is a surplus of available players. Capable junior players who train regularly with the senior group will be considered equally for selection with senior players.

A captain of a side may be promoted to a higher side where the selectors believe there is no better candidate for promotion. This will be considered to be an exceptional circumstance.

Players will understand that the club's and the team's interests must come before their own, and therefore no one is guaranteed a spot in any given side. The selectors have the full support of the committee, and their decisions made in accordance with this policy will be final. Any concerns with the selection policy or its application may be raised with the committee in due course.