



Selection Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a set of principles, guidance and clarity to the Selection Committee (SC) and Club players as to how the senior teams will be selected. This will support the fundamental objective of this policy to ensure the Club produces competitive teams to a high standard that can compete for titles, whilst also developing players to enable the Club to continue to compete at a high standard in the future. This will help underpin the Club's vision to be "Preston's Premier Cricket Club".

Scope

This policy will apply to the selection of the Club's 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Sunday XI teams by the SC, which comprises the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Sunday XI Captains and Vice-Captains, and the Cricket Chairman, who will also be chair. Equally, the policy applies to bona fide member of the Club who have paid their annual subscription for the current season. The SC reserves the right to omit from selection any player who has not paid for the appropriate annual subscription.

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In order to produce competitive teams to a high standard and develop players, the SC will select players for the team and standard that is deemed suited to their ability. The SC however shall also use reasonable endeavours to consider all aspects of the policy when selecting players for the teams identified in the scope. The SC will also need to balance this against the specific needs and objectives of each team throughout the season.

Where players are of a similar ability the following factors (in no particular order) will be considered:

- Potential – the SC will consider the potential ability of players, and whether selection would further aid their development
- Training – the SC will show preference to those players who demonstrate a desire to improve their ability through regular practice
- Contribution to the club - the SC will show preference to those players who voluntarily donate their time to the running of the club
- Form – The SC will preference to players with notable recent performances. The SC will consider performances from all formats of cricket, including school and junior cricket

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- Availability – players who are consistently available for selection will be preferred over those whose availability is sporadic
 - Players are expected to represent the team for which they are selected. If a player refuses to play for one of the Club's teams when selected they will not be allowed to play for any of the teams that weekend
 - Players are expected to confirm their availability prior to the selection meeting (8pm Tuesday). If the player's availability is unknown the SC reserves the right to omit the player from selection
 - After selection, players are expected to confirm their availability for weekend fixtures by 8:30pm on Thursday. The SC / relevant captain reserves the right to replace any player whose availability is still unknown after this time
 - Demotion / dropping of players – there will be occasions where it will be necessary to demote / drop players. In such instances the aforementioned criteria will be used by the SC as a guide. The captain of the side from which the player is demoted / dropped must inform the player as soon as reasonably practicable and explain the decision
 - Sunday XI – the SC views the Sunday XI as a development XI. As such, preference will be given to younger players to further their development, although it may be necessary to balance the XI with senior players. When availability permits, efforts will be made by the SC to avoid selecting players for matches on Saturday and Sunday at the expense of those who have not been selected on Saturday