

Team Selection Policy

Team selection is an important part in ensuring that we create an environment that is healthy, energetic and most of all FUN!

Team selection is based on a number of factors, including what is best for:

- the individual,
- the team,
- the age group,
- the club, and
- the competition.

It is the age group coordinator who is responsible for team selection along with the boys / girls coordinator.

The following inputs are required as part of this decision making to ensure a thorough process has been adopted by the club:

1. Rating of players within existing teams:

- a. Watching Games - A minimum of three games for each team will be watched by the age group coordinator or a representative from the club, during the season. This provides an opportunity to see how the players perform in a game situation.
- b. Coaches assessment sheets – These are filled by the coaches. The coaches will assess the skills of the individual players in their team. It can also be used to flag any specific request a player may have i.e. cannot train on a specific night. Putting the information forward does not guarantee an outcome; however, it allows the age group coordinator to consider the request.

2. Rating of players between teams and age groups

- a. Try-outs – Try outs are compulsory and provide an opportunity for the co-ordinator to see and assess the players in an age group together, including players coming up from the lower age group and new players. They are useful for coordinators to see how players in different sides and age groups compare to each other. Coaches are encouraged to attend so they can feed their knowledge of individuals into the mix.
- b. Coordinators meeting – Coordinators discuss the skills and placement of players between age groups

Our aim when selecting teams is to put together a group of players that is of a similar standard that is able to play competitively and happily together.