

## Availability and Selection Policy 2015

The club policy relating to Cricket Availability and Selection is as follows:

### Availability Procedure

- It is the responsibility of the individual player to notify the club/captains via **Teamer** by Sunday evening of the preceding week that they are available for selection for the coming weekend/week.
- Players should provide their expected availability for the forthcoming month (via Teamer), and notify the Selection Committee of scheduled periods of absence (holidays etc.) at the soonest feasible opportunity
- Players, with the exception of the Appointed Captains, are to make themselves available to play for the club on any given day and, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, should **not** dictate for which team, they are making themselves available
- Team composition is solely the responsibility of the Selection Committee

### Selection Committee and Procedure

- The Selection Committee shall include the Director of Cricket and the Appointed Captains
- The Director of Cricket shall Chair the Selection Committee
- Where the Director of Cricket or a captain is unavailable to attend, a suitable representative should be appointed to attend in their place
- A Selection Committee meeting shall be held weekly on a Monday evening at 7.30pm, unless mutually agreed by the Selection Committee
- The full list of available players shall be presented at the Selection Committee meeting
- The captain of each team shall present their preferred selection to the Selection Committee, in the following order: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, [Sunday Village XI], [Sunday Friendly XI], and Midweek XI
- The proposed teams are to be discussed and the teams selected by the Selection Committee as a whole, with the Director of Cricket having the final say

Teams selected by the Selection Committee are to be based on the following criteria:

- Selection will be based on availability, ability, form, conduct, attitude
- Selection of the most competitive 1<sup>st</sup> XI will take precedent on any given day (However, consideration should always be given to ensuring a sensible balance of capability within each team and the overall interests of the club i.e. cricket development)
- The Selection Committee shall aim to select a balance of specialist abilities in each team (e.g. batting, pace bowling, spin bowling, wicket keeper)
- Where possible a promoted player will be given the same role (or as similar as possible) as they had in their previous team
- The selection of each team should take into account those who are available only for one day of the weekend ahead of those available for both, i.e. a player should not play both days at the expense of another player not playing at all
- A player, who without good cause, fails to pay their weekly match fee, prior to the commencement of the Selection Committee meeting on a Monday night, will be ineligible for selection during the following weekend/week
- A player who has not paid his subs **will not** be selected

Juniors, over the age of 14 or over, in accordance with Club Policy', may be selected for Senior Teams. Please note, in principle the rules for promotion or relegation should apply to junior selections. However, safety **must** always be a primary consideration and a young player moving up, should be given time to adapt before being relegated.

### Promotion and Relegation

If, for any reason, a player is relegated to a lower team by the Selection Committee. It is the responsibility of the Selection Committee to agree the rationale for relegating the player and for the Director of Cricket, if deemed necessary by the Selection Committee, to inform the player of its decision at the earliest opportunity.

Appointed Captains will remain in their appointed team, unless unanimously agreed by the Selection Committee. Vice captains will be treated the same as any other available player, except in the absence of the team's Appointed Captain.

Players must be aware that their selection for a particular team depends upon and is frequently governed by the availability of other players. Players returning from absence due to injury, holiday or other commitments cannot assume that they will return to the team in which they last played.

Should any player refuse to play for a team, other than the team for which they are usually selected, they **will** be considered ineligible for selection in the following week.

### **Issues with Selection**

Grievances should be made directly to the Director of Cricket, or if unavailable, via an Appointed Captain.

### **Cricket Captain Responsibilities 2015**

The following core responsibilities will be expected of all Appointed Captains:

- Membership of the Cricket Committee ('CC') and, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, attendance at all CC meetings
- Membership of the Cricket Selection Committee and, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, a commitment to comply with all requirements of the 'Availability and Selection Policy 2015 (detailed above)
- Have a current DBS
- Collection and recording of weekly match fees
- If required by the grounds-man, provision of field preparation assistance on the morning of all home fixtures. As a minimum, this should entail an evaluation of the suitability of the pitch and outfield for the scheduled match on that day
- Ensuring that on and off-field behaviour of playing team members is at all times compliant with the Club Code of Conduct and Club Welfare policies
- **Without exception**, the best interest of SC&TC shall be at the forefront of any decision made