



Team Selection Policy

Club head coaches are responsible for selecting teams.

The team selection committee is as follows:

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We have an open-door policy on team selection – if you have questions as to why you are in a certain team or about the selection process in general, players are encouraged to speak to a coach regarding your selection and they will be happy to listen and give feedback.

Selection Committee Roles

It is the job of the selection committee to find out which members are available for selection at tournaments/league meetings, decide the aims for each competition we enter and pick a team accordingly. The selection committee will identify tournaments in which to enter mixed-ability teams and others in which to enter 1st/2nd teams because there are benefits to doing both. The selection committee will do everything to get as many members playing as possible. Team selection committee will decide line-ups and try to place players in their preferred positions.

Team Structure

Teams will ideally be made up of 8 players (2 substitutes/ball retrievers per team), but can also be made of between 6 players up to 10 players (up to 2 substitutes and 2 ball retrievers), depending on the number of players up for selection. All teams will have a captain and a caller. Where possible, a coach will be with their team, but if this cannot happen then the captain will be responsible for their team during the competition.

Selection Factors:

The 3 most important factors affecting team selection are, in order of importance:

1. Ability: How good a player is at competition.
2. Attendance: How often a player turns up to training.
3. Attitude: How much effort a player puts in at training and how much of a team player they are.

Ability will be evaluated by training sessions and previous competitive performances. Ability alone will not ensure a spot in the first teams.

Attendance will look at Tuesday sessions.

Attitude is about being focused, supportive and doing your best at training sessions and competitions. Bonus attitude points may be awarded for helping out with the running of the club, its community or marketing activities.

The 3 additional factors affecting team selection are:

1. Player Position: Where on a court a player plays (so that balanced teams are chosen with a mixture of throwers and catchers, speed and power).

2. Player Synergy: Teams play better when players are well-practised throwing together. We will sometimes aim to keep players together for a few tournaments, so they can develop partnerships like this.
3. Club Future: Although this will not always be possible, we will aim to raise player motivation through our team selections. Examples of this might include giving promising beginners a chance playing in a team above to push them.