



Okehampton Hockey club; Selection policy



Okehampton Hockey club will endeavour to provide equal hockey playing opportunities for all players to develop their hockey skills and enable them to play in the highest division appropriate to their skill level and understanding of the game.

Teams

It is the Club's policy that for league fixtures the 1st team should always be the strongest available squad, followed in order downwards through the teams.

Selection committee

The Selection committee will consist of the team captains, with input from the coaches and the Club captain as and when required.

Selection criteria

It is imperative that the club fosters a philosophy of open dialogue between captains and players thus aiming to provide fair selection and playing opportunities for all players. Selection criteria will be based on skills, fitness and movement, team play, enthusiasm, availability and attitude. Player's responsibilities will also be considered in the selection process.

Players' responsibilities

All players must try and attend training sessions on time. If they are unable to attend, they must inform their captain or coach.

- Players should arrive for matches at the time requested by their captain unless otherwise agreed.
- All players must pay their annual subscription and match fees in accordance with the Club's membership policy.

Selection procedure

Initial team/squad selection will be made at the start of the season using the club's selection policy. These squads will be reviewed regularly by the selection committee.

- To be available for selection for matches, all players must inform their captains of their availability a week in advance of the fixture.
- Teams will be selected on the Sunday evening prior to the weekend fixtures and captains will inform the players of their selection.
- Players must confirm their selection with their captain. If a player is unable to confirm their selection, they must still contact their captain by Tuesday evening.

Captain's responsibilities

Captains will inform their players, verbally, with an explanation when moving a player from one team to another, either up or down. This will be particularly important for player confidence and development.

Player selection related grievances

If a player has a grievance regarding the selection process, they should approach the captain of the team they are representing or a member of the Executive committee. Should the player feel that their concerns have not been given adequate consideration they should contact the Club Chairperson or Welfare officer.