



HCC Senior (Men's) Cricket Selection Policy

The selection committee consists of the captains (or vice-captain in the absence of the captain) and the Men's Cricket Chairperson. Selection will usually be carried out on a Wednesday evening after senior training. The previous weekend's matches will be discussed, as will the on-going individual & team performances. It is the responsibility of every player to ensure that their availability is known to the selection committee. Availability must be marked directly in the club app before Wednesday 6pm. If availability is not marked it will be assumed that the player is not available for selection.

General selection policy includes the following:

- All teams to be picked on ability and performance to maximise the strength of each team whilst also ensuring the correct balance (number of batsmen, spinners, fast bowlers etc) of the team.
- The 1st XI takes precedence over 2nd XI. The 2nd XI over 3rd XI. The 3rd XI over 4th XI, and so forth. This is in accordance with MCCL rules.
- Players who have not paid their subscriptions, match fees from the previous week, or have any other outstanding payments owed to the club will not be considered for selection.

Players must play where selected

- Players applying for senior playing membership must be available to play matches for the club as prescribed by the selection committee. Players must play in the team they have been selected for.
- Any player who refuses to play for a specific team will no longer be eligible for selection. No refunds of membership fees paid will be given.
- The selection committee is solely responsible for selection. In the case of disagreements between the selection committee, including captains, on who should play where, the Men's Cricket Chairperson shall have the final say.
- Any player changing their availability after Wednesday's selection meeting must personally talk to their team captain before the weekend.
- Consistent offenders pulling out after making their availabilities known will be subject to the possibility of not being selected when next available.
- Any player withdrawing from two consecutive games after having confirmed his availability shall not be eligible for selection for a minimum of one game.

Player Shortages

- In the event of a team being short of players on the lead up or on match days itself the higher XI has the right to take a player from a lower XI providing the lower XI match hasn't already started. This is in accordance with MCCL rules.

Dropping & Promoting of Players

- Promotion and demotion of players from one team to the next must be based on performance or to ensure the correct balance of the team (number of batsmen, spinners, fast bowlers etc). The only exception to this is for disciplinary reasons.
- A player should not be promoted or dropped more than one team.

New Players

- New players should not be considered for selection until a member of the selection committee has seen them at nets.
- Any new player joining the club should ideally start in the team that is one step below the standard the selection committee considers him capable of playing. Such players are subject to the same dropping & promoting of players rule above.

Selection of Junior Players

- A list of junior players available for adult selection will be drawn up at the start of the season by the Junior Cricket Secretary and updated throughout the season. This information is to be shared with the Men's Cricket Chairperson who in turn will share this with the rest of the selection committee.
- A regular dialogue needs to take place between the Junior Cricket Secretary and the Men's Cricket Chairperson with regards to these junior players.
- All parents must give written consent for their child to participate in men's cricket.
- Parents of junior players are asked not to approach captains before, during or after a game to question selection or decisions around batting & bowling orders in men's cricket. A parent wishing to discuss any aspect of their child's involvement in men's cricket, needs to do so with the Junior Cricket Secretary and/or the Men's Cricket Chairperson.

Cancellations & Time Keeping

- It is the player's responsibility to establish whether a match has been called off due to weather. Players selected will be notified by a notification in the app. Team sheets shall appear in the app and on the club website.
- Players persistently arriving late for meet times can be dropped. For the avoidance of doubt persistently means two weeks in a row, two weeks out of four, two weeks out of three or three weeks in total at any time.