

Team Selection Policy (Junior)

Team selection for Saturday junior games will be done by the Selection Committee ("The Committee"). The committee will usually comprise of Club Manager, Junior Chair, Junior co-ordinator, Action Grade Co-ordinator, Junior Committee members and coaches. In this age group, the Club considers that skill development has far greater importance than winning. Making new friends is one of life's skills and a team sport like cricket is a great way to practice this. The following general guidelines will be used in determining the team selection:

- Teams will be selected on the basis of maintaining a balance of skill (Batting & bowling) and thus may contain new and experienced cricketers.
- All players must be given an opportunity to develop their skills and understanding of the game.
- Teams may involve players from the same school or from other sources such as other sports teams or friends. However, teams should not be comprised of all players from one school only.
- The number of players in a squad shall be based upon the age group and number of teams available to compete in the particular age group.
- The club will generally make places available to all returning members and try to accommodate them in the same team as the previous year.

Along with the above guidelines, the Committee will make decisions keeping regards that WCC is a cricket club and our primary focus is to develop players and teams with cricket skills and ability. Although the club recognises the importance of social relationships in the club, players cannot expect to play with friends if skills are dissimilar or to be readily entitled to a position in last season's team. Team selection shall be done on ability and within the bounds of positions available in the team. Furthermore, it is not in a player's best interest to be playing with children of greatly differing ability.