

Emmanuel South Oakleigh Cricket Club – TEAM SELECTION Policy

Preamble

The over-riding determinant of whether a player is selected to play in ANY Teams of the Emmanuel South Oakleigh Cricket Club are:-

- Have they “Registered online*” and paid their Annual subscription fee?

*Participant Details are entered into MyCricket. Each Player has a unique MyCricket ID which the Club uses.

Selectors

The Team of Selectors is made up of The Chairman of Selectors (or The Senior Coach) and The Senior Grade Captains (currently there are 5 Senior Grades: 2 Saturday and 3 Sunday)

- Optional selectors from: Vice-Captains
- Optional Chairman of Selectors from: Club President and/or Club Secretary
- Selections take place on a Thursday Night at the Club Rooms at Scammell Reserve and are read out by the Team Captains (or Vice-Captains) **at 8pm**.
- Team Selection Sheet is placed on Club Notice-Board and posted on the Club’s Facebook page.

NOTE: SENIOR PLAYERS are expected to advise the Selectors of their UNAVAILABILITY prior to 7pm of a Thursday Selection night.

(The Club uses the MyCricket Player Availability facility to assist in making this easier. USE IT – even for Unavailability)

Senior Team Selection

Including the main Selection Criteria:-

- Player Availability
- Appearances at Training (Outside Club training included also)
- On-field Performances
- Keep players “doubling up” to a minimum. (eg Playing both days)

NOTE: Teams selected on a Thursday Night can ONLY be changed if a listed player becomes unavailable. (Use 12th man or emergency) **AT NO POINT** can a Captain arbitrarily change the Team selected on the Thursday once it has been posted without consulting the Chairman of Selectors.

Junior Team Selection

Junior Team Selectors

Comprised of the Junior Coordinator and the Junior Coaches

- The 1st priority for the junior team selection is that all children in their **age group** get to play a game of cricket. We will strive to make sure that all children also get to play on their day of preference, but in some cases this is not always possible.
- You play with your age group, unless the junior coordinator decides otherwise.
- Registered, correct-aged players get priority in their registered team each week.
- At times children will be asked to fill in for a team and even possibly play 'up a grade' where numbers are short, but this does not entitle them to a permanent position in that team. We will not charge people extra for helping out the Club by playing a second game.
- The club will always strive to accommodate families with more than 1 child playing and if needed (and with parent approval) will try to find transport for the child to and from the game.
- Coaches are to make sure they understand that they alone should not be making decisions on who trains or plays in what team and that it must be a decision made by the club selection group which comprises of all coaches and the Junior Coordinator to ensure that NO wrong expectations are being set.

For Teams with exact numbers (eg Under-11 – 7; Under-13 - 9)

For Under-11 and Under-13, we like to see rotation of players in the Batting and Bowling order. (eg Each Kid gets to open with a new ball at least once during the Season) We also suggest a different Captain for each game. This shows up in the scorebooks.

For Teams with EXCESS numbers

By agreement U-11's can play with up to **9** players and U-13s can play with up to **11** players. (Not ideal, as it reduces the number of balls each kid is allowed to face)

A **player rotation system**** would be implemented, whereby excess kids sit out for a match. However, there is an expectation that the kids sitting out would also turn up at their Team's game to support their mates. (****APPLIES TO SENIORS ALSO**)

Under-15 and Under-17 Teams

As these are the staging years for entry into Senior Cricket, the necessity to have a "less-fluid" team structure is adopted and is more in line with Senior team structures. Captaincy is for the Season, not on a match-by-match basis

Coaches are, however, urged to adopt a "You don't know 'til you've tried" approach.

References: New Junior Formats - Detailed Summary.pdf Nov, 2019