

CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB

(Established 1993)



TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Central Hockey Club is a community orientated club which has always strived to encourage participation in the sport, provide equal opportunity for all players, develop the technical and tactical skills of players besides promoting enjoyment of the game.

CHC recognises that players have a variety of motives in playing hockey and subsequently possess varying levels of aptitude and interest in the game dependent on their background, experiences, skill level, playing ability and age.

Selection criteria:

- Training attendance
- Conditioning
- Performance during training and competition
- Good sportsmanship
- Financial standing with the club in terms of season fees
- Abiding by the club's Code of Conduct on and off the field

In addition:

- National and provincial representatives who cannot attend club training sessions should still be considered for selection if they are unable to attend training sessions due to national or provincial commitments.
- A strict RPL (return to play protocol) must be enforced regarding

players returning from injury which will have a bearing on which team they will be selected for once cleared to play. Injured players are still expected to attend training sessions.

- Scholars and tertiary students are excused from attending training sessions during test and examination periods. They must however be informed that there must be no expectation from themselves to be included in a starting eleven or play for lengthy periods during a match if they have been excused from club training due to academic commitments.
- Failure by any player to tender an apology ahead of a training session to his/her coach or team manager must be viewed as a serious breach of commitment.
- Top level players (foreigners, players joining from other provinces, players joining from other clubs within this province) who join CHC during the season will be selected based on motivation from the ladies' and/or men's first team club coaches as to why they want to include an individual falling into this category in their respective first teams immediately.
- Female players who return from maternity leave need to be assessed in terms of their conditioning besides receiving clearance from a medical professional in order for them to commence training. Players falling into this category do not necessarily have to start in the lowest senior ladies team as the coaching staff can utilise their discretion in such instances.
- Concerns regarding team selection should be discussed with a team coach or team manager in the first instance. A formal written complaint to the club's senior coaching convenor or the club's executive committee should be made if these concerns cannot be resolved and the player believes s/he has not been treated fairly in accordance with the official club selection policy.
- Selection should be reviewed after a minimum of 2 league matches so that players are either rewarded for consistent performance by being promoted to a higher team OR be moved to a lower team to hopefully improve confidence and form.
- Players who are relegated to a lower team at any stage during the league season must receive feedback from the coach as to the reasons therefore.