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# TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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## Our commitment

We believe that sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in competition will contribute to members developing a lifelong love of sport.

## What we will do

- Emphasise to coaches and parents that junior sport is about participation, not competition.
- Modify rules and equipment where possible to include children and young people of all abilities and encourage their participation (if our sport offers modifications).
- Try to match athletes with others of their own ability (e.g. if there are enough players, have two teams in an age division).
- Provide athletes with a broad range of experiences (e.g. participating in different positions).
- Provide equal opportunities for all athletes, regardless of their ability.
- Ensure that all team members have fair and equal opportunities.

## What we ask you to do

### Coaches

- Focus on promoting participation, not winning and losing.
- Ensure all team members have the chance to participate.
- If you coach your own children, treat them like all other team members (e.g. rotations, playing time or participation).

### Parents

- Help out the coach where possible at training and games.
- Focus on your child's effort and performance, not the score.
- Encourage your child and other team members.
- Respect the selection decisions of the coach.