



SHENFIELD CRICKET CLUB

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COLTS TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Eligibility

Players can only be considered for selection if the following are in place:

1. Registration Form has been completed and submitted to the club secretary.
2. The appropriate subscription has been paid.

League Matches: U9 Softball League

This league is designed to give as many U9 Colts, who may not be ready for hard ball matches, the opportunity to play cricket in a match environment.

As such, based on availability, the selection of players will be rotated, on a regular basis to allow every player fair chance to take part, irrespective of their ability.

League/League Cup & Peter Coe Cup Matches: U9 – U15

The strongest team possible will be selected, from those players that are available to represent the Club at each age level.

The objective is to win these games, whilst further developing the skill set of each selected player.

Coaches may require players of certain ability and aptitude to play up an age group. If this is the case they will advise the relevant team managers.

Managers may also ask players from a lower age group to play in their side if availability necessitates it.

The age-group manager should be informed but the decisions whether or not to play rests with the player and their family.

It does **not** rest with the age group manager.

As far as is possible Managers will try to ensure that League fixture clashes between age groups are minimised, though if there is a clash of fixtures Colts **must** play for their own age group in preference to an older age group, with the exception of when a clash of fixtures between a League and a cup game occurs, in this circumstance, the cup fixture will take precedent.

Representative players (e.g. County or District) should be encouraged to play up an age group but should not be obliged to do so and neither should they do so to the exclusion of their own age group where they are considered outstanding role models.

U16 Matchplay

In addition to the published Trevor Bailey Matchplay Shield and Matchplay Cup, the following will be used when selecting

The U16 Matchplay team will comprise of the best cricketers of the required age (under 16 on September 1st) that are current members of Shenfield Cricket Club.

Ability will be the main criterion rather than age or gender.

- a) Players from Years 10 and 11 will automatically be considered for availability.
- b) Players from Years 8 and 9 will have to be of county/district standard or playing senior cricket to be considered for availability.

- c) Players in age groups below Year 8 will not be considered for selection.
- d) Consideration will be given, prior to the competition commences, for selection of non-SCC players that are currently of SCC senior team standard or higher, but will not total more than three players of the team AND there is a reasonable expectation (over 50%) of them joining SCC within 12 months.
This criterion is to assist with recruitment.

Colts Selection to Senior Squad

The Coaching Co-ordinator shall be responsible for introducing players into senior sides and young players aspiring to play adult cricket should identify themselves to the Head Coach and/or the Coaching Co-ordinator.

Players deemed to have demonstrated the appropriate mental, physical and technical qualities as well as a willingness and enthusiasm to further develop their skills will be invited to train with the senior squad.

Young players shall expect to be played as an equal member of the team and captains shall make every effort to ensure that they are used as such.

Once selected, captains will be expected to allocate a mentor from the team to support the integration of the young player into the senior sides.

Any player or his or her family with a concern over selection should raise it with the Coaching Co-ordinator.

Behaviour

To be selected to represent the Club is a privilege and not a right. As such it needs to be earned.

Shenfield Cricket Club has clear guidelines on expected behaviour whilst attending both coaching and matches. Unacceptable behaviour by players will not be tolerated and the club/manager/coach has the discretion to use both coaching sessions and team selection as a sanction against bad behaviour if deemed required.

Matchday

Colts who are selected to represent the Club in matches must be at the appointed ground, at the agreed meet time suitably presented in Shenfield Cricket Club attire.