



### 3.2 SELECTION POLICY – SENIOR PLAYERS

#### 1 The Selection Process.

- 1.1 The ladies and mens sub committees shall meet regularly and where possible weekly during the playing season at the direction of the respective club captains. A report of the previous game is given by the Captain (or nominated representative) which will include player performance and availability. From the pool of available players, the Selection Committee will select the strongest possible squad for all league matches in the following order: 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 4<sup>th</sup> XI.

#### 2 Who attends Selection?

- 2.1 The Selection Sub-Committees comprises the respective Club Captains (or nominated Club Committee Member), team captains (or vice captains), Director of Hockey/Head Coach (and Club Coaches).

#### 3 External Selection Criteria

- 3.1 All league players must be registered members of Yeovil & Sherborne Hockey Club.

#### 4 Selection Criteria

- 4.1 The following criteria (in no particular order) will be used during the selection process:
- 4.1.1 Availability
  - 4.1.2 Commitment
  - 4.1.3 Fitness
  - 4.1.4 Ability
  - 4.1.5 Tactical/team awareness
  - 4.1.6 Temperament
  - 4.1.7 Training attendance
  - 4.1.8 Selection, post injury is at the captain's discretion, taking into consideration length of absence and match fitness.

#### 5 What happens if a player is promoted or relegated between squads?

- 5.1 A player who has been selected for a lower or higher squad will be informed of the decision and the reason by the senior captain. Players will normally be promoted or relegated one team at a time.

## **6 What happens when a new player joins the club?**

- 6.1 Normally, a new player will be introduced via the lowest team. At the selection committee's discretion, players may be introduced in other sides consistent with their previous playing record.

## **7 Players' Responsibilities**

- 7.1 Players must:

7.1.1 Confirm with captains that they can play immediately or by Monday 6pm of each week at the latest. It is not the Captains responsibility to chase players.

7.1.2 Advise their Captain on return from a period of unavailability.

7.1.3 Pay their annual subscriptions prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> October. (# See Fees Page)

7.1.4 Pay their match fees on the day.

- 7.2 Players should:

7.2.1 Notify their captain of any planned absence during the season at earliest opportunity to allow the selection committee to plan/prepare for these absences.

7.2.2 Be prepared to assist the club when necessary and have a desire to be competitive at a higher level within the club structure.

## **8 General Selection Points**

- 8.1 In the case of late selection due to player shortage the order of selection will be with the highest team. It is the duty of the Captain that is short of a player or players to inform the lower team captain as soon as possible. The Captain who will lose a player must select from the next lowest team until the lowest team has been selected from.

- 8.2 Players should not assume they have been selected in their favoured position or team / squad. The selection of players will be to ensure the strongest team / squad is available and players are requested to assist with this process.

## **9 Internal Selection Discipline**

- 9.1 Any player bringing the Club into disrepute may be subject to disciplinary action by the Club Committee.

## **10 Safety**

- 10.1 For safety players should:

10.1.1 Warm up and stretch before a match.

10.1.2 Warm down after a match.

10.1.3 Wear astro trainers, shin pads and a gum shield.

10.1.4 Remove jewellery such as earrings, watches etc.

10.1.5 Bring a drink to avoid dehydration.