

# HARDWICKE CRICKET CLUB.



## SENIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY 2010.

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## 1. Purpose.

1.1 This document is intended to make transparent the selection procedures of the club and help to ensure every player is treated in a fair manner as regards selection to play league cricket through consistent application of these principles across all Saturday league sides.

## 2. Player availability.

2.1 It is the responsibility of each registered player to make their availability known to one of the captains by 7pm on the Tuesday preceding the game where practicable.

This can be done either:

- i) at one of the previous games by ticking an availability sheet.
- ii) by contacting one of the captains by email, phone or text.

2.2 This may be done on a week to week basis or long term availability can be communicated to and recorded by the captains.

2.3 The captains should not be expected to have to contact registered players for their availability.

2.4 It is expected that all players who make themselves available, do so for all senior teams.

## 3. Selection.

3.1 The selection committee consists of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team captains (or their appointed vice captains).

3.2 The selection committee shall meet or consult each Wednesday evening preceding a game and select the senior sides. Captains will then email, phone or text message their selected players on the Thursday preceding the game. If necessary a voicemail message will be left.

3.3 Players should confirm their selection immediately by email, phone or text message.

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## **4. Selection of teams.**

4.1 The 1<sup>st</sup> team captain or his vice captain will select, in consultation with the other members of the selection committee, the best team he can from the players available.

4.2 The 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain or his vice captain will then select a strong balanced team using the remaining registered senior players and then a selection of promising youth players from the U17 or U15 teams.

4.3 The selection committee reserve the right to select any youth or junior player for any senior side to enhance that player's cricket development.

4.4 Where possible players who are performing consistently above their standard will be given the opportunity by the selection committee to play a higher standard of cricket.

4.5 Equally players who are performing consistently below their standard will be requested by the selection committee to play a lower standard of cricket.

4.6 The selection committee will aim to select a core of 7 players where practicable in each senior team to maintain consistency and stability.

4.7 There are many factors that may affect selection, including but not limited to:

- Recent performance.
- Availability.
- Commitment.
- Attendance at training.
- Non payment of the annual subscription (in full).
- Non payment of match fees.
- Any other un-cleared debt to the club.
- Picking home matches.
- Finishing and leaving a game prior to it's completion.

4.8 It is essential that captains communicate with any player who is promoted or demoted and convey the reasons for the decision. If a player wishes to discuss his own selection they are encouraged to do this with any member of the selection committee.

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## **5. Withdrawal after selection.**

- 5.1 On very rare occasions a player may need to withdraw from a team after being selected.
- 5.2 The player should consider the effect this has, not only on the team he was selected for but also the other teams in the club. The later this withdrawal is made the more inconvenient it is for the club.
- 5.3 Any player who does withdraw after selection should also be aware that they may be putting in jeopardy their place in the team for the following weeks.

## **6. New senior players.**

- 6.1 New senior players joining the club during the season shall be given the opportunity to play at the earliest opportunity, provided:
- Their first game is with the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> team unless exceptional circumstances.
  - They pay the annual subscription after 2 matches (or a portion of it as determined by the membership secretary).

## **7. Unregistered returning (ex) players.**

- 7.1 Unregistered returning (ex) players joining the club during the season shall be given the opportunity to play at the earliest opportunity, provided:
- Their first game is with the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> team unless exceptional circumstances.
  - They pay the annual subscription after 2 matches (or a portion of it as determined by the membership secretary).

## **8. Meeting times for games.**

- 8.1 Captains will confirm start times for all games, but it is expected that all players will be at the home ground at least 60 mins before the match start time. This is to ensure all the duties to facilitate a game can be carried out.
- 8.2 All players are expected to participate in setting up, setting away and contributing to the general match day activities.

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8.3 Captains will confirm meeting times and venues for away games. This is expected to be **60 mins** before the official match start time. Late arrivals without prior notification will be subject to a £1 fine.

8.4 Repeated late arrivals will put the player's future selection in jeopardy.

8.5 Non participation in match day activities will also be subject to a £1 fine. Repeat occurrences will put the player's future selection in jeopardy.

## **9. Absence.**

9.1 Any absence due to work commitments or family / summer holidays may result in selection for a lower standard team upon return.

9.2 The selection committee will consider exceptional circumstances, and the team balance in making their selections.

9.3 All players starting a match are expected to complete that match. It is not acceptable for players to leave a game early for personal reasons without prior notification or agreement with the Captain.

9.4 Except in exceptional circumstances failure to complete a match will result in a £1 fine, ensure the player is demoted to a lower standard team upon their return and will put the player's future selection in jeopardy.

## **10. Finances.**

10.1 Annual registration membership will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, with registration payments due by 1<sup>st</sup> March. No player will be eligible for indoor net training sessions or selection after this date in any game until all outstanding registration fees are paid in full, or a payment plan has been agreed with the membership secretary.

10.2 A payment plan will be agreed in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the membership secretary.

10.3 Any player who owes in excess of 2 weeks match fees will become automatically ineligible for future selection in any game until all outstanding fees have been paid in full.

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