



# NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB

## SELECTION POLICY

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### 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish a fair, transparent, and consistent framework for selecting senior teams representing Nightcliff Cricket Club ("the Club") in competitions conducted by the Darwin & District Cricket Competition (DDCC).

1.2 Selection decisions will be made in the best interests of the Club and in strict accordance with DDCC Rules, By-Laws, and Playing Conditions.

1.3 Selection decisions will not be based on personal relationships and will comply with the principles of equity, integrity, and competitive balance.

1.4 All players are members of the Club and are not guaranteed selection in any particular grade or team. All players must be available for selection in any team playing on a day for which they have indicated availability.

1.5 Player preferences for particular grades or match formats (e.g. two-day or one-day cricket) may be considered where practical, but will not override DDCC regulations or the best interests of the Club.

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### 2. Governance and Compliance

2.1 This Selection Policy operates subject to, and must be read in conjunction with:

- Darwin & District Cricket Competition Constitution
- DDCC By-Laws and Playing Conditions
- Any directives issued by Cricket NT or the DDCC Executive
- Any directives issued by the Nightcliff Cricket Club Committee



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## 3. Selection Committee

3.1 The Selection Committee will consist of:

- Club Coach
- Captain of each senior team competing in DDCC competitions

3.2 The Selection Committee is responsible for:

- Selecting all senior teams
- Ensuring eligibility and compliance with DDCC regulations
- Managing promotions, demotions, and player movement between grades

3.3 Team selections will normally be finalised by Thursday evening prior to the match round and communicated via Club-approved channels.

3.4 The Club may appoint a Selection Co-ordinator to assist with administration (availability tracking, registrations, eligibility checks). The Selection Co-ordinator is not a selector and has no voting rights.

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## 4. Player Eligibility

4.1 All players must be:

- Properly registered with Nightcliff Cricket Club
- Registered with the DDCC within prescribed deadlines
- Eligible under DDCC rules for the grade in which they are selected

4.2 The Selection Committee will ensure compliance with DDCC requirements relating to:

- Player permits and clearances
- New and returning player eligibility
- Match and finals qualification rules
- Maximum and minimum matches played in grades

4.3 Any player deemed ineligible under DDCC rules will not be selected until eligibility is confirmed.



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## 5. Suspensions and Disciplinary Matters

5.1 Any player suspended by:

- Nightcliff Cricket Club
- Darwin & District Cricket Competition
- Cricket NT

will be ineligible for selection for the duration of the suspension.

5.2 The Selection Committee has no discretion to override suspensions imposed under DDCC or Cricket NT disciplinary processes.

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## 6. Unavailability and Player Communication

6.1 Players must advise their Captain, Selection Co-ordinator, or Club Coach as early as possible if unavailable for selection in an upcoming round.

6.2 Failure to advise unavailability prior to selection may be considered when assessing commitment and future selection.

6.3 Players who do not specify unavailability will be assumed available for selection.

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## 7. Membership and Subscriptions

7.1 To be eligible for selection in DDCC home and away fixtures, players must:

- Be financial members of the Club in accordance with Club policy
- Have cleared outstanding subscription fees from prior seasons before Round 1, unless otherwise approved by the Committee



7.2 In line with DDCC competition integrity requirements, financial members may be preferred over unfinancial members where selection merit is otherwise equal.

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## 8. Training Expectations

8.1 Players are expected to attend at least one Club training session per week unless excused by their Captain or the Club Coach.

8.2 Training attendance will be considered by selectors when choosing sides.

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## 9. Selection Criteria

9.1 The Selection Committee will balance all selection criteria, recognising that no single factor determines selection.

9.2 Selection considerations include, but are not limited to:

### a. Team Balance

- Teams will be selected from the highest grade through to the lowest grade
- Balance of batting, bowling (including variety), wicketkeeping, and all-round skills
- Alignment with DDCC playing conditions, match formats, ground conditions and opposition.

### b. Player Ability

- Technical skill, match awareness, and suitability to grade standard

### c. Current Form

- Recent match performance relative to grade expectations
- Exceptional performance may lead to promotion; poor form may result in demotion

### d. Compliance with DDCC Rules

- Eligibility for grade and finals



- Player movement restrictions between grades

#### **e. Training and Commitment**

- Attendance, attitude, and engagement with the Club. Engagement includes training, social events, volunteer efforts and junior club involvement.

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## **10. Finals Eligibility**

10.1 The Selection Committee will actively manage selections throughout the season to ensure players comply with DDCC finals qualification rules.

10.2 No guarantees are made regarding finals selection; performance, form, availability, and eligibility will determine selection.

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## **11. Communication of Selection Decisions**

11.1 Players may request feedback on selection decisions from their Captain or the Club Coach.

11.2 Where practicable, players omitted or moved to another grade should be informed of the reasons prior to public release of teams.

11.3 Concerns or disputes regarding selection should be raised with the Club Coach in the first instance. Formal grievances may then be escalated to the Club Committee if required.