

LGSHA Junior Hockey

Representative Side Selection Policy

This document is designed to assist in the selection of coaches and players in representative sides. This includes the South West Carnival (Bunbury), Club Championships (Perth) and Upper Great Southern Carnival (Narrogin)

Selection of Coaches for Teams

An email should be sent to the database early in the year (e.g. January, February) asking for nominations for coaches, managers and selectors for LGSHA representative teams.

A Selection Committee should appoint the coaches for each team. The Selection Committee will include; A Senior Committee member, the Junior Coaching Coordinator and the Development Officer. Recommendations of coaches should then be ratified by the Senior Committee.

Criteria for Selection of Coaches

- Hockey Qualifications e.g. level 1 accreditation or higher
- Coaching Experience
- Availability for carnivals with preference that they coach at two carnivals where appropriate
- Appropriate coach for the age group
- Working With Children (as required)

Selectors for Teams

The selectors of teams will consist of two independent selectors and the coach. An independent selector should not have a child who is trying out in that age and gender group.

Each Senior Club must make two selectors available for trials. One male and one female.

Trials

There should be at least two trials.

Trials should take place on the most appropriate time according to the Selection Committee. It is preferable that trials take place on turf so players can demonstrate all of their skills.

Players must register before trials and pay the registration fee that is determined by the committee.

Trials should be one to one and a half hours in duration.

The format of trials should include basic skills, basic drills and game play.

Selection Process

Players must nominate prior to trials and attend all sessions. If they cannot attend trials, and have a reasonable excuse, then they should let the selectors know prior to trials commencing. Due consideration will then be given to these players.

Players must play in their age group, (J5/6, J7/8, J9/10, J11/12). This allows all players the opportunity to play in that competition. Underage players will only be considered if there is a shortage of players.

Teams are to be announced on the LGSHA website preferably within three days of the last trial.

To allow for the movement of players between A and B teams, or for players who were unable to attend one carnival, the coach and selectors may run another selection day to finalise teams for the second such carnival. This is at the discretion of the coach and selectors. There is no compulsion to run another trial for the second carnival. This allows teams to build on teamwork.

Selection Criteria

Below is a basic guideline for selectors;

Priority goes to:

Core skills – the ability to consistently and effectively push, hit, trap, dribble, tackle, etc.

Then in no particular order.

Team skills – players who have the ability to support the team through their style of play

Positional play – understanding the nature of their position/s; defensively and in attack

Attitude – a players ability to listen to the coach, act on instruction and train and play with purpose

Potential – a player whose skills may not be at the highest level but show potential

Selectors should select players from their own observations from all activities at selection trials

And, if required by;

- Observing players in association games
- Discussions with relevant club or association coaches who may have other insights into the player.

The ideal number for a team is 14 players, however, the coach and selectors can have the final say in team make up.