



STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS' BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
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GENERAL TEAM SELECTION POLICY FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
(Shires League and Team Challenge Events)

The selection process for all age group team managers who have accepted the role and are also the parent of a likely first choice player or players should be as follows:

- A selection committee just for the purpose of identifying the strongest team for each age group should be formed by the SSBA management committee. The selection committee will consist of the team manager, the junior county coach and where practical a minimum of two further committee members with knowledge of the age group players and selection policy but no parental involvement. In the event of lack of agreement in the selection committee the team manager decision shall be final.
- Only fully paid up members of the SSBA who are eligible to represent Staffordshire will be considered for team selection.
- All eligible players to be encouraged to enter and made aware of the importance of the Opening tournaments of their respective age group as the results will be used as an important early season guide for selection and ranking of team players. All Opening tournaments to be publicised to all members via e-mail and website several weeks prior to confirm their purpose and importance.
- The objective is to select the strongest team from the eligible players within the squad age group. BE national rankings can be used as a guide but should not be taken as sole criteria with the managers and coaches knowledge of the players along with results from internal tournaments and organised games being the main factors when selecting, seeding and ranking players for an age group team.
- Consideration to be given to the ability of all eligible player's in the age group at all disciplines; doubles, mixed and singles with strong partnerships identified to achieve the objective of an all round strong and balanced team.
- Players in the second year of their age group who are of comparable ability to first year players in their age group should be given preference in selection over the younger player whist their abilities remain comparable.
- Where an age group has only one team every effort should be made to include more players in the team than just the minimum 4 boy's and 4girl's. A workable formula of 5 boy's and 5 girls should be used where possible assuming there are suitable numbers of comparable team ability players available. This to be reviewed for away matches with long travel distances considering minimum team numbers allowing for full participation of all team members.
- Initial selection of age group teams to be reviewed at appropriate times during the season e.g.; prior to matches or events if there has not been a recent review, to take into account the development of squad member's ability and to take into account new members coming into an age group squad. Review intervals to be agreed between the team manager and junior coach with no more than 8 weeks between reviews.
- First choice players who already play for their own age group team should not be selected for older age group teams whilst eligible players from the older age group are available. This may only be contradicted in exceptional circumstances and where the decision has full committee approval.
- Once a team selection has been made or changed after a review, the SSBA Secretary should be informed to enable this to be publicised to all members. This would not be applicable to late changes for the reasons of illness or injury.
- When a player has been brought in to replace an originally selected player who can not play due to unavailability/injury then the replacement player will play, irrespective of any changing circumstances with the originally selected player, unless the replacement player was asked to be just on standby (reserve).

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POSITION: SSBA Chairperson