

# **OWFC TEAM SELECTION POLICY**

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## **Objectives of the Selection Policy**

1. To ensure consistency with the aims of the Club and the League. OWFC will encourage players to play for the Club, rather than a team.
2. To fulfil all fixtures, with each team selected according to correct playing standards.
3. To ensure all players are treated fairly.
4. To select sides in strength order from the 1<sup>st</sup> Team downwards.
5. To encourage movement between the teams, thus reducing any team squad culture.

The following guidelines are to be abided by all Captains and players.

They have been developed and agreed by the current Captains and the Club Committee.

## **Guideline number of Players to be selected on the Teamsheet**

- The normal number of players to be selected for each team will be 13.
- Any side playing in a cup quarter final or beyond may select up to 14 players.

## **TEAM SELECTION**

1. Initial selection will take place on Saturday evening & Sunday morning. All Captains will give their selections to the Team Secretary, who will then draw up a Provisional Team List. This will give early notice of issues potentially impacting on other teams, e.g. drop-outs, low numbers, players moving down etc.
2. Any player who is dropped from, or called up to, a side will start the game for the new side. No regular player should be dropped or called up more than 1 team.
3. Players must be willing to play for higher or lower sides as selected.
4. Captains should provide by Monday evening any further changes to selection (injuries, etc). Teamsheets will endeavour to be issued by cob Tuesday with the captain's best team selected.
5. Once all team places are full, all remaining players form an 'Extras' pool.

6. Any players dropping out should inform their captain. He will then inform the Team Secretary, who will record their names. Captains should consider accepting a reduction of 1 player from the teamsheet. Captains may replace any dropouts arising by either: -
  - a. Calling a player up from the team below, or
  - b. Taking a player from the Extras pool
7. Captains will proactively co-operate with each other, and especially with the captains of sides immediately above and below them. The agreed priorities are to be fair to everyone and to select our strongest possible teams (see 'Objectives of the Selection Policy' above).
8. If a team (other than the lowest) is struggling for players and Captains cannot resolve any team shortfalls, then the Chairman and Team Secretary will make a final decision regarding team selections. It is important to note that if a game is called off by any team other than our lowest team playing that day, all the lower teams who play that day will lose any points won.
9. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman in his absence) shall have the final say in the event of any dispute over player selection.
10. Selection Meetings will be held on a regular basis, attended by captains and chaired by the Team Secretary (and attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman), with the following agenda:
  1. Review of each team's current performance
  2. Selection of players to individual teams – compliance with our policy objectives
  3. Review of drop-outs
  4. Review of non-payers
11. Any players who are concerns either regarding their availability or the prompt payment of subs will be discussed at Committee Meetings. In some cases, the Team Secretary may wish to see the player in person to discuss the matter.
12. Any Captain may raise concerns at the Club Committee and any player may raise concerns with any Club Committee Member.