



GLENELG BASEBALL CLUB INC.

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GLENELG BASEBALL CLUB JUNIOR POLICY

The Junior Selection Policy has been designed to allow all junior players to develop their baseball skills in a positive and fair environment.

The main focus of the selection policy is to group players in teams which suit their physical capabilities and skill levels, for their current stage of development.

1. TEAM SELECTIONS

The preseason program will include minimum of (3) combined age specific group trainings. These trainings will include practicing the basic skills and mechanics of throwing, fielding, hitting and running.

During these trainings, the coaches will be assessing these four key areas, for selection review and future training focus areas. The competency reviews will also be used for end of season reviews, to judge the success of the junior programme, with regards to the player skill improvements.

Previous seasons performances can form part of the above assessment however every player will be given the opportunity to impress the coaches, without prejudice.

If players are late to start preseason trainings, an initial placement will need to be made on the player's previous playing experience. An assessment needs to be made after the first couple of trainings and the team placement changed to suit the above mentioned criteria.

The player's mental development is an important aspect for team selections, particularly with the younger age groups. Consideration of the players attitudes to the game and mental development need to be addressed, with regard to the players confidence when playing in the higher level teams. If a player cannot cope mentally in the higher level teams, the longer term confidence of the player needs to be addressed, so that the game remains enjoyable.

The Team Selection stage will be conducted after the mandatory (3) preseason training seasons, to identify the appropriate team selections based on the assessment of the players skills and mental abilities.

Players skill levels and mental development are to be considered by the entire coaching staff of the particular age group. The selection process is to be performed by taking a committee approach with full agreement for the selections based on above criteria.

If parents request to have their children play in an alternate age group grades, the reasons and relevance needs to be considered, to make sure the junior players continue to play baseball at Glenelg Baseball Club.

Selections based on team success should not be the focus of junior player selections. Player development should be paramount, which ultimately will rely on the coaching staff to develop the players into a successful team.

Glenelg Baseball Club Junior Development Policy is based upon developing the clubs juniors for senior success at club and state level. The Selection Policy is an integral part of this goal and should be conducted carefully and transparently.

2. AGE GROUP POLICIES

In all age groups, the below playing time policies will be adhered to, unless a player is not attending the required training sessions as agreed between the coaching staff and the club junior development manager.

Failure to attend the teams required training sessions, unless approved prior to the session, by the coaching staff, will mean less playing time when compared to other team members that are attending the required training sessions.

UNDER 11's & UNDER 13/2's

Players will be rotated through all positions equally during the season. All players where possible will be given the opportunity to pitch and catch, if the player desires, with equal opportunities during the season. The batting line is to vary each game, to make sure all players are given an opportunity to hit in different line up positions during the season. Participation, learning the game and playing the game in a manner which facilitates these principles, is to be the main focus for this playing level. Winning is not the main priority. League rules and bylaws for this playing level are too adhered to.

UNDER 13/1's

Players will be rotated through different positions during the season, at the coach's discretion, which is to be based on Players physical and skill capabilities. Each player will be taught at least two positions during the season, at trainings, with Gameday positions at the coaching staff's discretion. A minimum of at least 5 players will be trained and used as pitchers during the season. During the regular season, all players are to be given equal playing time. Playing time in Finals is at the discretion of the coaching staff. League rules and bylaws for this playing level are too adhered to.

U15 – All Grades

Players may be rotated through different positions during the season, at the coaching staff's discretion, which is to be based on Players physical and skill capabilities. Each player will be taught at least two positions during the season, at trainings, with Gameday positions at the coaching staff's discretion. A minimum of at least 4 players will be trained and used as pitchers during the season. During the regular season, all players are to be given equal playing time. Playing time in Finals is at the discretion of the coaching staff. League rules and bylaws for this playing level are too adhered to.

U17's

Players will play in positions that the coaching staff decides suits the players physical and skill capabilities. A minimum of at least 4 players will be trained and used as pitchers during the season, at the coaching staff's discretion. During the regular season, all players are to be given equal playing time. Playing time in Finals is at the discretion of the coaching staff. League rules and bylaws for this playing level are too adhered to.

3. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

All players are required to attend scheduled training sessions weekly, unless agreed upon prior, with the teams coaching staff.

If a player is going to miss a scheduled training session, it is the player or parent responsibility to notify the coaching staff at least 1 hour prior to the training session, to allow time for the coaches to adjust their training plans to suit.

Every player is required to bring suitable training equipment, which includes the club hat, training top and playing equipment. A drink and hat is mandatory and if not provided, the player will not participate in the training session.