

Team selection policy

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Selection committee

Selection committee members

Selection committee chairperson	(tbc)
Club / Vice Club captain	(tbc)
Men's first team captain	(tbc)
Men's second team captain	(tbc)
Men's third team captain	(tbc)
Men's Vets 1 captain	(tbc)
Men's Vets 2 captain	(tbc)
Ladies first team captain	(tbc)
Ladies Vets 1	(tbc)
Ladies vets 2	(tbc)
Mixed Vets 1	(tbc)
Mixed Vets 2	(tbc)
Men's Vets O60	(tbc)

- *Each team captain should nominate a vice captain to deputise for them at practice nights / selection committee meetings and to spread administrative load.*
- *When a vets player has not been identified with a respective team, they should be included in a squad based on their ability (determined by the selection committee)*

Purpose of selection committee

- **Oversee and discuss selection of team squads**
- **Agree on a Club Captain and Vice Club Captain who will organise practice nights**
- **Resolve inter-squad team selection issues**
- **Ensure that those members wishing to play team tennis do not get overlooked or ignored**
- **Ensure that league rules regarding a person's eligibility to play are adhered to**
- **Uphold the club rules governing on-court behaviour and social inclusion**

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- **Provide a transparent decision-making process should a club member wish to question a selection decision**
 - **The committee chair will have final ruling over areas of contention**
 - **The committee should communicate via email or meeting as follows:**
 - Prior to competitive match practices starting (February / March) to agree on team squads
 - To finalise team squads before first round of matches (April / May)
 - To resolve team selection issues (as required)

Guidelines for team selection

Squad selection guidelines

- Team squads consisting of 8 players (non-vets) and 6 players (vets) will be drafted and be agreed by the selection committee in February / March prior to competitive match practices starting in the first week of March.
- The match playing season will start in April / May and run through to the end of July / August
- Team squads should consist of 'regular players' plus two reserves, regular players should be those considered by the respective captain to form his / her strongest team and be available for most of the upcoming season's matches
 - *'Reserve players' should be considered as regular players in the lower squad and should play no more than two games for the higher squad*
- Each squad should have a vice captain that is capable of deputising when the captain is absent
- Team squads will be finalised and agreed by the selection committee prior to the first round of matches starting in April / May the following metrics will be taken into account:
 - a) Number of match practice sessions attended (unless a valid reason is given beforehand)
 - i. *Squad members should confirm their attendance at practice sessions with their team captain in advance*
 - b) Performance on court e.g. results in this / previous seasons
 - c) Commitment to matches
 - d) Potential for forming a partnership - preferred or established pairs to play together
 - e) Adherence to club rules
 - e.g. on court conduct and respect to others*

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- f) Ability to play singles and standing in the club internal doubles league **will not be considered.**

In the period during the run up to the squads being finalised, it is up to an individual through the above mechanisms, to make a claim for their preferred team squad.

- Individuals that have been identified as reserve players for a higher team will play most games in their selected team and **no more than two** in the team above.
- The selection committee will resolve any selection disputes or issues encountered during the season (the selection committee chair will have the final ruling) but it is expected that respective team captains communicate effectively and in a timely manner between each other to avoid this
- There should be close communication between team captains and their squads to ensure that all squad members understand their nominated squads, match dates and playing partners. We suggest establishing a WhatsApp group to aid communication within respective squads.
- Should a playing member have a grievance with the selection process he / she should raise this with their respective team captain and / or the chair of the selection committee