



Junior Participation Policy

All players and parents/guardians agree that they are bound by the policy once the player is registered for the season with HBCC. HBCC Junior cricket from ages Under 10 to Under 16 aims to foster players' development in competitive cricket up to open-age competition. This policy assists in promoting skills and maturity in young players, consistent with the age-based rules and code of conduct of the Eastern Cricket Association. Emphasis is placed on safety and showing respect towards teammates, officials, volunteers, umpires and opponents. Serious code of conduct breaches will be referred to the Junior Sub Committee.

Junior Cricket, Team Selection Policy

Attendance at pre-season training session is important for the selection process. Senior club players attending these training sessions will observe and make recommendations to the Junior Sub-Committee, upon which the team selections will be made. The team selections will be made after the majority of the pre-season training sessions and before regular season trainings begin, with all teams' volunteer coaches and managers confirmed after the selection is complete.

It is expected that players who play in only one age group will play within their applicable age group only in exceptional circumstances will players be permitted to play in only an older age group other than their own age group, with the permission of the Junior Sub-Committee. Permission is highly unlikely to be granted if the older age group has an excess of players, or the applicable age group has a shortage of players.

Players who play within their applicable age group may in addition play in an older age group with the permission of the Junior Coordinator but permission is highly unlikely to be granted if the older age group has an excess of players.

Where the club fields more than one team within an age group, the guiding principles for team allocation will be the level of the team competition and the balance of the team e.g. batter, bowlers, wk, fielders etc., lastly is the maintenance of friendship groups, recognising that it is not always achievable for every player. Where the club fields more than one team at this level, team allocation will be based on a combination of factors, including age, development and team balance



Teams in A competitions have 12 players unless there are unusual circumstances, and the Junior Coordinator decides otherwise.

During the season player movements between teams are to be expected and must be generally supported by all players, parents and coaches.

Only age group coordinators can authorise any player movement between teams.

Purported player movements by coaches, parents, or players without prior approval of the age group coordinator are prohibited.

Any selection issues should be addressed to the Junior Coordinator in the first instance.