
Club Senior Selection Policy 2026

The below outlines the objectives and aims of Guiseley Cricket Club's (GCC) selection policy and provides transparency in the selection criteria for each senior team.

Overall aims:

We feel strongly that playing for and representing Guiseley CC should be regarded as a privilege and not a right

The aim of the club is to provide the highest level of competitive cricket possible for Club Members with the focus on attaining the highest standards of performance, winning as many games as possible throughout the season in a positive and inclusive team spirit. We want to do this whilst also promoting our junior pathway programme to drive more senior cricket opportunities and ultimately more first team cricketers.

The Selection Policy

1. **Only paid up adult or junior playing members are eligible for selection.**
2. **To select the strongest 1st XI available (including midweek matches)** In competitive League or Knock Out Cup fixtures, the over-riding selection policy principle is to select the best 1XI from the playing members available. Consideration to providing junior opportunities where appropriate (Safeguarding) and agreed by the selection committee.
3. **To select the strongest 2nd XI available** whilst developing young cricketers with the potential to play 1st XI cricket. Priority should be given opportunities for players with future 1xl potential.
4. **To select a competitive 3rd XI available** but focusing and prioritising on developing young cricketers with the potential to play higher. Selection should predominantly provide opportunities for under 18 cricketers and where possible, reserve a minimum of 6 places for youth players to develop through the team and will rotate selection if necessary.
5. **Selection should also consider the following considerations.**
 - a. Discipline, Player behaviour, attitude & adherence to player code of conduct. poor attitude and behaviour by players will not be tolerated and management has the discretion to use selection as a sanction against bad behaviour.
 - b. Player attendance and application at TRAINING:
 - c. Junior / Age related opportunities at the discretion of the selection committee and Junior chairman.
Example: This may be in the form of representational cricket requirements.

Selection Process:

1. Selection takes place on a Thursday evening when the GCC selection committee meets. The selection committee is made up of the League captains and/or vice captains and a nominated club official. Players must make their availability to play known to the selection committee via the Players' WhatsApp group before the selection meeting.
2. All teams will be picked on the selection criteria above) ensuring the correct balance (number of batsmen, spinners, fast bowlers etc) of the team.
3. Adult training takes place on a Thursday evening. It is organised by the captains of the of the Club or head coach (if in place). All playing members aged 15 or over are welcome and encouraged to attend. The only junior playing members of the club that may attend are those that have specifically been invited by one of the Club Captains. Safeguarding of the Junior members must be always considered.
4. The captains announce the teams selected for the weekend's competitive fixtures after adult training on a Thursday night on the Players' WhatsApp group. Teams for midweek / Weekend friendly fixtures will also be announced on the Players' WhatsApp group during the week.
5. The safety minimum age limit to play competitive adult cricket imposed by the AWSCL is the U13 age group (school year 8), although any players playing in the Representative cricket may also be considered if the relevant paperwork is provided.
6. The junior age group coaches / chairman liaise with the selection committee to discuss individuals' progression and members of the selection committee attend junior training and fixtures to identify emerging talent. **The selection committee's decision as to whether a junior playing member is ready to play competitive or friendly adult cricket is final.** This decision will be clearly communicated to the individual and parent.

Selection is Final

- Players must play in the team they have been selected for!
- Any player who refuses to play for a specific team will no longer be eligible for selection. No refunds of membership fees paid will be given.
- Any player changing their availability after Thursday's selection meeting must personally talk to their team captain ASAP.
- Consistent offenders pulling out after making their availabilities known will be subject to the possibility of not being selected when next available (unless there are extenuating circumstances).
- Questions and feedback can be provided directly to captains but players or parents of players who are concerned about selection or the application of this policy are encouraged to speak to the Head of Cricket. In the event of a complaint then the Club Chairman or Secretary should be informed through an email on admin@guiseleycc.co.uk. Captains are not to be approached regarding complaints. Any breach of conduct may result in further action being taken by the club committee.

Change Control

This document will remain active until the change control is updated. The document should be reviewed annually or no later than 2 years from the last recorded change.

Any significant change to the policy such as selection criteria should be approved by the head of cricket and the General Committee.

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