

TAVISTOCK HOCKEY CLUB



Team Selection Process.

It goes without saying that the key principle for team selection is to ensure that the team are able to beat the opposition. To achieve this objective there are many issues that need to be considered in order to ensure that the Captains have players of the required standard available for selection. Foremost of these issues is the continued growth and development of the Club, which is made up of the individual teams. To support the club in meeting this objective, the teams need to :

- Provide an environment where people may enjoy playing hockey
- Demonstrate a good standard of play and win matches in order to attract new players
- Give players from the second teams the opportunity to play at a higher level in order to improve.
- Provide a training experience for new players
- Be flexible enough to allow potential recruits to play
- Have a squad of players to enable intermittent attendees to play when they are available; noting that whilst the preference is for a consistent and committed team this is not always practicable.

The responsibility for achieving the balance of the above points, in order that the club might grow and develop, rests firmly with the Captains of each team. As they pursue this aim there may be occasions where a large squad is taken to a match or players from other clubs are invited to play.

The captains should use the following points as guidance in their selection criteria:

- The majority of the players should be Tavistock club members.
- Those that are not should have played the match fees such that they are covered for insurance
- Generally the Squad of players should not exceed 14.

The application of the above will vary between the winter leagues and the summer mixed leagues, where traditionally it has been more relaxed and focused on recruitment and development.

Above all, the objective should be to enjoy our hockey and enable the club to prosper.