**10-19 years regional team selection policy**

**Criteria for the selection of regional teams**

• the major criteria for selection shall be the performance of the student at the regional trial. Factors to be considered shall include:

* The level of skills exhibited by the student;
* The fitness level exhibited by the student;
* The performance of the student as a member of the team;
* The attitude and behaviour of the student on and off the field;
* The age of the student.

**Selection panel**

• the selection panel will consist of the regional coach, any other applicable regional team officials, any applicable district team officials as determined by the regional coach and regional convenor at a pre-trial meeting.

**Procedures**

• appoint a chairperson (usually regional coach) of the selection panel

• if possible, chairperson to be free from other responsibilities.

• observe all competing teams/individuals.

• the selectors shall meet on a regular basis on each day of competition.

• the selectors shall meet with the coaches of competing teams and give them the opportunity to put forward names of and comment upon students they consider worthy of selection.

• at least one (1) selector shall be present at all times of competition.

• a possible v probables match may be arranged if necessary.

**Guidelines for selectors**

• as a selector, contribute equally to the regional team selection and be unbiased in your selection.

• where students are considered to be of equal ability, then preference will be given to the older student. A younger student would be selected if of higher ability than older student.

• ages are to be calculated according to year of birth.

**Guidelines for coaches**

• players should be given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and ability in the area/position nominated by the player.

• players should be given sufficient time on the playing field in order for selectors to make judgments of relative skills.

**Exemption for a regional trial**

• if a student who is not present at the regional trials is being considered for regional team selection due to being granted an approved exemption by the rsso, then all students / teams and officials must be advised prior to commencement of the regional trial.

**Regional teams**

• after the regional trials, a regional team will be named. There are to be no ‘train-on’ squads.

• selectors should identify shadow players. The regional officials may decide whether or not these players are named. If there is more than one regional team being named at a combined regional trial, then all regional officials will use the same process for naming shadow players.

• if shadow players are named, they may be invited to train with the regional team. However, it must be clearly explained that a shadow player’s attendance at regional team training is voluntary and does not guarantee an invitation to join the team should there be a withdrawal.

• in the case of a student withdrawing from a regional team, the replacement player must come from the shadows identified by the selectors at the regional trial. If no shadow players were chosen, or none are available, then the replacement player must have participated at the regional trial.

* A player cannot be ‘dropped’ from a regional team without a suitable reason, e.g. Repeated absences from training without a reasonable excuse, disruptive behaviour, etc. If a player is at risk of having his / her invitation to be a member of the regional team withdrawn, the regional coach must make contact with the parents / caregivers to advise them of this and to determine if there are any extenuating circumstances which may need to be considered prior to any further action being taken.
* If the decision is made to withdraw a student’s invitation to be a member of the regional team, the parents / caregivers of the student in question must be advised of this prior to the replacement player being invited to join the team. The rsso must be informed prior to the parents / caregivers being advised.

###### **State championships**

* All players must be given equitable playing time during the championship. It is expected that all players will be given fair and reasonable playing time during all games at the state championships but that playing time may not be equal for all players.
* The only time there may be an exception to this is if the team is playing in the state final (1st v 2nd) in which case the playing time of some players may be minimal.
* Players must be given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and ability in the area/position in which the player was selected in the team at the regional trials.
* Team officials must not make derogatory comments to players or about players.
* Team officials must be available, if requested, to provide feedback to players or parents on the player’s performance at the championships.