

2019

GCHA Representative Hockey Program

SELECTION GUIDELINES – COACHES AND TEAMS

COACHES:

GCHA will advertise for 'Expressions of Interest' from Coaches of all junior grades prior to the commencement of the local competition season.

Selection Criteria:

- Qualifications e.g. Level I Coaching Certificate
- Preferred Age group e.g. U13's
- Coaching experience in preferred age group
- Availability for individual tournaments (Southern Cross/Coulter shield/State)
- Initiatives for pre-tournament development opportunities e.g. games against other teams
- Attitude and commitment to the support and development of GCHA Representative Hockey
- Appointed coaches to present coaching plan/structure for team trainings and potential 'way of play'.

Selection Committee:

Regional Coaching Director
GCHA Director – Representative and Player Development
GCHA Board of Directors (if required)

Final recommendation for positions to be ratified the Board of Directors.

TEAM SELECTIONS:

Team selections are to be made in consultation with a minimum of three (3) people:

Team Coach,
Regional Coaching Director,
GCHA Director – Representative and Player Development,
and/or an independent selector appointed by the GCHA Director.

Selection Process:

1. Prior to second trial date, nomination, and payment of nomination fee, through the GCHA website by each player wishing to be considered for selection.

2. Three (3) selection trial days.

All selection trials to include but not be limited to the following format:

- Duration 1 hr on field – players to be warmed up and ready to start at nominated time
- Trials to be conducted on turf field with exception to U11s which will be conducted on grass should turf not be available.
- Trials to include warm up drills, game skills and trial games

3. Each player *must* attend two (2) of the three (3) selection trial days to be considered for selection.
4. If a player is unable to attend a selection trial and they have a reasonable excuse e.g. illness, prior commitment – sporting fixture, consideration will be given to that player. All selectors to be advised of situation prior to commencement selection trial day.
5. Players must play in their age group e.g.U11, U13, U15, U17. This is to ensure that all players have equal opportunity to participate and to compete within their peer group.
Consideration will be given to players wishing to play up. Upon consideration, team selectors can give preference to players already competing in their relevant age group.
6. Teams to be announced on the GCHA website in the week following the third trial date
7. Following selection, players are required to pay \$100 deposit to confirm their selection in the team
8. Remainder of the tournament fees are required to be paid prior to departure for the tournament. (Payment plans can be applied for through GCHA administrator)
9. Selected players who withdraw from the team will have their deposit refunded if sufficient reasoning is provided (Injury/Family). If there is not sufficient reasoning for withdrawing, players will forgo their deposit.
10. Teams will predominately consist of 15 players; however, selectors reserve the right to decide on a different team composition that may include two goal keepers

Selection Criteria:

The following is a general guideline for selectors and coaches to utilise when considering players for selection.

Basic Skills – players who can consistently demonstrate highly developed basic skills

Then in no priority order:

Team Skills – players, who unselfishly support the team, encourage others, communicate well on field and get on with their peers

Understanding of position play – players who clearly understand the attacking and defensive requirements of the positions they play, and can also be versatile to different positional requirements

Attitudes – players who are determined, listen to instructions and objectives, and are respectful and supportive to other players and coaching staff

Potential – players who show potential for the future development

The selectors/coach can make their decisions from:

- Their own observations of players in all activities undertaken at the selection trials
- Their observations of players competing in local competition games
- Discussions with club team coaches – attitude, team skills and development potential

Set training times for representative teams are limited to 1 hr on field, once a week. Coaches may apply for additional sessions should field time be available and subject to budgetary constraints.



Coaches have the capacity to conduct some of the training sessions for representative teams on grass fields (if available) as some tournaments include games that are played on grass.

Coaches and team managers to be provided with information on 'Code of Conduct' and their duty of care to junior players.