



HUTT WATER POLO CLUB

TEAM SELECTION POLICY

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to provide a clear policy and direction to all Hutt Water Polo Club stakeholders on team selection.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Hutt stakeholders include but are not limited to:
 - 2.1.1.1 Players
 - 2.1.1.2 Parents of players
 - 2.1.1.3 Coaches, Managers, Age Grade Coordinators
- 2.2 Through the adoption of this policy, the Club is able to provide a consistent policy and set consistent expectations amongst the Hutt stakeholders.
- 2.3 The Hutt Committee appoint the Coaching Appointments Panel.
- 2.4 The Coaching Appointments Panel appoints the coaches for each age grade.

3. POLICY

- 3.1 All players making themselves available for team selection must be financial members of Hutt Water Polo Club for the current financial year.
- 3.2 Team selections are the sole responsibility of the age grade head coach and their coaching team.
- 3.3 Decisions of team selection shall be final
- 3.4 Pool time in a game is the sole responsibility of the team coach.
- 3.5 The A team in each age group will have a win focus. Players who accept selection in an A team may not get equal pool time.
- 3.6 If there is a B team in any age group, players may opt to play for the B team in order to gain more pool time.

- 3.7 B teams will have a development focus. All players should get pool time during an event.
- 3.8 Under 12 teams will all have a development focus, although the focus may change in play-off stages in a tournament.
- 3.9 Teams may be reselected between Wellington Regional competitions and the National Championship.
- 3.10 For all local and regional competitions, effort will be made to ensure all Hutt registered players are part of a team and that they receive fair and appropriate pool time, subject to the other policy clauses above.
- 3.11 Team focus may change at National tournaments or play-offs in regional competitions. Coaches may decide not to play their strongest player in an effort to develop other players.
- 3.12 Coaches/coordinators/managers will endeavour to set expectations where relevant for players ahead of the competition or tournament.
- 3.13 A maximum of 2 players may be required to float between two teams during a regional competition as determined by the Head Coach.
- 3.14 For national tournaments, coaches will select a maximum of 13 players per team based on player skill, ability attitude, potential and availability. The team strategy for the tournament and the opposition teams will be taken into account.
- 3.15 Internal discussions on team selection between the Club Head Coach, team coach, team management and the Executive Committee shall remain confidential.

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