



TEAM SELECTION POLICY

OUR MISSION

To deliver an enjoyable and rewarding experience to our basketball community offering opportunities to players of all ages and skill levels to help them participate, perform and grow.

TEAM SELECTION

We often receive requests from parents trying to understand how the club allocates players to teams. This policy is designed to provide an insight into team selection process.

Each season the girls and boys team managers will seek feedback from coaches and age group coordinators during and at the end of every season to make sure children are placed in correct teams for their playing abilities.

Ordinarily teams will get mixed up each season due to changes in players ages and cut off dates. This is to ensure players are not disadvantaged by their date of birth. It also helps players to learn from each other and also enlarges their social networks.

Players often do not develop at the same rate, so it is not unusual for players to move between grades and therefore teams differently, we will try to keep players together where possible.

Team selections are not indefinite and placement is for a single season only.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN ALL TEAM SELECTIONS

- **Coaches Reports** – Coaches submit a report which covers player's ability and development, attitude to training & reliability.
- **Age Group Coordinators** – Each season the girls and boys age group coordinators will attend games and provide feedback to the Managers, the managers will also attend games to ensure children are placed in the right teams.
- **Past History** (where applicable) – of the age group and grade played in previous seasons.
- **Team Balance** – In the interest of the enjoyment of the players the club will often mix teams that have a balance of skill, speed, height and in older age groups that ability to play a position. It is important to understand that the **more constraints/restrictions you have for your child (e.g., training availability, friend request), the less opportunities for your child to be placed in a team matched to their ability.** If you wish for your child to be placed in a team on their ability keeping restrictions to a minimum will assist.



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- **Friends** – Requests for a single pair of friends to be kept together are accommodated if possible. If there's a skill difference between the players, they will be ranked in a team suited to the less-skilled player (noting that this may mean that the team is graded at a higher level). One-sided requests will not be considered. These requests must be included in the designated area within the PLAY HQ registration form.
- **Late Registrations** – All players must register by the registration cut-off date to be eligible for placement in a team. Players who do not meet this deadline will be placed on a waiting list, and only placed in a team if an appropriate vacancy exists.
- **Team Size** – Teams are generally made up of 6-8 players to ensure all players are given plenty of court time by the coach, although teams of 5-9 may occur depending on registration numbers.
- **Playing up an Age Group** – players may play up 1 season early in special circumstances. A special request must be made and will be assessed by the Boys or Girls Team Managers.

CLUB CONTACTS

If there is anything the selection committee should know before teams are selected, then please get in contact with the club as soon as possible before or immediately after registering.

The registration form that you submit, clearly states that you will accept selection decisions by playing in the team in which you are placed. If you wish to be considered to assist with future selection processes, please contact the Boys and Girls Team Managers by sending an email to:

Boys – boysteammanager.saintsbc@gmail.com

Girls – girlsteammanager.saintsbc@gmail.com

CONTACT POINT FOR FEEDBACK ON SELECTION OUTCOMES

All requests for feedback are to be addressed to the boys or girls team managers (email addresses above)

The Club's President will oversee the management of this process with the aim of providing initial feedback within one week from inquiry. This will be the sole channel for communication.

Parents are not to raise issues with our volunteer committee members.