



RAIDERS SELECTION POLICY

We will try to select an appropriately competitive and balanced team where possible, but we will also balance that with giving boys and girls throughout the age group match exposure.

- Your Age Group Manager (AGM) is working hard to ensure that everyone - including the opposition - gets a good game and is tested appropriately. We want as many players as possible to get a good amount of match exposure at the right level. Please trust and help your AGM to manage this process.
- There are lots of different types of matches - League matches, Cup matches and Friendlies. Some matches are in a Development League, which will feature a larger number of less experienced players. There are also friendlies, where the standard will vary.
- Your AGM will try to ensure that less able players are not exposed at an inappropriate level. However, he will attempt to push your child's learning by getting them to play at a level that challenges them.
- We understand children enjoy testing themselves and playing for an older age group, we have no problem with this; however, this cannot and will not supersede the needs and development of the children in that age group or children who are of a closer age to the given age group.
- We have to be mindful of the amount of cricket a child plays and follow strict guidelines set out by the ECB who govern junior cricket. We understand a child may want to play in every game possible and we may want this too; but, if we feel that this would be against the playing guidelines, we will not allow the child to play. We also have to be mindful of the amount of match exposure all our children receive and have to provide an equal opportunity for all our members.

Please respect the AGM, because it is not an easy job and they are volunteers who are doing their best by the children playing for the Raiders. If you have an issue, please speak to them respectfully so you can work together to come to a resolution which benefits the cricket development of your child. Alternatively, you can speak with the Junior Manager or Child Welfare Officer.

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