



South Bank Cuaco Selection Policy 2019/20

Principles of the Selection Policy

1. The Selection Policy will promote the competitive success and achievement of all Club teams but also comply with Southern Amateur League Rule, Section 10 E. *"Every Club shall play its best available team or teams in all matches in the Competition"*
2. All players are registered with the Club rather than any specific team and are as such available for selection for all teams.
3. All teams will field the strongest team from the registered players available for each game in descending order from the 1st team to the 8th team. If higher teams do not have a game then players may be selected for lower sides but not at the expense of a regular player from that team.
4. The Selection Policy will seek to promote the players with the highest ability to the highest teams in the club to demonstrate their ability to play at the highest standard achievable.
5. The Selection Policy is designed to facilitate the promotion/demotion of players between teams based on previous player performance. The selection policy also states that no player can be double dropped which means that a player can play no lower than 1 team from the previous week but this rule can be overlooked on a player by player situation. A player can also choose to not enforce this rule but this has to be agreed by the captain below & and the club captain should be notified of any decision. No player should be promoted more than 1 team per week unless it is in the best interests of the player involved. In all cases exceptions need to be agreed by both the club captain and the club coach. This rule does not apply to players who drop out of games with late notice (except where there are unavoidable circumstances), trialists or players who have not paid their registration fees for the season.
6. If there are too many available players for a weekend the club will place the extra players on a standby list in case of any late pull outs and they will be called by a captain if needed.
7. As part of registration for the club all players agree to adhere to the Club's selection Policy when registering for the forthcoming season.

Rules of selection

1. All players registered with the club will confirm availability through Teamer for selection on a weekly basis. Teamer requests will be sent out centrally no later than Sunday and players have until 5pm Monday before the game to confirm their availability. Failure of a player to confirm their availability through Teamer could result in them not being picked and being deemed unavailable. It is the captain/manager's job to make sure their players are using Teamer for availability. If a player has a problem using teamer then it their own responsibility to declare their availability to their usual team captain who will pass this on.
2. The 1st team Captain/Manager has first choice of selection from all registered players available for selection for any competitive game followed by the 2s,3s,4s,5s,6s,7s and finally the 8s.
3. Being identified as a selected player will normally mean that the player will play in the game they have been selected for, but this does not entitle the player to a full game. Captains/Managers will use their discretion in the use of substitutes in the competitive interests of the team and the Club.
4. Any player who has declared himself available for selection but does not wish to play for the team for which he is selected is deemed unavailable for selection for the rest of the club. As such he must not be selected by any team until such time as he is deemed available for selection. A player will not be deemed available for selection until they demonstrate that they are willing to adhere to the Club's Selection Policy.
5. Any player with persistent late withdrawals for poor reasons from his selected team may face a club sanction. This will be decided by both the captain from the side in question and the club captain. Sanctions may include a warning from the club, being dropped down a team, not being selected for a week or being asked to leave the club.
6. A triallist is a new player to the club & not a returning player from any previous season. Any triallist for the club will be given a guaranteed one game trial at the club with an optional 2nd game, after which the triallist must decide if he will join the club, meaning he has to pay his registration fees. Match fees must still be paid for any trial game. They must also provide their full name, address and D.O.B before the Saturday so they can be registered.

7. Any player who owes money as a result of unpaid signing on fees, match day subs or disciplinary fines may be deemed unavailable for selection until payment has been made or has an agreement with the Club's treasurer for a pay plan.

Implementing the Policy

A list of available players will be published after the Teamer deadline and will be distributed to the following club officers; the Club Captain, all team captain/managers and the club coach for his input on player abilities. The captains/managers will publish their selected players by no later than the agreed deadlines set at the selection day for each team. The selection deadline for the club is 5pm on Thursday. No player can be moved on the basis of team seniority from his selected team after this time except as expressly agreed by the captain involved and the Club Captain.

The deadlines for selection of each team are:

- **1st team No later than Tuesday lunch time**
- **2nd team Tuesday evening**
- **3rd team Wednesday lunch time**
- **4th team Wednesday evening**
- **5th team Thursday morning**
- **6th team Thursday lunch time**
- **7th and 8th teams being picked before the 5pm deadline on the Thursday**

Each captain/manager will negotiate with the captain/manager of the next lower team to ensure that the higher team has at least eleven players and that subs are spread evenly across each team. The effective operation of the selection process requires open and honest sharing of information as well as a high degree of reasonableness in negotiation between captains/managers. Any disputes regarding the selection process between captain/managers will be forwarded to the Club Captain for arbitration.

Finally The Selection Policy will seek to try and provide opportunities to play competitive football for all registered players on a weekly basis but also has a healthy social and fun aspect to the club. All player complaints regarding the selection process should be forwarded to the Club Captain and any proposed exceptions to the selection policy must be agreed in advance by the Club Captain who will notify the captains and the SBC Committee of his decisions.

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