



# Team Selection Policy

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Belgrave South Red Devils Basketball Club (BSRD) aims to encourage active participation of its players and members. The process of team selection is not taken lightly and much consideration goes into the allocation of players. BSRD want to encourage players to have fun and enjoy being part of a team where parity of abilities and equal contribution of all team members are a priority.

## Team selectors

Committee Members whose children are not in the age group being selected. Committee members may not be part of team selection where a conflict of interest occurs, e.g. their own child is in the grade they are team selecting.

Committee members who coach can put in recommendations to team selectors, however, ultimate selection will be the responsibility of non-conflicted Committee Members

Current Coaches not on the committee are afforded the opportunity to offer suggestions at the Team Selection Meeting, to be held before each upcoming season.

## Player selection criteria

1. Players of all abilities and age groups U8-U23 will be accommodated on the provision there are 5 or more players per age bracket
2. Proficiency in the **five fundamental skills of basketball**; dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and defence. Emphasis on this criterion is not as heavily weighted for Under 8 and Under 10 players (and in some cases Under 12)
3. Commitment to training (unless otherwise approved by BSRD Committee, see Coaching and Training Policy) and game day
4. Sportsmanship, behaviour and attitude
5. Respect for team and coach including opposition team, referees and scorers

## Team selection

### **1st Team**

Skilled or Advanced Players

All players placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> team will have the skills or advanced ability as required by criteria. As determined by the Team Selectors, exception being Under 8 and 10 age brackets, or when there are no other teams in the age bracket. Representative Players are not automatically prioritised for selection in the 1<sup>st</sup> Team. The Executive Committee retains discretion for ultimate selection if player does not fulfill other areas of selection criteria. Scoring the most points is not always an indicator of an advanced player, Basketball is a multi-faceted sport where advanced players are expected to be able to handle all aspects of the game in defence and offence.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Developing or emerging players

All players placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> team will have developing or emerging skill level ability of the criteria as above or working towards criteria as listed above. Exception being Under 8 and 10 age brackets or when there are no other teams in the age bracket

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Team and below**

Developing and beginner players

In the event of all players having similar ability, players will be allocated based on team compatibility and availability of coaches.

In the event of one team per age bracket, all players will be allocated to same team.

Players requesting to play with friends may do so in writing to [bsthrd@gmail.com](mailto:bsthrd@gmail.com), however, club members must note the following:

- the committee may not be able to accommodate all requests
- in the event of multiple teams per age bracket, requests will be placed in 2nd or 3rd or lower teams
- both players need to individually request each other
- all requests will be taken into consideration only if sent to [bsthrd@gmail.com](mailto:bsthrd@gmail.com)
- while all requests will be considered there will be some instances where requests cannot always be allowed.

Teams will not be released to members until all teams have coaches appointed. Public release of teams will be via Facebook and the BSRD Website. Player details are restricted to Player Name, Surname and Number on public forums. No player or parent contact information will be released publicly.

Once teams are released players will not be moved from their allocated team unless under special consideration. Special Consideration requires a written application sent to [bsthrd@gmail.com](mailto:bsthrd@gmail.com) and the approval of three non conflicted Committee Members of the application.

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**Ratified by the Belgrave South Executive Committee in September 2021**