

ROLE OF AGE-GROUP SELECTORS

- Convenor is the 'chairman of the board'. Need to lead selectors through the selection process.
- In the absence of a convenor, the BOPCA Cricket Manager will fill this role and be responsible for sign-off of the final tournament team (Hopefully though all the selectors will be in agreement).
- Selectors all to have equal input into selection discussions
- Sub areas don't need equal representation in squads. The selectors are choosing a Bay of Plenty side irrespective of where players are from. The best team is to be selected!!!
- Don't be afraid to debate the various elections you make (in a civil manner). It is good
 in a selectors mind to talk though the reasons for selection/non selection of players.
- o Remember that results are not always a clear indication of performance,
 - e.g. batsman scoring runs against a poor attack
 - > Batter scoring runs when no pressure is on
 - Bowler getting wickets against lower order players
 - ➤ Bowlers not taking wickets against good batters e.g. 6/2/15/0

SELECTING A BAY OF PLENTY TEAM

What sort of player are we seeking?

1) Ability to succeed at the Level

→ Some players succeed at tournaments against the weaker teams. Evaluate their ability against strong opposition

2) Potential in the Future

- Technique?
- Willingness to learn and develop?
- Desire to succeed?

3) Playing qualities

Fielding athleticism

focus

Batting desire to make large scores

sells wicket dearly

positive

wide shot range

able to play off both front and back foot

runs well between wickets

• pace bowling bowls fast, attacks the batsman

ability to move the ball in the air and/or off the pitch

spin bowling spins the ball

keeps batsman under pressure

medium pacers accuracy

variations

ability to bowl into the wind

wicketkeepers glovework

footwork

ability to stand up

fitness ability to last the tournament

4) Leadership

• A captain who reads game

who players will respect handles players properly is positive and encouraging

5) Personal Qualities

- Team player
- Disciplined
- Focused-gives 100%
- Ability to handle pressure

.....but

- Can I harness this player's ability?
- Can I handle this player?
- Can I change this player's attitude?

6) Other things to consider

- Know the tournament rules when selecting a team, e.g. limit on pace bowlers overs, overs rate
- Think about the future, i.e. what players will still be eligible next year this may influence marginal selections
- Remember every team needs batsmen who can anchor an innings your specialist batsmen shouldn't all be 'dashers'

NOTE: selectors should consult me before choosing a player from a younger age group. It is recommended that players only attend one age group tournament.

The Ideal Team?



Selectors should:

- Speak to coaches and managers ask them who they rate
- Be seen as much as possible