



## **Garstang Cricket Club Senior Selection Policy**

Selection for Saturday league matches and Sunday cup matches will be made by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will consist of: 1st team captain, 2nd team captain, 3rd team captain, Sunday team captain & another member as a selection advisor. (Currently Daniel Gilbert, Dan Curwen, Phil Baxendale & Ian Walling)

The role of each Selection Committee member is:

- a. 1st XI Captain – To select & captain the 1st XI.
- b. 2nd XI Captain – To select & captain the 2nd XI.
- c. 3rd XI Captain – To select & captain the 3rd XI.
- d. Sunday XI Captain – To select and captain the Sunday XI.
- e. Chairman of Selectors – To ensure the captains are following the selection criteria.

### **Mission of each team:**

1st XI: to play as high a standard as possible and win the Northern League. Therefore, the team result will be the priority and all decisions will be made in search of victory.

2nd XI: to play as high a standard as possible and win the Palace Shield Division 1A. To provide support to the 1st XI in allowing individuals to find form and in developing new players.

3rd XI: We seek to be playing as high a level of 3rd team cricket as possible to minimise the gap between our senior teams to provide support to 2nd and 1st XI.; to develop players to play at a higher level; integrate junior members into Saturday league cricket.

Sunday XI: to provide players who aren't available or haven't been selected for a Saturday team; to develop new and younger players; to integrate junior members into senior cricket. Focus will very much be on developing individuals.

### **Guiding Principals**

A. Decisions will be made primarily for the benefit and success of the 1st XI. Under the same principle the interests of the Second XI will have priority over the Third XI.

B. Every attempt will be made by the club to accommodate the desires of individuals. However, players are asked to support the missions of the club and each team and understand that their personal desires may, at times, be secondary to the fulfilment of these missions.

C. Should players have an issue with selection, in the first instance, they should speak to the captain of the team for whom they are selected. If an issue remains, they should contact the Chairman of selectors which is Ian Walling.

D. Selection meetings will be held on a Sunday or Monday evening prior to a Saturday fixture. Selection will be done in person or on Zoom, and if any member of the selection committee cannot attend the meeting, they must send their vice-captain in their place.

E. Non-payment of subs by the end of May will result in non-selection until subs are paid, unless a payment plan has been agreed with the player and chairman/treasurer.

F. It is the responsibility of the player to inform the captains of their unavailability before the selection meeting takes place (before 7.30pm on the day of selection). It is the individual captains' responsibility to check availability each week.

G. All teams will be confirmed via text message no later than Wednesday lunch time preceding the Saturday fixture.

H. In cases when a player is dropped down a side from the previous week, the captain will inform the player, giving a full explanation for this change, before teams are sent out.

I. Once selected and informed, any player who makes them unavailable for reason other than illness, injury or any other unavoidable circumstances in the team which they have been selected for will be automatically unavailable for selection for any team for the next 2 weeks.

J. Should a player drop out after selection; the captain of the team should select from the team immediately below in consultation with the captain of that team and if needed the chairman of selectors. Except in special circumstances, players should not move from 3rd XI to 1st XI. 3rd XI should select from the pool of reserves and should expect help in finding players.

K. While priority is given to the 1st XI, captains from lower teams can question selection should it lead to an imbalance in their team (e.g. no competent wicket-keeper, insufficient bowling for 40/45/50 overs).

L. Should a player become available after selection, he will only be selected should a drop-out occur.

M. When there are more than sufficient players for a side, even after adhering to the guiding principles, priority for selection will be influenced, but not limited by a player's:

1. Regular availability to play (excluding School cricket)
2. Recent form and contributions to the team
3. Regular attendance at training sessions