

Football Selection Process 2023

AIMS:

- To fairly select Marist players into teams for the upcoming AIC season.
- To be motivating for players. The trials will highlight strengths and weaknesses, therefore allowing all boys to see exactly how much improvement is needed.
- To select the best possible combinations of boys into the First teams and A teams, and so on.

GRADING OF TEAMS

The Year Co-ordinator and the coaching staff in each age group will grade players into teams during the grading process. When making decisions the coaches will be mindful of playing positions, team balance and the ability to fit into a style of play. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) include a combination of:

- Technical ability
- Tactical knowledge and ability
- Role in the team
- Fitness
- Attitude
- Ability to work as a member of a team

FIRST TEAM SELECTION TRIALS

An extended training squad will be identified during the previous AIC season by the first team coaching staff and the Co-ordinator, along with the appropriate A team coaches. The basis of this selection will be performance in the previously completed AIC season and will consist of between two and three times the number of players in a normal match.

This training squad will complete training, strength and conditioning and team sessions two terms before the AIC competition as determined by the coaching staff.

A TEAM TRIALS

The Year 7A, 8A, 9A and 10A squads are selected at the start of the term before competition to allow additional time to organise, teach playing structures and prepare for the season. The squad will consist of no more than two times the number of players in a match.

These trials will occur over two weeks between weeks 3 and 4 of the term prior to the season. All boys who wish to be selected in these squads are required to attend these trials. All new players to the College or sport are welcome to trial. Returning players must have played at A or B level in the preceding season or have requested permission from the Co-ordinator prior to the trial.



YEAR LEVEL SQUAD SELECTION TRIALS

Selection trials for these teams will occur in the last 4 weeks of the term immediately before competition. Players are required to attend trials at the nominated times where boys will be put into teams where they can demonstrate their skills and abilities in situations against boys in their own age group.

Selection Tools

Selection in teams will be based results of the following selection tools:

1. AGE GROUP SELECTION TESTS

- Boys will be put into games and training activities where they can demonstrate their skills and abilities in situations against boys in their own age group using the six criteria as listed above.

2. PERFORMANCE IN THE PREVIOUS AIC SEASON

- As competitive matches are the best indicators of likely performance, feedback from coaches in previous years will be considered.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Special Considerations

If because of illness, injury or extenuating circumstances an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements of this selection procedure, that athlete may still be considered for selection. Medical considerations will require a certificate or other communication from a medical practitioner. Any extenuating circumstances must be communicated to the Co-ordinator prior to selections being completed.

TRIAL REGISTRATION

All boys must be registered to trial. The process will be online and the registration period will be advertised through the College App, the College newsletter and daily notices.

Boys who miss out on selection at the first team or A squads are encouraged to trial for other teams. Boys who miss a higher squad will not automatically be selected in the next level down, but will need to attend those trials to be considered for selection.

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