



Cambridge High School 1st XI Boys, Girls and Colts Football Team Selection Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the selection criteria and procedures for naming the school's 1st XI Boys, Girls and Colts football teams. The goal is to ensure a fair, transparent, and merit-based selection process while upholding the school's commitment to sports excellence and player development.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for selection in the 1st XI or Colts football teams, players must:

- Be pre-registered via the school website before the selection trials.
- Meet all academic and behavioral standards set by the school.
- Demonstrate commitment to team training sessions and fixtures.

3. Selection Process

- The team will be chosen on **merit**, based on performance during trials and previous playing history.
- Independent selectors, alongside the designated team coach, will assess players during the trial period.
- Selection will be based on skill level, fitness, game understanding, attitude, and commitment to the team ethos.
- The player may only be considered for **one premier CHS sports team for the winter season**, due to the commitment required for tournament week.

4. Trials

- Trials will be conducted over a set period, with multiple sessions to ensure all players are fairly evaluated.
- Players must attend at least two trial sessions unless prior exemption is granted by the CHS Football Committee.
- If a player is **not selected**, they may contact **chsfootball email** for feedback from the coach and selectors. In alignment with the **Growing Great People Through Football** policy, they are encouraged to request feedback themselves—**not through their parents**.

5. Team Composition

- The final squad will consist of a maximum of **17 players**, with **17** eligible for selection for tournament week.
- The selection committee reserves the right to limit the squad size as necessary to maintain competitiveness and team balance.

6. Dispensation for Younger Players

- Players seeking to play in an age group above their eligibility will only be considered in **exceptional circumstances**.
- Such dispensation will be granted only if the player is deemed to be **of a higher standard** than those in the correct age category.
- The decision will be made by the selection panel, in conjunction with the school and the CHS Football Committee.

7. Announcement of the Team

- The final team will be announced on the **school noticeboard within one week** of the final trial.
- An official **information letter** will be sent to parents/caregivers following the announcement.

8. Governing Rules and Regulations

- All selections and team composition will comply with the **WSSFA (Waikato Secondary Schools Football Association) governing rules** for the grades that the team is entered into, and consequently the **NZSSF (New Zealand Secondary Schools Football) rules** for Tournament week.
- Players must adhere to all school policies regarding attendance, conduct, and participation in team activities.

9. Player Commitments

Selected players are expected to:

- Attend all training sessions, team meetings, and scheduled matches.
- Participate in all **team fundraising**, and **team building activities**.
- Represent the school with **integrity, discipline, and sportsmanship**.
- Meet academic and behavioral expectations as per school policies.
- Commit to the team for the full season, including tournament week participation.

10. Review and Amendments

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and aligns with school values and sporting regulations.