



# LOWER PLENTY CRICKET CLUB

## Policy Statement – Junior Grading & Team Selection Policy

### Grading

LPCC competes in the DVCA competition from u10's thru to u18's. Competitions from u12, through to u16 are played for points and are graded over 5 levels.

These are;

- Blue
- Teal
- Red
- White
- Yellow

At the beginning of each season, LPCC will assess each team's ability to participate in a respective grade and then nominate this to the DVCA. The DVCA takes this into consideration along with the performance of the previous year and allocates them to a grade.

Over the first 3 rounds of the year, grading games are played to ensure each team is as near to the standard of other participants of that level and then the fixture is adjusted from round 4 onwards.

It is important to note that the aim of grading is to ensure that players play at the correct level for their ability as playing outside a grade may significantly diminish a player's enjoyment of the game.

### Team Selection Policy

Teams will be selected on a fair and consistent basis providing the opportunity for players to develop their cricket skills in an enjoyable and friendly environment.

The club encourages players to take a positive attitude to joining a new team. Playing the game of cricket creates opportunities for development of the player's game, as a person and the formation of new friendships amongst team-mates and parents.

### Fair Play Policy

#### U10 Grade Competition

All games are 1-dayers. Scores are recorded but no competition points are awarded. All players are to be given a minimum of 20 balls to bat and 2 overs to bowl. Teams should generally use at least 2 wicketkeepers in an innings and provide a minimum of 5 overs to players taking on wicket keeping duties.

#### u12 & u14 Grade Competitions

Coaches will generally attempt give equal opportunities over the course of the year for all the players in the team to experience different batting and bowling positions. Players are to be offered where possible to have different batting positions and opportunities to bowl a minimum of 2 overs in a two-day game and 1 in a one-day game. Where team numbers exceed 13 on any week, a player may be rostered off, however, no player should be rostered off on more than 1 occasion per season.

#### u16 & u18 Grade Competitions

It is acknowledged that in these grades, players may be batted and bowled in positions that suit a more traditional cricket game. Notwithstanding, coaches will endeavour to give players opportunities to experience different positions with consideration of their ability and the quality of the opposition. Where team numbers exceed 13 on any week, a player may be rostered off, however, no player should be rostered off on more than 1 occasion per season.

## Competitions Finals

Coaches are to encourage participation across all players in finals games, but given the nature of finals, we cannot guarantee active participation in batting, bowling or wicketkeeping.

## **Training**

Training is a key component to improving as a cricketer and therefore increase the enjoyment of the game. Players are expected to train with their team each week unless by arrangement with their coach. Certain behaviours are also expected to make sure the coach can provide quality coaching.

Continual non-attendance at training may influence the coach's selections, decisions and adherence in respect of the Fair Play Policy.

## **DVCA Representative Team Selection**

Each season the DVCA request each club provide nominations for their representative sides.

The below variables are taken into consideration when players are selected.

- Age
- Current seasons attitude & performance
- Coach's opinion
- Training performance
- Previous representative experience

## **Multiple teams in the same Age Group**

Friendship groups are generally not considered when multi-grade teams are selected. The club endeavours to have friends together however this is not always possible due to team numbers and ensuring each player is in a suitable grade that matches their ability.

## **Playing in an older age group**

While younger players may assist in filling older teams, LPCC has a general policy of selecting players in their correct age group. ie. if still u12, they must be available for selection in that age group, not just u14 level. All requests will be subject to the consideration of the junior coaches involved and junior coordinator.

## **Grievances & Concerns**

If players or parents have any concerns, the following process should be followed (if possible) in the following order:

1. Approach the Team Manager or Coach
2. Junior Co-Ordinator
3. LPCC Cricket Manager
4. Club President or Secretary

We strongly encourage this process to be followed as closely as possible but please remember, it is junior cricket and about player participation and enjoyment.