

## **Hockey Selection Policies and Procedures**

The following information has been provided to ensure everyone has an understanding of the hockey selection policies and procedures for 2026.

### **Trial Outline:**

- All trial dates can be found on the Epsom E-Learn website on the hockey page
- By attending trials each player is indicating that they wish to commit to a hockey team for the entire hockey season. Players must have a valid reason to be removed from a team.
- Fees will be due 2 weeks after selection and any players that withdraw after 13th March will still be liable to pay a late withdrawal fee of \$130.00
- Girls must arrive to trials in appropriate sports attire, including running/turf shoes shoes, mouthguard, shin pads, hockey stick and a water bottle
- Trials may be postponed due to weather conditions. If postponed trialists will be contacted by the sports coordinator
- Trialists will be allocated a number; they will wear the corresponding bib for identification
- Trials will begin with skills where trialists may be asked to pass, trap or shoot. Trials will finish with either a full or half turf match

### **Objectives:**

- To create teams that can be competitive in all grades of the College Sport Competition
- To allow all hockey players to participate in a team relative to their ability
- To structure teams to ensure a balance of positions

### **Selection Policy:**

- All students wishing to trial for 1st or 2nd XI must attend the first two trial days
- All students wishing to trial for u15A or u15B must attend the last two trial days

\*must be u15 from the 1st January

- Year 9's are not permitted to trial for 1st or 2nd XI
- All selections have a degree of subjectivity and selectors reserve the right of placement of players
- In the situation that a certain position lacks numbers, players may be asked if they would consider changing their preferred position. This would likely mean being placed in a higher team to cover a positional gap
- It is recommended that players attend all trials for their year level or at least majority due to other commitments

### **Selection Procedure:**

- There will be at least 3 selectors at each trial. At least two selectors will be present at all 2-3 of the trials per year level

**Selection Criteria:**

Players will be rated on the following categories:

- Physical Ability
- Game/Rules Knowledge
- Technical Skills
- Coachability

In the event that a player wishes to meet to discuss their selection once teams are announced. Please email [jclifford@eggs.school.nz](mailto:jclifford@eggs.school.nz) to arrange an appointment.