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1. STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selectors will comprise:

- A Chairperson ('the Chair'), who shall be the CI National Talent Pathway Manager
- Full time employed Cricket Ireland National Talent Pathway Coach(es).
- The coaching staff as appointed by CI for the appropriate year and age group.
- The Performance Operations Executive (POE) or appointee should attend all meetings and record minutes, which will be signed off by the Chair at the next meeting but does not have a vote. In their absence the Chair shall designate a minute taker.
- The High Performance Director may attend meetings but shall not have a vote.
- All Selectors carry one vote each, if necessary, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- The Chair is accountable to the Board of CI on all matters relating to selection.
- At the completion of the Inter-Provincial youth series, Head Coaches of each Provincial Union shall be provided with an opportunity to offer input into the selection process on a consultation basis. Ultimately, selection is the final decision of the national selection committee.
- The Performance Operations Executive shall determine the timing of selection meetings taking into consideration ICC or other competition deadlines, player registration and exceptional circumstances for each age group. Further, to ensure the smooth operation of the selection process, all players participating in Inter-Provincial youth fixtures will be registered on the on-line registration system prior to the commencement of any Inter - Provincial tournament.

2. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chair

The principal responsibilities of the Chair are to:

- Convene meetings via the Performance Operations Executive and manage the selection of the Ireland Youth teams within appropriate timelines.
- Attend meetings as determined from time to time by the High Performance Director and High Performance Committee.

Selectors

The principal responsibilities of the Selectors are to:

- Select the National Youth playing and training squads respectively, for all International matches and competitions. Note: a selector will abstain from his duties should a relative be involved in the selection process. Whilst the Selectors select Ireland squads and replacement players, the National Youth Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager will be responsible for the selection of the final XI on match days. If the National Youth Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager are unable to reach agreement over the final XI, the Chair of National Youth Selectors if available will make the decision.
- Liaise closely with the Chair of National Youth Selectors (National Talent Pathway Manager), National Academy Performance Manager and National Senior Men's and Women's Head Coach in identifying and selecting young cricketing talent within the IPS (Irish Performance Squad) and IES (Irish Emerging Squad).

Captaincy

- The Selectors will recommend a suitable candidate for captaincy of Ireland Youth teams to the Chair of National Youth Selectors. Once approved the Chair will formally invite the nominated player to captain Ireland at the respective Youth level.
- If the Chair of National Youth Selectors does not approve the recommendation, the Chair will be required to meet with the Performance Director and the Selectors to consider another player for recommendation.
- Although the Ireland Youth Captains are not National Selectors, they should closely be consulted by their respective National Youth Lead Coaches throughout the process of selecting Ireland Youth teams during matches and competitions.

3. PROCESS OF NOTIFICATION

Notification of selection will follow this process:

- All Players selected in a winter training squad will be notified of the summer fixtures by April of each given year (or as close as possible to this date).
- For home matches, players should be notified of selection at least two weeks prior to the fixture.
- For away matches, tours or tournaments, players should be announced at least three weeks prior to departure or as determined by the POE.
- **Note:** circumstances may require a later selection for teams. The Selectors should look to select at least one week prior to these deadlines or as determined by the POE.

- The Chair should confirm the squad in writing without delay following selection to the POE and the High Performance Director.
- Within 48 hours from selection the respective National Youth Head Coach will contact (by telephone or Teams/Zoom) any National squad member or any player who would expect to have a good chance of selection (in conjunction with their parents/guardians if under eighteen years of age) that the player has NOT been selected for an upcoming match/tour and the reason for the decision of the selectors. If circumstances prevent the National Youth Head Coach from undertaking this, the Chair will inform the player(s) in person (in conjunction with their parents/guardians if under eighteen years of age) by a telephone call. (A player who would expect to have a good chance of selection is constituted by a player who have been included in a National Training squad and have practiced with the national age group team – not a regional training squad player and/or any player that participated in Cricket Ireland's Youth Interprovincial Series).
- As a last resort should the player prove un-contactable the National Youth Head Coach will leave a voice message on the player's (or parents/guardians if under eighteen years of age) mobile phone.
- The appropriate National Youth Head Coach* will then confirm this by email to the POE.
- The POE will distribute an email within 48 hours to the selected squad copying in all other squad players, and forward to the CI Media & Communications Manager for Cricket Ireland website release and potential public release, 24 hours after the squad email has been distributed.

**If for any reason the appropriate respective National Youth Head Coach is unavailable to contact those not selected, the Chair will carry out this action.*

4. QUORUM

Three Selectors will form a quorum.