



*If the training is easy  
the match will be hard,  
but if the training is  
hard the match will be  
easy.*

## Team Selection Policy

**Swifts has a selection committee, which has the following brief:**

- **to nominate league teams**
- **select teams for club competitions**
- **grade players for club tournaments and**
- **provide handicap information for club tournaments.**

**Its members are the head coach and the match secretary.**

The club's selection policy is as follows:

- All selections and decisions will be made impartially.
- Club A teams and nominated league teams will always be composed of the best available players that are eligible to play, irrespective of the actual age of the players. The club does not wish to be placed in the ethical dilemma of allowing younger but better players to play in the B team of the age group above when they are good enough to be in its A team.
- Consideration will always be given as to whether it is possible, sensible and useful to enter a second team in a competition or event in order to give experience and development opportunities to lesser players.
- In considering whether to place a player in a higher age group for an event, due consideration will be given to which of the two teams he/she is eligible for has the better chance of success with or without him/her. The aim will be to maximise Swifts' chances of winning while still giving good development opportunities to its players.
- In considering grades for club tournaments, the chief criterion will be which grade will give a player better development experience—not which grade he/she has the better chance of winning.
- In considering handicaps, the chief criterion will be how to ensure that the players have as equal a chance of winning a match as possible without allowing the lesser player an inordinate chance to win by luck.

The committee may seek advice from whatever source it deems useful.