

Bec Korfball Club Selection Guidelines

A good team trains and plays together. This document provides a guideline for Bec Korfball Club's coaches in the selection of teams. The club wants to encourage players to attend training and make themselves available for matches. In addition these selection guidelines are designed to assist the club's coaches: to both ensure fairness and transparency in the selection process. In short, players who regularly attend training and are available for matches should be selected over those who do not make themselves available for matches nor attend training.

Squad Selection

Each year Bec Korfball Club will hold an open trial for team selection for every team bar the lowest placed team. This trial, or trials, will be open to all members and be advertised with at least 4 weeks notice. The club's appointed coaches will name the players for all selected teams, where the first team will consist of 8 players and other selected teams of 10 players. Those selected players will compete for each team from the beginning of that season subject to player movements. If a player is injured or unable to attend the trial and would like to be considered for selection they should inform the coaches prior to the trial. In the event that there are insufficient players at the trial to fill the teams the coaches may select further players who did not attend the trial.

Selection For Matches

The club believes that the starting line up for any team should be based on: attendance at training, availability, ability, attitude and performance. The starting line up for any team will be selected initially from those players assigned to that team and, ideally, those who attended the most recent training session. Persistently missing training and/or making oneself unavailable for matches are grounds for a coach, or coaches, to replace a player with one from a lower team. If insufficient players attend training, or do not make themselves available for matches, then the coaches can select players who do not achieve the above criteria. To aid transparency the coach of any training session should keep a record of attendance.

The coaches will reassess the composition of the selected teams on a regular basis. Dropped players will be informed what they need to improve on and their subs may change.

Squad members are encouraged to attend club training (both for their fitness and to ensure that the club is maintained) when possible and coaches may require that squad members attend club training. The coaches may invite players from lower teams to train with higher teams.

The club is self funding and as such players who run into arrears can be suspended by the club. It is the finance officer's responsibility to inform the coaches of suspended players. Players who owe money from the preceding season will not be eligible to play for a Bec team in a competitive game until the debts are cleared. The club requires that a membership fee be paid and also encourages players to pay subs by standing order and coaches are entitled to use this information as a factor in player selection.

Notification of Selection

Players should be notified by team coaches at least 3 days in advance of a match that they are due to play in, unless called up to replace an absent (through injury or exceptional circumstance) player. Given notice players are expected to arrive at matches with sufficient preparation time. Similarly, players are asked to provide their availability 10 days in advance of any match.

Substitutes

Whilst it is club policy for the teams of Bec Korfball Club to be as competitive as possible the club recognises that its members, the players, benefit from playing regularly with one another. As such it is the aim of the club to maintain a consistent team of players for a reasonable duration.

Each team, bar the highest team, are thus expected to rotate their substitutes in order that each team members gets an equitable share of court time over a run of matches.

Mid-Season Movement of Players Between Teams

Players can be called into a higher team from any other team at any point throughout the season, whilst maintaining team numbers. Any dropped player must be informed by their coach as to what they need to do in order to regain their place.

Grievances

Any player who is unhappy with a selection decisions has the right to raise their concerns with the club. Players are requested to first address their concerns to the respective coach. If for some reason the coach is unapproachable, then the player should approach that team's captain.