



Trialing and Selection Policy

Nominations

- Players can be nominated by a responsible adult, their school or association
 - All nominations must be done with the full knowledge and approval of the child's parents/carers

Trials

- All players nominated will have at least two trial sessions before they are released from the process, unless:
 - Schools withdraw permission
 - Conduct means they are released earlier
 - Injury means they are unavailable. In these circumstances managers will try to accommodate a player when they are fit even after the squad has been picked.
- If a player is unavailable for trials during normal school calendar, we cannot guarantee alternative dates unless unavailability is due to school based activities,

Selection of the Squad

- The final squad selection will be shared with schools as soon as practicable
- All players selected must be authorised to play by their school
- The final selection decision will be that of the individual team manager - this is to be based on their assessment of ability, conduct and level of commitment
- The behaviour and conduct of players and parents from previous involvement in squads or schools competitions may be taken into account in selection for squads.
- The behaviour and conduct of parents and players on social media may be taken into account in selection for squads
- Money owed to the associations or MCSFA from previous seasons will be taken into account in selection for squads

Age Bands

- **Boys Teams**
 - We follow the ESFA policy that boys can only play at their own age group other than at Primary level where year 5 can play for the Y6/u11 team.
 - Girls are eligible to play for the boys' u11 team but cannot also play for the u11 girls' team.
- **Girls Teams**
 - ESFA policy is that competitions are two year age bands but girls cannot fluctuate between these. This is to encourage smaller associations to be able to form a squad.
 - Our policy for girls is that we follow the ESFA policy unless we also run a team at a particular age group.
 - E.G: If we run a team at u13 and 14, then a u13 player cannot play at u14.

Our policies aim to provide a fair opportunity to be selected at any age group for all children at that age.

Appealing Selection for the squad or team

- Parents/players may appeal the decision of a manager to select a player for the squad or team in writing to the chairman of LSFA

Please note: A manager's decision will be supported unless it is shown to be prejudicial or made for reasons other than those covered in this policy.