



Wellington Collegians Cricket Club

Premiers and Colts Selection Policy 2011/12 Season

1. Selected Teams

Collegians runs two selected teams, the Premiers and Colts. Players selected for these teams are expected to commit to attending all matches and practices.

1.1 Premiers

The Premiers is our junior club's top team. It is a selected team made up of the best players in the club. In most years the majority of the team are Year 8 students augmented by a small number in Year 7.

The Premiers season runs for a calendar year broken into two sections: February-March and then October - December. This is because the Year 8 students leave the junior club system at the end of the school year and play for their respective colleges the following year.

The games are 40 overs per side on Saturdays starting at 8.30am and playing until approximately 1.30pm at a variety of grounds around the greater Wellington area, including Whitby and the Hutt Valley.

1.2 Colts

The Colts grade runs October to December and it is normal that most of the team will go on to form the Premiers team in the New Year. The Colts is also a selected team; the players will predominately be Year 7 students plus a smaller number of Year 6 students who played 'up a grade' the previous season.

In some seasons the Colts also includes Year 8 players – see *2.1.5 How Many Players are Selected from the Trials?*

The games are 35 overs a side on Saturday mornings starting at 8.30am and playing until approximately 12.45pm, again across the Wellington region.

2. How Collegians Selects Colts and Premiers

2.1 Colts

2.1.1 Eligibility to Trial for the 2011 Colts

In order to be eligible to attend trials for the 2011 Colts team players will normally be expected to meet all the following requirements as at March 2011:

- currently playing for a Collegians team in the Year 6 or Year 7 grade in the 2010/11 season
- Year 6 or Year 7 student in the 2011 school year
- have been nominated by their current Collegians team coach or the Year 6 Grade Coordinator

Occasionally the club may consider an exceptional Year 5 Grade player, so long as that player is a Year 6 school student at the time of the trials.

Players will be nominated by their coach according to the following criteria:

- Performance throughout the season. This will include performance for the club in Saturday morning matches, at the Hawke's Bay tournament and representative teams (Year 6 Wellington Club tournament).
- Attitude and application during the season's training sessions, passion for the game, openness to feedback/critique and ability to learn from feedback

Coaches may be asked to provide relevant statistics or supply their team's scorebook.

If necessary, team coaches will meet the selectors and/or the Year 6 Grade Coordinator to discuss their nominated players. This provides an opportunity for the coaches to highlight strengths and areas for development and provides the opportunity for the selectors to ask questions about technique/attitude etc.

The Year 6 Grade Coordinator will then draw up a list of players invited to attend trials.

2.1.2 Trials

Trials are normally held over two Sundays in March. All players invited to the trial will attend the first week. At the discretion of the selectors the number of players invited to return for the second week may be reduced.

Trials will consist of some or all of: fielding drills, net sessions, open wicket sessions and matches against fellow trialists.

Players unavailable to attend the trials will not be considered for Colts selection except in exceptional circumstances e.g. injury.

2.1.3 Skills assessed at the trials

	What is being looked for?
Fielding and catching	Ability to stay in position Ability to catch Ability to field (backing up and long barrier techniques, throwing speed and accuracy)
Batting	Play in the "V" Playing the right shots to the balls that are being delivered Ability to score runs Running between the wickets – backing up, communicating with partner, sliding bat
Bowling	Ability to bowl straight consistently Minimal wides and no balls Ability to take wickets

At Colts level there is a degree of specialisation. We distinguish between batsmen and bowlers. Not everyone is going to be an all-rounder, so players who are not strong in both batting and bowling are not necessarily at a disadvantage to someone who is capable in both disciplines.

2.1.4 Selectors

The club will convene an independent selection panel to pick the 2011 Colts team. The exact make-up varies from year to year but typically the panel will contain at least three members comprising (for example) some or all of the current Premier team coach, the junior club's professional coach, the junior club convenor, a member of the junior club management committee.

No member of the selection panel will be the parent, team coach or team manager of any Collegians Year 6 or Year 7 grade player in the 2010/11 season.

2.1.5 How Many Players are Selected from the Trials?

The Colts squad usually contains twelve players. However as it is considered a 'feeder' team for the following year's Premier grade team, the number of Colts places available to be filled by Year 6 and Year 7 trialists in any one year may be fewer than twelve, depending on the presence of Year 7 students in the current year's Premier team. When this occurs, the Colts squad will be made up to twelve by the inclusion of Year 8 players, who will be invited by the Club (there are no trials).

There are no Year 7 students in the Collegians 2011 Premier team, thus twelve squad places are available at the 2011 Colts trials.

The club may at its discretion also ask the selection panel to choose a reserve 'pool' of players to cover for possible injury or unavailability of squad members. These players will be allocated to Year 7 grade teams for the 2011/12 season on the basis that the Colts has first call on their services when required.

The objective is to select the best team for Collegians, so the selectors will be looking at the mix of the players to blend a team. Typically a team will consist of:

4-5 batsmen

2-3 allrounders

1-2 keepers

4-5 bowlers (looking for balanced options e.g. left arm, right arm, fast, medium, spin)

2.1.6 Colts Team Announcement

The selectors will meet shortly after the trials to finalise the team, after which the selected team will be announced by email to all trialists. The club will endeavour to announce the team within approximately two weeks of the final trial.

Please note the decision of the selectors is **final and not open to further negotiation**. We understand that players who miss out will be disappointed but equally our selectors choose the team in good faith and with the best interests of the club at heart.

2.2 Premiers

The club selects the Premiers team during December for the following year. The pre-Christmas colts team normally makes up the majority of the team, supplemented by any players already in the Premiers who will be Year 8 students the following year.

Those playing in the Year 7 Grade pre-Christmas who have put in good performances will also come into consideration and if necessary an additional trial may be held prior to Christmas to aid selection, at the absolute discretion of the Club Convenor in consultation with the Colts coach.

Please note selection for the Colts does not guarantee selection in the following year's Premiers team.

3. Coaches and Managers

The Club appoints coaches for the Colts and Premiers team. These are often but not exclusively parents of team members. Preference may be given to coaches with NZC recognised coaching qualifications.

The Coach will appoint a Manager, who is usually the parent of a team member.

4. What happens if I don't make the Colts or Premiers?

Players not selected continue to play for club year grade teams, in either the Year 7 or Year 8 grade as appropriate to their school year.