



# **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ICE HOCKEY** **ASSOCIATION**

## **State Team Selection Policy**

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## **1. Purpose**

The fundamental purpose of the state team selection policy is to:

- a) Have an open and fair system of player selection
- b) Ensure the selection process takes into consideration the need to develop ice hockey players from South Australia and provide opportunities for our players to compete at national events
- c) Ensure player selection for state teams is aligned with the IIHF and IHA classifications for development and competition
- d) Select the best possible team to represent South Australia at national competitions

## **2. Application**

This policy applies to all registered members of IHSA. All players who wish to be considered for selection to a state team will be selected in accordance with this policy.

No particular selection criteria will be weighted more or less significantly by reason of the order in which the criterion appears in this policy.

## **3. Notification of Policy to Members**

This Policy shall be available to all members of IHSA upon request. Any changes to the policy shall be communicated to members of IHSA in accordance with the provisions for communication set out in the IHSA constitution.

## **4. State Team Selectors**

The Head Coach appointed for each state team will be responsible for organising a selection panel for their respective state teams. The selection panel will consist of up to 4 persons but not less than 2 persons and include the Head Coach. All selectors will be registered and fully financial members of IHSA.

## **5. Selection Criteria**

When selecting players for a State Team, the Selection panel will take into account the following criteria:

- a) The player is eligible for selection under the IHA guidelines that govern national competitions
- b) The performance of the player in the selection camp, local competitions and previous national competitions
- c) The player's current level of skill and physical fitness, including any potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the performance of the participant at the requisite level
- d) The attitude and behaviour of the player both on and off the ice is consistent with the IIHF, IHA, and IHSA policies regarding fair play and respect

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- e) The player is a current financial member of IHSA and has no financial obligations to their current club, IHSA or other member states of IHA or the IIHF
- f) The player meets the age classification requirements set out in section 6 of this policy
- g) The player has played a minimum of one-third of the games within their IHSA competition prior to the start of the tournament the State Team is participating in.
- h) Any other factor considered relevant which can be reasonably argued and is approved by the IHSA coaching director, including the consideration of extenuating circumstances

## **6. Age Classification**

It must be recognised that national competitions are an integral part of player development and an important gauge as to how our state development program is performing. With these principles in mind, where possible, state teams will be comprised of players from the appropriate age groups. Selection of under-age players to play in a higher age group will only be permitted under the following circumstances:

- a) Under-age players may be selected if there are not enough players available in the age group to comprise a team
- b) An under-age goaltender may be selected if there are no goaltenders available in the age group

In order for any under-aged player to be considered for selection to a state team, the player must commit to play in the state team for their current age classification.

In addition, selection of an under-aged player must be carried out in accordance with the IHSA Under-Aged Selection Policy.

## **7. Selection Procedure**

All registered players of IHSA in the appropriate age classification are eligible for selection to a State team.

Selectors will obtain a current list of registered players for their age category from the IHSA registrar.

If the number of registered players from the age group is less than 30, the selection panel will extend an invitation to ALL players to participate in the selection sessions.

If the number of registered players for the age group exceeds 30, the selection panel may pre-select a training squad or short list of 30 players to be invited to the selection sessions.

The structure and duration of the selection sessions for each State Team will be the responsibility of the Head Coach with the approval of the State Team Manager. Selection sessions must adhere to the following guidelines unless approval is granted by the Coaching Director of IHSA

- a) A minimum of 2 on ice sessions must be conducted

b) Selection sessions must not be initiated earlier than 60 days prior to the date in which the team list is due to the IHA office (30 days prior to the tournament)

c) The cost, time and location of the selection sessions must not unreasonable exclude participation by players

## **8. Team Selection**

The criteria for selection are outlined in section 5. Selection of players is the responsibility of the selection panel. The Selection panel will be required to communicate with each player individually regarding selection. While communication may also be carried out with players verbally, all selected players must receive written notification regarding their selection (electronically or by letter).

Final team selection must be completed no later than 32 days prior to the start of the tournament and the list of selected players must be forwarded to the IHSA secretary for approval before being forwarded to the IHA office no later than 30 days prior to the start of the tournament.

Although a minimum of 10 skaters and 1 goaltender are required by IHA for a team to participate at a National Tournament, IHSA will require, if possible, that a minimum of 12 skaters and 1 goaltender be selected.

Taking into account the cost to players and the potential ice time they will receive at the tournament, it is recommended that state teams select as many players as practicable. For tournaments hosted by SA, the maximum number of players allowed should be selected.

## **9. Deselction (Cuts)**

The selection panel is required to communicate with each player individually regarding their deselection. The communication may be carried out verbally or in writing.

The selection panel should be prepared to provide specific feedback to players regarding their deselection and advice on where players should improve to increase their chance for selection in subsequent events.

## **10. Removal from Team**

Any player selected to a State Team may be removed from the Team based on the following:

- a) Breaches the policies, regulations or code of ethics of IHSA, the IHA or IIHF;
- b) Is injured or suffers an illness that on the advice of a medical practitioner deems them unfit to perform at the required standard of the Selectors;
- c) Breaches the IHA anti-doping policy;
- d) Fails to comply with a relevant IHSA approved State Team Agreements

In addition, a player may be removed from a State Team if following consultation between the Head Coach, Manager and Selection Panel, the player has failed to sustain their attitude or performance to an appropriate level.

**11. Right of Appeal/Complaints**

11.1 Players not selected for a State Team only have the right of complaint where it can be shown that IHSA did not adhere to correct policy and procedures when making the selections.

11.2 Any player who wishes clarification about the process may submit their query or complaint in writing to be tabled at the next IHSA Board meeting.