



North Coast Raiders Hockey Club

Raiders for Life

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Juniors Playing Seniors Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

One of the many roles of the Junior Committee is to manage and monitor our junior players whilst also offering opportunities to develop and grow their skills within the junior club, and whilst preparing them for seniors. Every year the dynamics of teams in the senior club change and therefore opportunities may arise for junior players (years 10 – 12) to play in our senior teams. This is subject to parental support and the Junior Committee encourages and supports this wherever possible.

PURPOSE

1. Ensure juniors develop as hockey players in an appropriate playing environment, with the opportunity to extend and develop their skills in seniors where suitable and from time to time; where opportunities exist.
2. Establish consistent rules and a transparent process for the identification and selection of those players who wish to play seniors.
3. Establish rules and guidelines for junior players who are selected to play in senior teams.

SELECTION

1. Prior to the start of the senior season, the junior club will invite players (years 10 – 12) to self nominate if they are interested in playing seniors. Junior players interested will be required to attend the senior team selection trials where they will be trialling with senior players.
2. Players wishing to attend the trials must advise the nominated Junior Committee representative who acts as the liaison between the senior and junior clubs.
3. Selection into senior teams/squads is at the discretion of the club Senior Selectors.
4. Initial team/squad selections post trials may change throughout the season, and this is at the discretion of the relevant Senior Coaches.

JUNIORS PLAYING SENIORS

1. Junior players have a commitment and a priority to play and train with their junior team. This commitment shall take preference over playing and training with senior grades. With exception, talented players may be identified and asked to train/play with the senior Premier 1 and Premier 2 (top squad) teams. These selections are at the discretion of the club Senior Coaches and in these circumstances, senior club commitments may/can take priority over the junior club commitments.
2. Juniors are only permitted to attend senior selection trials and/or play in senior teams with the prior approval of the Junior Committee and/or the relevant Group coordinator.

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3. Factors which may be taken into account by the Junior Committee when inviting junior players to nominate are shown below. These may also be considered by the parent/guardian/junior player prior to the decision to nominate to trial for seniors.
 - a) the player's hockey ability and skill as assessed by their junior coach, Group coordinator and others as determined by the Junior Committee;
 - b) the player's performance, attitude and maturity within their junior team;
 - c) the player's physical strength and size;
 - d) the number of senior games already played, if applicable;
 - e) the player's availability for senior games/training, i.e. individual work load balancing hockey, school, family and other commitments.

PLAYING

Senior team selection occurs on a weekly basis at the discretion of the relevant Senior Coaches. Selection factors may include player availability, requests from other Senior Coaches for players and attendance at senior training.

Juniors who play in excess of 6 senior games will be required to pay additional fees to the club. This fee is determined by the Senior Club and will be advised prior to the senior trials/preseason training and is usually the "Student/Apprentice Registration Fee". The normal turf and umpiring fees apply to juniors playing with a senior team.