

# **Barnet Junior Chess Team Selection Policy**

## **1. Aim**

This Policy sets out to explain the processes which occur in the selection of teams for Barnet Junior Chess (BJC). These teams will represent the BJC in competitions run by the English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA).

## **2. E.P.S.C.A. Competitions**

The E.P.S.C.A. runs competitions for three teams - Under 11, Under 9 and Girls Under 11 (Player age determined as at 01 September.)

The Under 11 Championship is for teams of 20, whilst the Under 9 and Girls Under 11 are for teams of 12. There are also 4 extra reserves in each team.

Geographically at present the E.P.S.C.A. considers that "Barnet" consists of players not only currently resident within the London Borough of Barnet, but also those resident or attending school within the Boroughs of Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Harrow.

## **3. The structure of Team Selection**

The Team-selection sub-committee of the management committee of BJC consisting of the team managers will meet in January. This sub-committee will consider and agree the team membership and Boards for the three teams, according to the terms of the criteria set out in Section 5 below. The Team selection sub-committee will submit the decisions and Minutes of the meeting to the BSCA committee.

## **4. Identifying potential team players**

Early consideration is given to the performances of those players from last year's team. (However playing in the previous year is no guarantee of selection, which depends entirely on current performance.)

The team managers attend tournaments and discuss players with other Barnet coaches/teachers in an attempt to identify all possible starters for consideration for the Selection Process.

## **5. Selection Criteria**

Objective data are used from the following sources in the year of selection –

5.1 Performance in the England Pre-selection Tournaments

5.2 Performance in these local tournaments -

- BJC Individual Championships
- Barnet Knights chess tournament
- Barnet and Finchley tournament
- The London Junior Chess Championships final.
- BJC Girls tournament

5.3 E.C.F. Grade

5.4 Other hard data (ideally cross-tables) submitted by coaches or parents, up to one week after the BJC Individual Championships.

## **6. Selection Process**

Data from all the above sources are analysed at the Team Selection meeting to produce a Barnet Squad. Where possible, a “Friendly” match is then arranged for the Squad to play another team, to permit the managers to observe each individual’s performance over the chess board.

At the end of this process, a final team is agreed.

## **7. Contact**

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