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## SSJRL Carnival Team Selection Policy

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### 1. Eligibility

- a. Players must be registered members of SSJRL.
- b. Players must meet age requirements for the relevant carnival divisions.
- c. Attendance at a minimum of 75% of training sessions and games during the current season is required unless extenuating circumstances (e.g., injury, illness) are communicated in advance.

### 2. Selection Criteria

- a. **Performance:** Players will be evaluated based on their skills, fitness, game understanding, and sportsmanship during games and training sessions.
- b. **Behaviour:** Players must demonstrate positive behavior on and off the field, including respect for teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents.
- c. **Team Balance:** Teams will be formed to ensure balanced representation of positions, teamwork, availability, and ability to compete effectively.
- d. **Tenure:** Players with longer active membership in SSJRL may be given preference, especially when selection decisions are closely contested.
- e. **Previous Carnivals:** Consideration will be given to whether a player has participated in past carnivals, with efforts made to provide opportunities to those who may not have been selected previously.

### 3. Inclusivity and Development

- a. Selection aims to balance inclusivity and the development of players. Efforts will be made to give all players a chance to participate in at least one carnival if multiple events are scheduled during the season.

### 4. Communication

- a. Selected teams will be announced in a timely manner to allow for preparation and logistics.
- b. Non-selected players will receive feedback and development suggestions to improve their chances for future selection.

### 5. Grievance Procedure

- a. Any concerns regarding team selection must be submitted in writing to the SSJRL secretary within seven days of the announcement. The SSJRL committee will review and respond within seven days.
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