

Carolina Polocrosse Club

Team Selection Policy

(Adopted pursuant to Articles IX, X, and XIII of the CPC Bylaws)

1. Authority & Governance

This Team Selection Policy is established under the authority of the CPC Bylaws and shall be interpreted consistently with them. In the event of any conflict, the CPC Bylaws and APA regulations shall govern.

The Team Selection Committee shall consist of the Club Coach (Chair) and two elected Assistant Coaches who will act as Selectors. The Committee is responsible for selections for all grades.

The Club President shall oversee the selection process to ensure compliance with CPC bylaws and policies but shall not participate in individual player scoring.

2. Purpose of Team Selection

The purpose of team selection is to field competitive, balanced teams that best represent the Carolina Polocrosse Club while promoting fairness, sportsmanship, and player development.

When multiple sections compete in the same grade, the strongest possible section may be fielded by majority decision if in the best interest of the club.

3. Eligibility for Selection

Players must be CPC members in good standing, as defined in Article IV of the CPC Bylaws. Team selection is limited to CPC members, who will receive priority for team placement.

APA membership requirements must be met for APA-sanctioned tournaments.

Day Members and Guest Day participants have no priority for team selection.

4. Player Declaration & Obligations

Players must declare availability to the Club Coach by the stated deadline.

Players must accept team, section, and position assignments.

Players are expected to represent CPC at home, regional, national, and most traveling tournaments.

Players may opt out of CPC selections for up to three traveling tournaments, with additional exceptions by Board approval.

Player behavior on and off the field is considered in selections.

5. Selection Criteria

Selectors may evaluate players using APA rating, ability, horse performance, versatility, racket skills, tactics, history of play, horsemanship, teamwork, attendance, and behavior.

Players will be evaluated based on their intended competition horse.

6. Selector Rules & Conflict of Interest

Selectors must recuse themselves from discussion of any player with whom they have a personal or familial relationship.

Remaining selectors will complete evaluations in cases of recusal.

Selection sheets are final once submitted and compared.

7. Selector Qualifications

Selectors should attend tournaments, practices, and conduct evaluations fairly and consistently.

8. Complaints & Review Process

Selection complaints must be submitted in writing to the CPC Board President.

The Board will review the complaint with the Club Coach and provide a written response within one week.

9. Final Authority

Team selection decisions made in accordance with this policy, the CPC Bylaws, and APA regulations are final following Board review.