

Selectors Committee Report - August 2019

We recently held a hit-out for the development squad at Belrose BC. Close to 30 players, nominated by their Club selectors, took part in the day. There was a brief introduction, which outlined what selectors focus on when selecting the various representative teams and some practice tips, followed by a shortened game. The Zone Selectors were encouraged by several performances and intend to host another day in the second half of this calendar year where likely prospects will be pitted against established representatives.

In the near term, selectors will run trials to decide upon the squad for the Veterans (Over-70s) Inter-zone event to be held at The Greens The Entrance BC (Zone 15) in late October/early November. We are likely to run a couple of trials, initially pitting last year's "incumbents" against "challengers" before mixing up combinations to give everyone the best opportunity to be selected. We are confident we can select a strong team after learning from last year's inaugural event for this age group.

The representative calendar for 2020 requires our Open and Senior Inter-zone teams to be nominated by mid-February. This leaves very few weekends available for trials given that many prospective players may be away on holidays in January combined with the likely scheduling of a couple of Zone Championships in that early part of the year. As such, we are likely to run some trials in December, particularly for the Open team. The challenge with scheduling trials for the Senior team is not as great given that the vast majority of the eligible players are available for mid-week trials. Dates will be finalised by the selectors in office post the upcoming AGM.

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