



JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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OUR COMMITMENT

Skipping NT believe that junior sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our Association acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Emphasise to coaches and parents that junior sport is about participation, not competition.
- Modify rules and equipment where possible to include children and young people of all abilities and encourage their participation.
- Try to match junior skippers with others of their own ability (e.g. if there are enough skippers).
- Provide junior skippers with a broad range of experiences (e.g. participating in different groups and in different roles).
- Provide equal participation time for all juniors, regardless of their ability.
- Encourage boys and girls to skip together.

WHAT WE ASK YOU TO DO

Coaches

- Focus on promoting participation, not winning and losing.
- Ensure all team members have the chance to play, rotate through positions and receive equal participation time.
- If you coach your own children, treat them like all other team members (e.g. participation).

Parents

- Help out the coach where possible at training and competition.
- Focus on your child's effort and performance, not the score.
- Encourage your child and other team members.
- Respect the selection decisions of the coach.