

NCU SQUADS SELECTION CRITERIA: GIRLS AGE GROUPS - U13, U15, U17.

In consideration of the current stage of development in girls' cricket as compared to boys', the selection criteria for girls' underage Interprovincial Summer squads has been established differently. Please find the following criteria for girls' selection below.

U13 Squad Selection:

- This is a “Development Age Group” and therefore participation is encouraged more than anything else.
- Squads will be selected based on the appropriate age of the player and not necessarily on the ability of the players involved.
- Teams will be selected and decided on “equal & fair opportunities” and not around desired outcomes/results.
- As many of the players involved in the Winter Training squads as possible will receive opportunities to not only play games but also to bat and bowl (Please note: this isn't always possible - however every effort will be made).

U15 Squad Selection:

- U15 selection will be based on selecting the strongest U15 players available.
- If there are insufficient U15 Cricketers who have taken part in the Winter Training Programmes, a U13 player who is at an adequate standard may be included in a U15 Summer Squad.
- An extremely talented/exceptional U13 player may be selected for a U15 summer squad if we believe this opportunity will be beneficial and accelerate the learning of this player.
- The reason for this is that we believe this is a key age in club development, as players will either be dropping out or starting to play Senior Women's cricket.
- We feel that this criterion will help clubs get stronger and field more senior teams, as more U15s will be included in Inter-Pro squads and therefore remain motivated to play. We believe participation and giving as many girls as possible an opportunity to play, represent their union/region and experience success is vitally important in continuing to grow the girls/women's game in Northern Ireland.

U17 Squad Selection:

- U17 Girls Inter-Pros is the pinnacle of Girls' junior cricket and therefore will be selected based on the strongest players available, irrespective of age. We aim to use this playing environment to develop our most promising young cricketers.
- Other matches against the North West and our own challenge series will be used to give all U17 girls involved in our pathway playing opportunities throughout the season and we feel this is important in continuing to grow the girls/women's game in Northern Ireland.



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