**Rainham Cricket Club**

**Team Selection**

There shall be a selection committee consisting of the Club Captain, Captains and vice captains of each senior team. The teams for the weekend matches will be selected on the Wednesday before the match and the teams for the mid-week matches will be selected on a date to be specified when notice of the match is displayed on the club premises. In either case, teams will be selected from the names entered in the availability book prior to selection being made. Teams will be exhibited on the club premises and any selected player unable to play is expected to inform his team captain as soon as possible before the match.

**Team Selection Protocol**

**Weekend Fixtures**

All teams shall be selected by the selection committee, as constituted by the membership at the AGM. Selection will take place at the clubhouse, in private on the preceding Wednesday to the fixtures at 9pm.

**Midweek Fixtures**

All teams shall be selected by the selection committee as above but should be selected at the earliest opportunity depending on availability.

**Pre Season Friendlies, League & Cup Matches**

Teams shall be selected in order from 1st XI through to 3rd XI. Discussion should take place within the selection committee with the respective Captain and/or Vice Captain making the final decision on selection of his team. The Club Captain will have oversight and the casting vote if agreement is not reached.

Team selection should be made on merit regardless of membership type (Junior or Senior). This applies to all friendly matches played prior to the beginning of each league season.

**Post League Season Friendly Matches**

Teams shall be selected by the selection committee, achieving consensus. If consensus can not be reached, the majority will prevail, with the Club Captain having the casting vote should it be necessary. Balance of teams playing friendly matches and the relative strength of the opposition should be taken into account.

Senior members will take priority for team selection ahead of junior members regardless of perceived playing status or ability.

**All Matches**

Team selections shall be posted in the window of the clubhouse on Wednesday evening after the selection committee has completed, or as soon as possible in the case of midweek matches.

Late availability of members can be considered and teams adjusted accordingly if necessary, prior to teams being posted as above

Once posted, teams shall not be changed by any individual including Captains unless a selected player drops out voluntarily prior to the match being played. In these circumstances, the 12th Man will be selected in place of the player no longer available. If no 12th Man is available then discussion must take place with respective captains about the possibilities of moving players between teams, starting with any 12th Man selected for any teams with the captain of the highest ranking team taking priority over final selection. If no 12th Man is available then it is the relative Captains responsibility to attempt to fill the space using whichever means necessary.

Individuals shall NOT be available for selection if annual subscriptions are not paid by 1st of June.

If a full compliment of fully paid up members are not available for selection after 1st June, then in the interests of fulfilling fixtures, individuals may be selected who have not fully paid annual subscriptions on the understanding that a minimum of 50% of money owed will be paid on the day of the match. Thereafter, the remaining 50% must be paid upon the following match that individual plays in, following the selection rules above.

**New Members**

New or prospective members may be selected after 1st June without paying annual subscriptions for a maximum of 3 matches. After being selected for 3 matches annual subscriptions will be due as above.