

THE KENT COUNTY POOL ASSOCIATION



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COUNTY SQUAD RULES 2011.

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AB Squad

The 'AB squad' will consist of 22 players, selected annually by the KCPA Selection Committee. The names of the players selected for the squad will be announced by the Team Manager, following the annual Selection Committee meeting.

C Team

The 'C Team' shall consist of 12 players, selected annually by the KCPA Selection Committee. The names of the players selected for the team will be announced by the Team Manager, following the annual Selection Committee meeting.

Ladies Team

The 'Ladies Team' shall consist of 12 players, selected annually by the KCPA Selection Committee. The names of the players selected for the team will be announced by the Team Manager, following the annual Selection Committee meeting.

Youth Team

The 'Youth Team' shall consist of 15 players, selected annually by the KCPA Selection Committee. The names of the players selected for the team will be announced by the Team Manager, following the annual Selection Committee meeting.

Subscription Fees

All County Squad members must pay £20* per season for the subscription to their relevant team/squad. At least £10* of this must be paid prior to the start of the 2nd County fixture, with the remainder paid prior to the start of the 5th County fixture. Any player failing to meet this criteria will be immediately excluded from the County Squad and remain excluded until such time as the KCPA Committee states otherwise.

*Youth team players will receive a 50% reduction in the squad subscription fees.

Squad points

Points are awarded to each player as follows;

For frames played and won	A team	4 points
	B team	3 points
	C team	2 points
	Ladies team	2 points
	Youth team	2 points
For each frame not selected	All teams	50% of above points
For players attending the	Kent Open	5 points
	Ladies Open	5 points
	Youth Open	5 points

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General Squad Rules

1. The Team Manager is to issue each County Squad member with a Fixture List prior to the start of the season.
2. All players are expected to attend every match.
3. All reserves are expected to be available at short notice if required to attend a County Fixture.
4. If a player is unable to attend a match, he must inform the Team Manager, who in turn must notify the relevant team Captain.
5. If a player fails to inform the Team Manager of his/her unavailability, he/she will be issued with a warning against repeating the offence, and will also be deducted 5 points.
6. Any player failing to attend a second match, in the same season, without the prior permission of the Team Manager, will be suspended from the County Squad with immediate effect and will be deducted a further 5 points. Reinstatement to the squad will only be considered after an explanation has been submitted by the offending player, in writing, to the KCPA County Committee.
7. Any player asking to be excused from more than two matches in one season must do so, in writing, to the KCPA Committee. The KCPA Committee reserve the right to refuse to sanction the player's exclusion, therefore effectively suspending the player for the remainder of the season.
8. Any player who does not intend to represent the County Squad for the following season is expected to inform the Team Manager at the end of the current season. Failure to inform the Team Manager may result in the player being suspended from the County Squad.
9. Any player suspended from the County Squad, will be placed on a register, kept by the KCPA County Secretary, and will not be allowed to trial, or apply to rejoin the County Squad, for a period of no less than 12 months. The actual period of suspension will be decided by full KCPA Committee.
10. EPA dress code applies for all County Fixtures

County Fixtures

On the Saturday, 8 days prior to a County Fixture, the Squad Captain, or his representative, will notify the Team Manager of the 11 players he has selected to represent the A team for the upcoming match. The Team Manager, or his representative, shall be responsible for posting the team selection on the KCPA website forum. The remaining players from the squad will then make up the B team for the upcoming match. If the Team Manager is aware that the B team is to be short of players for the match, he should, after consultation with the Squad Captain, select a C team player to be promoted to the B team for the upcoming match and, if possible, post the B team on the website forum also.

It is the Team Manager's responsibility to inform all reserves required to bring the Squads up to full strength.

No reserve player may be selected to play in place of a County Squad member if that member is available to play.

No C team player may be selected to play in place of an AB Squad member, if that member is available to play.

Promotion and Relegation

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At the end of the season, promotion and relegation will be decided according to the following criteria;

- 1 Players occupying positions 1 to 16 in the AB Squad will be retained in the AB Squad
- 2 Players occupying positions 17 to 22 in the AB Squad will be relegated to the C Team.
- 3 Players occupying positions 1 and 2 in the C Team will be promoted to the AB Squad.
- 4 Players occupying positions 3 to 6 in the C Team will be retained in the C Team.
- 5 Players occupying positions 7 to 12 in the C Team will be considered by the KCPA selection committee, who will either retain them in the C Team, or submit them for re-trial at the KCPA Secondary Trials.
- 6 Players occupying positions 1-8 in the Ladies Team will be retained, along with any England International occupying one of the remaining places. The remaining players will be submitted for re-trial at the KCPA Ladies Secondary Trials.
- 7 The Ladies Team Captain will be issued with 1 'Wild Card', which she may use without consultation
- 8 The resulting unfilled places in all County Squads will be filled by the KCPA selection committee by way of 'Wild Cards'

Wild Cards

Players that may be issued with a 'Wild Card' entry into the AB Squad include the following;

- 1 Any 'AB Squad' member finishing the previous season in positions 17 to 20
- 2 Any 'C Team' player finishing the previous season below 2nd position
- 3 Any 'Youth Team' player of exceptional quality**
- 4 Any former KCPA Squad member who has applied through the correct channels
- 5 Any player of exceptional quality** who has applied through the correct channels

Players that cannot be issued with 'Wild Cards' into the AB Squad include the following;

- 1 Any 'AB Squad' member finishing the previous season in positions 21 or 22
- 2 Any player who has not been classed as 'exceptional quality**' by the full KCPA committee
- 3 Any player who has not applied through the correct channels

** A player can only be classed as 'exceptional quality' by the full KCPA Committee

Wild Cards can only be issued by the KCPA Selection Committee at the annual KCPA Selection Committee meeting.

Youth Team

After consultation with the Youth Team Manager, the KCPA Selection Committee may promote any number of the current 'Youth Squad' that has reached an age where they are no longer allowed to represent the 'Youth Team'

Promotion/Relegation during the season

At the halfway point of the season, the KCPA Team Selection Committee may decide to promote and/or relegate players between the 'AB Squad and 'C Team'. This would only usually be considered if a player, or a number of players, is performing at an exceptionally high, or low, standard.

Withdrawals/Expulsions

If a player withdraws, or is expelled, from the 'AB Squad' during the season, the KCPA Selection Committee will decide whether to promote a 'C Team' player into the 'AB Squad', or continue for the remainder of the season with a depleted 'AB Squad'

No player is allowed to join, or rejoin, the KCPA Squad during the course of a season.