



# National Roller Hockey Association of England Limited

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## **ENGLAND "TEAM" SELECTION.**

Factors to be taken into consideration when selecting a Roller Hockey "TEAM".

The "TEAM" comprises :-     2 Goal-keepers  
  8 Field players

On rink at any one time :-     1 Goal-keeper  
  4 Field players

With the field players it would be ideal if they could all play in any of the 4 positions.

However, realistically, this is rarely the case.

Each player is an individual with particular strengths and weaknesses.

When selecting a "TEAM", many factors have to be considered :-

- (i) Left or right handed
- (ii) Naturally offence or defence
- (iii) Technical ability
- (iv) Sporting mentality
- (v) Tactical awareness
- (vi) Team bondability
- (vii) Team balance
- (viii) Fitness level
- (ix) Understanding of the system of play

The selection of England Teams comprises the following stages: -

### 1. Open Sessions

This is when all aspiring England players can attend training sessions run by the National Coaching Director and his Coaching Team.

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## 2. Reduced Squad

At a point, the National Coaching Director will announce those players who will make up a reduced number that he will continue to work with.

This will be known as the reduced squad from which the final "TEAM" will be selected.

## 3. Final Team

The final team will be announced at a suitable point in time and will go on to complete a final Preparation Plan and compete in the International Event.

When selecting field players the ideal is to have 2 similar players for each of the 4 positions.

The Final Team will not necessarily comprise the 10 best technical players in England, the 10 most tactically aware or the 10 fittest players in England.

Good players can be left out of the Final Team because they are competing against 2 better players for the same position.

The Final Team will comprise the best 10 players to make up the "TEAM" that the Coach needs.

The over-riding consideration is that we are selecting a "TEAM"

The Coach has been appointed to select the best "TEAM" to represent his/her Club/Country.

It is his/her ultimate responsibility to get the best out of the "TEAM" and for winning or losing.

His/her decisions must be respected and accepted however disappointing it may be for those not finally selected.

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