



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY POLO CLUB

SELECTION POLICY

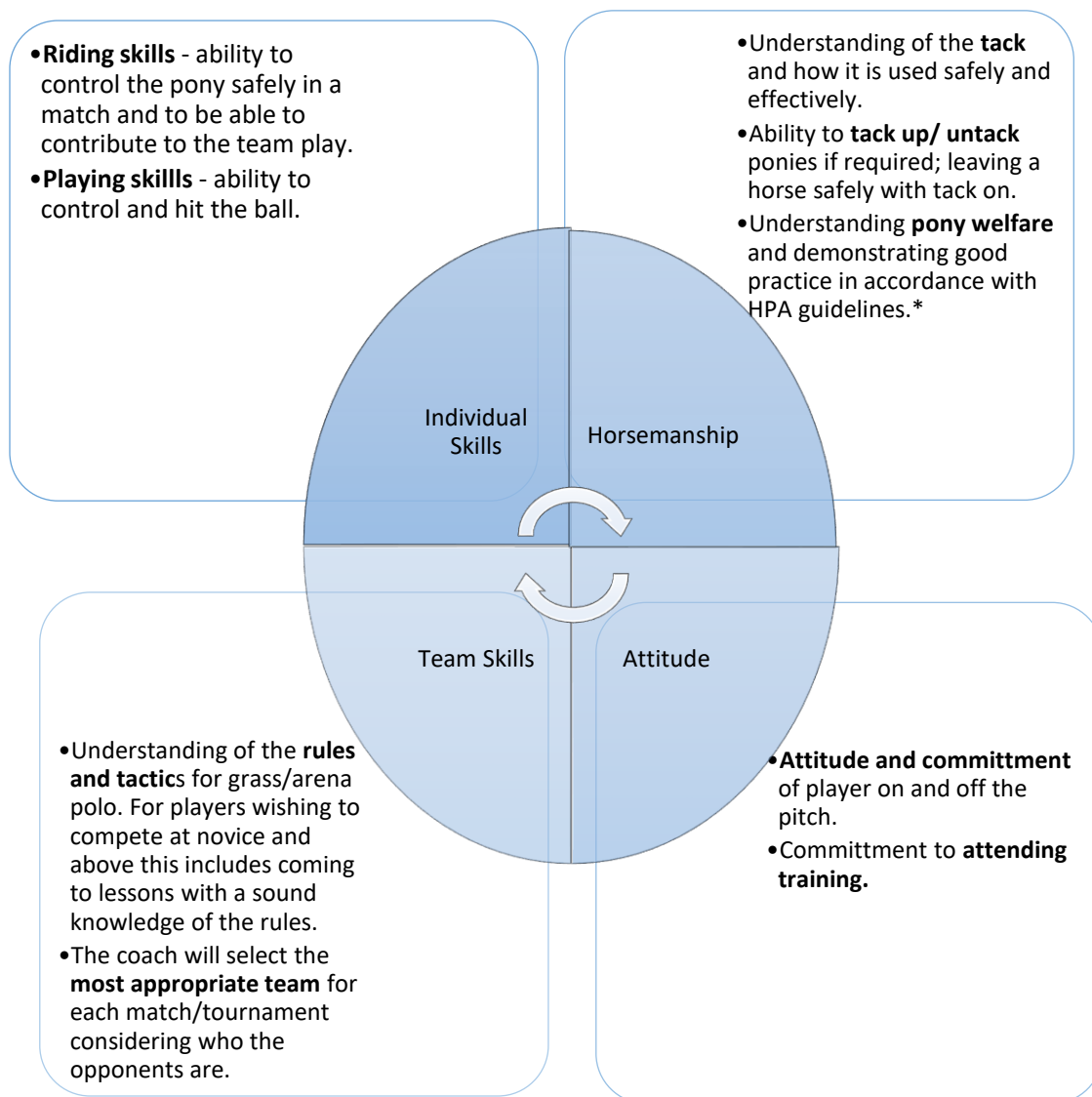
All team selections will be made by the official CUPC Coaches. Where there are potential conflicts of interest that may affect the selection process, steps will be taken to ensure the process is fair and no player is disadvantaged. Any player aware of a conflict of interest must disclose this to the Coaches (coach@cupoloclub.com) and/or the Executive Committee (polomanager@cupoloclub.com) at the earliest opportunity. This information will be treated confidentially by both the Executive Committee and CUPC Coaches. Failure to disclose any potential conflicts of interest may result in that individual being removed from the selection process.

Unless stated otherwise, selection will be made based on performance during training. As assessment of players will be continuous throughout the year, it is therefore highly advisable that any players wishing to be considered for matches are attending CUPC training regularly. This selection policy will apply both to matches and lesson levels.

To qualify for selection, the Coach must approve the player as safe to play at the required level. The player must also meet all the requirements of the match/tournament organisers; players will be informed at the start of selection if there are any issues or any actions that need to be taken for a player to become eligible. For some grass matches this may include successful completion of the HPA rules test. Although handicaps will be taken into consideration, the players with the highest handicap will not automatically be selected. Polo is a team sport and selections will be made so as to generate a team that works well together.

Please note that players will automatically be withdrawn from selection if they have any outstanding debts to CUPC.

For eligible players, the following criteria will be used for assessment:



*(Further information on general equid welfare can be found in the Code of practice for the welfare of horses, ponies, donkeys and their hybrids – https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/700200/horses-welfare-codes-of-practice-april2018.pdf)

Any complaints about the selection policy can be raised via the welfare officer (Lydia Roe, membership@cupoloclub.com).