

Spirit of the rules

The rules expect clubs to be naming players who are regularly playing in that team. To this extent, clubs should not need to change their selection on a regular basis but there will be no limit to the number of times clubs can change their selection.

Examples of where the spirit of the rules may be broken:

- A club does not name a regular player in any team in order to allow them to play freely for all teams.
- A club changes their team selection when one or more of their teams does not have a fixture, to drop a higher player into a lower team, only to change this back for the next fixture for the higher team.
- A club selects a player with a long-term injury or long-term known absence.

These are just a few examples and meant to be representative rather than exhaustive.

Administering the rules

Due to their flexible nature, there may be times where club are not adhering to the spirit of these rules. If this is the case then the Competitions Committee will look to hold discussions with clubs in the first instance*, outlining the responsibilities of clubs to uphold the integrity of SKA Competitions. Further instances would be referred to the SKA Management Committee to determine the appropriate action which could be a further warning, fine and/or points deduction in line with the current disciplinary procedure.

Members and clubs are able to raise issues with player selection to the Competitions Committee to investigate.

*There may be cases where the breach of the spirit of the rules is deemed severe enough in the first instance that it is referred directly to the SKA Management Committee.