**Pine Hills Lightning Baseball Club (PHLBC) Team Selection Criteria**

Following are the criteria set by the Executive to be used for division 1 team selections.

It has been written based on the principles of:

1. **Transparency/visibility to all**
   1. The selection criteria are clear, and can be justified in the decision making process
   2. The selection criteria are common across age groups
2. **For the benefit of the club as a whole** 
   1. It is a balanced approach for all players
3. **Sustainable**
   1. Having a clear policy up front will provide guidance in subsequent seasons
   2. Team selection criteria will be known by all up front, and members can choose before hand whether to sign-on at this club or not

***Division 1 selection criteria for team placement for U14s and U16s***

The following guidelines should be applied in order.

* All players must attend Spring Training (unless PHLBC is advised beforehand that they cannot attend)
* All players must have demonstrated that they are committed to training and playing at the appropriate level.

1. Player having already played 1 year in the relevant age group and now playing in 2nd year, and assessed by the PHLBC coaching staff at division 1 standard/experience.
2. Player playing in first year of relevant age group who made RAMS team selection prior to the commencement of the season.
3. Player playing in first year of relevant age group who made RAMS shadow selection prior to the commencement of the season.
4. Player playing in first year of relevant age group who made RAMS squad selection prior to the commencement of the season.
5. Player playing in first year of relevant age group who made Metro team selection prior to the commencement of the season.
6. Player playing in first year of relevant age group who is assessed by PHLBC coaching staff at division 1 standard.

A player who signs on after teams are announced will be placed in a team based on the needs of the teams.

***Criteria when multiple teams in same division***

* PHLBC will endeavour to select teams that will be competitive in their division to promote enjoyment of the game for all players.
* Where there are multiple teams in the same age group division (division 1 and/or division 2) then the teams will be selected so that they are of equal strength/capability.