

## AUBC Sport Selection Policy

This policy sets out the policy to be adopted by all Team Coaches/Managers in the selection of players to represent their team during the Winterball season including finals.

AU Sport recommends that there should be a balance between equal playing time and the need to win. AU Sport believes, where possible, all players should be given an equal amount of time over the course of a season / competition / event. This does not require equal playing time in each game or in any finals game. The coach is granted discretion as to how this is achieved, based on:

- the calibre of the opposition
- the safety of the athlete concerned
- the status of the game (i.e. finals)
- the preparation of the player
- the balance of the team

A commitment by the coach to play players equally requires a commitment by players to try their hardest. When players do not fulfil their commitment, this policy provides that the Coach is no longer obligated to fulfil his/her commitment to provide the player with equal playing time. For players, an equal playing time system is better defined as an 'equal opportunity system'. Players can take advantage of these opportunities, and thereby increase the likelihood of getting equal playing time, by helping their team mates through:

- preparing themselves (physically and mentally) to play to the best of their ability at all times
- playing to the best of their ability
- behaving appropriately and with respect