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To all club Captains and Vice-Captains and players (Copied to all players 2nd August, and posted in dressing room)

The President and Chairman of the club wish to re-establish the selection policy of the club, given the next 6 weeks are critical to the club's future Birmingham league status. It is felt that there have been instances of players dictating where they should play, and we now request that all players make a statement that they are playing members of Ashfield and wish to do everything they are capable of to help meet the aims of the club. This means in essence playing where they are picked and doing everything they can on the field and off it to ensure the success of the team they are selected for.

To this end Captains are required to follow to the letter the following obvious procedures:

- ❑ availability is taken after every club game and selection will take place between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs
- ❑ having been selected for an XI in the best interests of the club as a whole (with the explicit aim of the 1st XI achieving the highest possible divisional placing for 2004) if unable or unwilling to play in that game, (no excuses are acceptable for the remainder of the 2003 season), **will not play for the club that weekend - even if short**. This includes players suddenly available at 10 to 1 for a side when previously said unavailable. The team will play with 10 men if necessary! If a player becomes available and a natural gap occurs, then 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI captains must all be consulted before a player is reinstated, and only then if ALL 3 captains agree.
- ❑ also to establish, late cry-offs, the captain (ie 1st or 2nds) will name and take, without debate, the player he requires in order for his team to maximise chances of success, both at 1st and 2nd XI level.
- ❑ any movement outside of this will result in calling of an emergency management meeting by President and Chairman with a single item which will be discuss the status of the captain concerned. Likewise, for a player abusing the above, or clearly not trying when selected for a side, the same will occur with a view to disciplining the player, with likely expulsion.
- ❑ players are requested to respect the selection and not put the captains of the club in a difficult position. Obviously all captains have the clubs overarching welfare as their key consideration.
- ❑ at such a time when the 1st XI position is finalised (ie. Their 2004 destiny is final, the focus would become on 2nd XI placing, following the above principles, and likewise if they have secured promotion, or are relegated, with the 1sts already determined also, the focus would become 3rd XI achievement.

We wish all players the best of luck on the field, whichever side they are selected for, and thank you all for putting the club's objectives before personal preferences at this critical time.

Peter Haynes
Chairman

Robin Shears
President