



Player Selection Policy

Below are the main principles used by our club in selecting teams / players:

- Kids sport is for kids, not adults – make sure you understand & prioritise what kids want
- Kids sport should be fun, safe and inclusive, and maximise individual participation
- Kids are less likely to enjoy sport if there is an over emphasis on winning, they don't get enough playing time or they don't play with their friends
- A broad range of experiences (eg. team positions) adds variety, sustains interest and fosters skill development
- Well graded competitions allow for better skill development and cater to children, particularly those in their teenage years, who seek competitiveness
- Early specialisation can result in overuse injuries, over training, boredom, limit skill development and prevent a broad understanding of the game.

Grading

- Teams may be graded as required (ie: more than 1 team in an age group)
- Grading will be held during pre-season for each required age group
- Dates will be advised by social media & email to existing & new members
- Attendance at all grading is recommended to enable the player to be placed in the most appropriate team for their level of skill.
- All players attending grading must be registered with a current email address, mobile number, name and date of birth or they will not receive any correspondence from the club. Details of how to register with the club are on the club website.
- Players unable to attend grading should notify the club in writing so that the club may apply the appropriate consideration for the player.
- The club will appoint a coaching panel to oversee grading for each age group and players will be assessed on technical and tactical skill as well as attitude.
- Squad selection will be made by the coaching panel with advice from the age group coaches from the previous year
- The club will then make provisional squad selections based on grading results, players and positions available in that age group.

Player and team selection

- Players will be selected into age appropriate squads for preseason where there are squads available.

- Although the club recognises the importance of social relationships in the club, players cannot expect to play with friends if skills are disparate or to be readily entitled to a position in last season's team. Grading is done on ability and team selection is done within the bounds of positions available in the club. It is not in a player's best interest to be playing with children of greatly differing ability.
- Making new friends is one of life's skills and a team sport is a great way to practice this. Parents and coaches will ask for social relationships to be considered however this will be a secondary consideration when selecting an age group squad.
- The club will make training arrangements according to our coaching and facility availability and footballing policies. Training times will depend on coach's availability (they all work as well as coach), pitch availability and the number of teams the club fields. Training times cannot be changed to suit individual players.
- The number of teams in each age group will depend upon the number of players available in that age group.
- Teams may need to be split or combined from previous years depending on the number of players registered.
- Players will grade & play in their respective age range. Exemptions are only permitted upon application to the club in writing. Players will only play above their age range if their football skill level is assessed as high.
- Each player will be selected to play for the club and a team based on the following general criteria:
 - Grading assessment and age group
 - Behaviour and attitude on the field towards the game, other players and coaching staff
 - Past performance and history with the club
 - Technical and tactical skill
 - Team fit and requirements

Mini Roos

For Mini-Roos, the club will generally make places available to all returning members and new players. Mini-Roos players will be selected into teams according to their grading or past history with the club. Every endeavour will be made by the club to retain players in teams however the club retains the right to name players in any squad as recommended by the coaching panel.

Juniors

The club cannot guarantee a spot for returning members and new players. The club has limited places for Junior players & will select players in Juniors according to availability of positions given specific players capabilities & team fit.