

JUNIORS SELECTION POLICY



This document has been produced to clarify the team/group selection process. It is Club policy to support our Coaches in any reasonable decisions they make. The Club requires our Coaches to adhere to the following guidelines as far as practicable:

The Team Selection Policy and Guidelines are reviewed at least annually and every effort will be made to ensure that all parties have access to this information.

- **Age Group's aged 11 & below**

In these age groups, the emphasis is placed on participation and enjoyment. Additional goals are the acquisition of touch football skills and the nurturing of physical and emotional development and wellbeing.

Where two sides are formed in the same age group, regardless of their standing, it is the wish of the Club that the two sides will be picked by the Coaches to form two 'equal' teams. The Committee will assist the Coaches select the sides, if required.

Participants within this age group will train within their age group allocation, unless the Committee and Coaches agree to a special dispensation to move the participant due to their skill level.

- **Age Group's 12 & above**

The Club aspires to provide players the opportunity to play in the highest level within the competition. A Club's grading is determined by the performance of these age group teams in matches over the season.

Where there is a single side in any age group selection of the side is the responsibility of the appointed coach.

Where two sides are formed in the same age group, Coaches are empowered to select teams but it is the wish of the Club that the two sides will be picked by the Coaches to form two 'equal' teams. This is to be based on the Coaches judgment and perception of the player's abilities, potential, development, attitude, commitment and the need for team balance. The Committee will assist the Coaches select the sides if required.

- **Special needs**

The Club appreciates that there may be extenuating circumstances, and that some players may wish to be in a particular side. Such requests should be made through the Coaches and Committee.

