

Team Formation Policy

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Team Formation U8s to U11s Mixed, U10 Girls, U12 Girls Divisions 2 & Below

The core ideal for team formation in these age groups is that players are formed in teams with their mates.

A balance needs to be achieved to ensure that the final team is not made up of players from one single school – this is designed to promote interactions with children from the broader community. The guiding principle in this regard is that no more than 50% of the team should be from the one school.

For the purposes of clarity, there is no formal grading process in these age groups.

Final Teams will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Team Formation U12 Girls Division 1, U12 Mixed & above, U14 Girls & above, U15 Boys & above

Hard Grading and Movement of players in these Age Groups and above. Teams are graded according to an internal assessment by the designee Coach, Assistant Coach, Age Group Coordinator, year level coaches and the Executive Committee.

Other Considerations Applicable for All Age Groups

Where two or more sides are formed in the same age group, the composition of the teams will be selected before the commencement of games by the Coaches & Age Group Co-Ordinator to form teams with equal numbers, where possible.

Introduce squad training to facilitate expanding the “team feeling” across multiple teams in an age group and the development of a club culture.

Players will be allocated to teams by Age Group Coordinators and final player allocations will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Target of having 22 players per team, with a maximum of 25 players per team. Any exceptions to the maximum to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Previously registered players have preference over new players to the club.

All players must be registered correctly in their own age group.

All players should play in their correct age groups except in exceptional circumstances:

- Insufficient numbers in an older age group; or
- To enable an even balance of players in all teams; or
- Where Coaches agree that development of a player would be enhanced by playing in an older age group and the player can play at that level.
- Playing in a higher age group will require the approval of the Executive Committee