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TEAM SELECTION POLICY

RATIONALE

The Club is committed to ensuring that each player has the opportunity to learn and develop skills appropriate for their stage of development within a family-oriented, social environment. Players will be encouraged to achieve their best within this supportive environment. The Club also recognises that football is a competitive sport. Some players will look for a more competitive *element* and where possible will be encouraged and supported through training and development programmes aimed at helping them develop a higher level **and through the provision of more competitive teams where appropriate.**

TEAM SELECTION

- Where there is more than one team in an age group, players for teams 12s and above may be graded or assessed by club officials in order to support the needs of the club, coaches and individual players and will be placed on the basis of skill level, individual needs and team requirements.
- Players for teams 11s and under who wish to play in a team with friends may nominate up to two players names on their Registration form. The Club will endeavour to place players in the same team or squad but cannot guarantee to satisfy all requests. The Club will also accept requests from players to remain with the same team as the previous season, however this may not always be possible and the club reserves the right to move players across teams where it is considered necessary.
- The club will stream players into Competitive and Development teams at 12s age group as required. Players in 10s and 11s teams will be assessed by the club to assist in allocating players to teams and in allocation of teams to leagues, through *soft grading* (assessment in consultation with coaches and Committee, without formal trials), but the focus will remain on keeping teams and friends together as much as possible.
- Players in 8s and 9s age groups may be assessed by the club in order to balance teams across competitions.
- The Committee understands that whilst players may wish to play in the same team as their friends it is not always possible and while every attempt will be made to accommodate players, the Committee's decision will be final
- Late registering players will not be able to take part in initial team placement and will be assessed and placed as deemed appropriate at the absolute discretion of the Committee.
- The Committee will not approve the placement of more players in any team than can be accommodated on the match card unless a special request is received from the Coach of the team and supported by the Team Manager. In special circumstances the club may seek to place additional players in a team however in these situations Club officials will consult with the team coach prior to allocating an additional player or players to a team.
- The Club will accept requests from players to play at a higher age group one year above their natural age providing that playing in a higher age group will not result in another player being refused registration in their natural age group. The Committee will not allow a player to play more than one age group higher than their natural age without written approval from the players parents and, where required, from Football West.
- Age adjusted players will be reviewed by the Allocation Committee annually. Playing up to the next age group is **not necessarily** guaranteed year on year and is at the discretion of the Committee.
- After assessment (if required), and taking into account requests made by players The Committee will allocate players to a team. The decision of the Committee will be final.