



Grading Policy

To whom does this apply:

- All players wishing to trial for the highest graded team in each age group as determined by the Management Committee AND all new players to the Club will be graded by the Grading Committee, consisting of a minimum 3 members of the Club each year. This is to establish numbers and a guide as to who may like to trial for the top team.
- All other players returning to the Club will be placed in their previous season team where possible. The Management Committee reserves the right to vary the composition of teams as required.

Requests.

Parents may make requests for players to be placed with certain other players based on individual requirements. These requests **MUST** be made when the player registers and must be entered by the registrars into the Clubs records. Requests will only be accepted from the players and/or their parents/carer, not from coaches or friends. (*Requests are just that, a request. There is no guarantee that each and every request can or will be granted*). Requests will not be accepted once grading commences.

How does grading work:

- Coaches for all teams will be announced **BEFORE** grading commences. Any issues members have with their children playing under a particular coach are to be dealt with before grading/training begins.
- Players who wish to trial for the top team in the division are to indicate so on their registration form. Only these players are required to attend grading.
- The initial grading will be carried out over a 2 to 3 week period. During this time the Grading Committee will assess the players by conducting skill drills and training games. Further grading may take place during the trial games.
- The grading committee will review player's abilities as grading progresses. They may cut players from grading at any time. If this happens the player will be placed in one of the lower graded teams based on the grading committee's assessment of their ability and other influencing factors such as requests and teams that friends may be in.
- The Grading Committee will discuss the top graded teams with the Management Committee to finalise team selections. The Grading Committee may also discuss the team composition with coaches and anyone else they may feel can assist in the grading process. The final decision on the team composition rests with the Grading Committee.
- Under no circumstances will any player or parent be advised of whether a player has made the top graded team or not until the teams have been finalised.
- The Grading Committee will only announce the top graded teams when it has finalized them. The teams will then be handed over to the appointed coaches. These initial teams may contain more/less than the required number of players based on where players grade. In these cases players will play trial games in these teams after which players may be moved up or down into a different grade.
- All discussions re grading are to be directed to the chairperson of the grading committee or the President. They are best qualified to answer any issues that parents or players may have.
- Players, in general, **WILL** not be regraded down a grade after the final teams have been announced.
- If a player does need to be regraded after the final teams have been announced it can only be done with the approval of the Management Committee.

Late Registrations:

In the case of late registrations after grading has been completed the following process will apply:

- If a late registration is accepted by the Club, the player will be asked if they wish to trial for the top graded team. If a position exists in the top graded team then the player will be

allowed to trial. The player will be registered in the lowest graded team. This will allow the player to be regraded to the top team before or during the competition. If a position is not available in the top team they will be placed in a suitable team by the grading committee.

- The grading committee will assess the suitability of the player trialing in the top team and advise of whether the player is successful or not. If not, the player will be placed in a suitable lower graded team.
- Should the player need to be moved from the team they are registered with, it will only be done where a vacancy in another team exists (players may need to move up an age division).
- Players already selected in a team WILL, in general, NOT be regraded to accommodate a late registration. Any regrading is subject to the approval of the Management Committee.

All Age Teams (Including Over 35s):

If a team of 14 or more players is presented to the Club we will accept the whole team and keep the team together. If a team is entered in this fashion the team MUST also nominate a person who can referee games for the Club as and when required (within reason).

The remaining team positions (up to 16 players) can be filled at the Management Committee's discretion. This only applies for the All Age and Over 35 competitions.

The Management Committee reserves the right not to accept a team registration if it would be detrimental to the development of teams and players who have previously played for the Club.

All Senior Teams are to ensure they have at least one player/person associated with their team who is prepared to referee as and when required (within reason)

Reference: Club By-Laws

Club Handbook

Club Handbook for Coaches and Managers