

Grading Policy

1. The objective of the grading system is to ensure that player(s) of equal ability are placed together and that their team is then placed into a division where they will remain competitive.
2. All grading of eligible players within the "Club" shall be carried out by the grading committee.
3. The Club Coaching Co-Coordinator shall head the grading committee and the committee shall be made up of three (3) other "Club" coaches. They must hold a current level one (1) coaching accreditation.
4. Coaches wishing to apply for a position on the grading committee must lodge their applications (in writing) on or before the "Club's" second registration day. In the event of more than three (3) coaches applying for a position on the grading committee the Club Coaching Co-Coordinator in liaison with the "Club" Management Committee shall appoint the coaches to the grading committee.
5. Team coaches will be asked to rate all players' performance at the end of each season then submit a recommendation as to whether or not the player should be moved in the following season. This information will then be used to place players into initial team placing and a caretaker coach will be appointed (by the Executive Committee) prior to grading being completed. New Players will be assessed taking into account playing experience and level played as well as being assessed during grading sessions)
6. Grading will be carried out when there is more than one team per age group. The players will be graded on their performance during the session and feedback from last seasons coach. If necessary, trial games will be used to grade players.
7. The number of grading sessions will be determined by the grading committee. Attendance at grading days is not compulsory BUT if players wish to be considered for grading in a higher division they MUST attend specified grading days. If they wished to be assessed and are unavailable they must give prior notification to the Club Coaching co-Coordinator.)
8. Any "Member" of the grading committee shall have no input in relation to their own child's grading.
9. After grading has been completed players will then be placed into final team allocations (pending any appeals). The grading committee will then be responsible for the placement of each team into a particular division. Both of these will be done by a majority vote of the grading committee. The Coaching Coordinator shall have a second and casting vote.
10. At this point coaches and managers will also be appointed (this will be done by the Management Committee).
11. Any appeals must be lodged in writing to the "Club" Management Committee within seventy two (72) hours of final team allocations (players may be required to attend a special grading session). Their decision will be final.