



AFL VICTORIA

TEAM SELECTION

**POLICY/GUIDELINES
AND CLUB TEMPLATE**

..... FOOTBALL CLUB

TEAMS SELECTION POLICY & GUIDELINES

(AFL Victoria Regulation 5.1.4 (e))

<Template for use as deemed appropriate>

This document has been produced to clarify the team 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:

- **Age Group's U/12 & below**

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

Where two sides are formed in the same age group, regardless of their divisional 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.

Our league policy allows for ... players to play in an under-age match in these age groups. The League requires, and the Club expects, that all players be permitted to play a minimum of a half game as far as practicable.

- **Age Group's U/13 through to U/17**

The Club aspires to provide players the opportunity to play in the highest level within the league. A Club's grading is determined by the performance of these age group teams in matches over the season. A greater emphasis is placed upon individual and team performances.

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 and in different Divisions, Coaches are empowered to select 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.

Where two sides are formed in the same age group and in the same division, 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.

Our league policy allows for ... players to play in an under-age match in these age groups. The League requires, and the Club expects, that all players be permitted to play a minimum of a half game as far as practicable. Coaches must endeavor to provide the maximum number of players an opportunity to participate.

- **Age group's U/18, U/19 or Open-age**

The Club aspires to provide players the opportunity to play in the highest level within the league. A Club's divisional allocation is determined by the performance of the senior team in the previous season and / or the number of divisions.

The selection of the side is the responsibility of the appointed coaching panel. 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 Team Managers of the respective teams in accordance with the club conflict resolution procedure.

- **Refunds of registration fees and jumper deposits**

Players may withdraw from a team up to and including Round 3 and obtain a full refund of their Registration Fee less insurance, affiliation fee of \$.... and Jumper Deposit (on return of their jumper in a proper state). After Round 3, the remainder of the Registration Fee is non-refundable.

- **Registrations after commencement of season - Juniors**

No additional junior registrations will be accepted without the express consent of any affected Coach after the commencement of the playing season. Where teams have at least 25 players, additional players will not be registered unless there are extenuating circumstances. In any such instance the Coach must outline their reasons for consideration by the Committee.

In all circumstances the club abides by our league policy that does not allow registrations beyond a total of per team.

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.