

Glen Iris Junior Football Club – Team Selection Guidelines

The Glen Iris Junior Football Club (GIJFC) is a community football club that aims to promote participation, enjoyment and development for boys and girls wanting to play Australian Rules football.

As part of this, GIJFC strives to ensure that all players are involved in a positive environment where enjoyment, skill learning and development are priorities and not overshadowed by a desire to win – in all age groups and for all teams.

Such aims are consistent with the objectives of the AFL.

It is the view of GIJFC that these pursuits are best achieved when teams comprise players with a mix of existing friendships, new social / school groups and an even spread of ability.

Teams are selected by the club's football department in conjunction with the age group coordinators and individual coaches of teams. Representations should not be made by coaches / officials to parents re which team their child will play in.

Experience has taught the club that teams largely comprising children from one school can have difficulties in later years when conflicts arise re school commitments such as camps and social functions. Therefore, and particularly in the younger age groups, teams will comprise children from different schools.

In some years, the number of teams will reduce from what the age group had in the previous year. Players will need to be re-allocated amongst the remaining teams. Team allocation will be done in accordance with the previously mentioned guidelines. It will not be seen as an opportunity to "grade" teams.

It is the club's policy that "grading" will occur from under 13, up. At such time, players will be invited to attend "try outs". Teams are selected by the club's football department in conjunction with the age group coordinator and individual coaches of teams. Separate Guidelines have been developed for grading in under 13's.

In allocating players to teams, preference will be given to those players who played with the club in the prior year, providing the player has registered by the due date.

For new players registering for the first time, the club will endeavor to allocate such players to teams on the basis of friendships, but will only do so after returning players have been allocated to their team of preference and providing it does not compromise any other criteria.

With over 550 players to place in teams, the task of team allocation can be difficult. We ask all parents and players to be appreciative that the club will do its best to try and achieve an outcome that fulfills these objectives.