



EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

Rules for the Allocation of Players into Teams

Purpose

To set out the rules for allocating players to sides to ensure players are appropriately matched into teams according to age, skill and ability in a fair and transparent manner.

Responsibility

Coaching Coordinator, Club President, Coaches

Policy

1. Players shall at first be placed in **the lowest age group** that they are **eligible to play in** based on the BJFL Date of Birth Requirements. *For example, a player who is eligible for both Under 10 and Under 12 based on their date of birth will be placed in the Under 10's. A parent **may request** that their child is placed in the Under 12's but such requests **will only be considered** if the Under 10's have sufficient players and the Under 12's have insufficient players.* The same applies to all other age groups with overlapping date of birth eligibility requirements.
2. If the makeup of each age group meets the policy set out above (ie, the lower age group has sufficient players and the older age group has insufficient players), the player selection subcommittee shall assess whether the **player has the appropriate skill and ability** to play in the upper age group. The player selection subcommittee shall consist of the Coaching Coordinator, the Club President and one other EJFC committee member.
3. The reasons for the parent request (eg, wants to play with a certain person/coach, doesn't want to play with a certain person/coach) will be **considered**, however these will have the **lowest weighting** in the decision process.

Under 9 & 10

1. Where there is more than one team in an age group, players will be allocated to teams based on a first registered basis.
2. In the event that the Under 10 team is short of players to fill the minimum registration requirements of the BJFL, players with appropriate skill and ability in the Under 9 age group may be elevated to the Under 10 age group if the Under 9 age group has more registered players than is permitted by the BJFL.
3. The decision on whether a player has the appropriate skill and ability will be made by the player selection subcommittee.



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Under 12

1. Players will be placed into the A or B team (and subsequent teams if there are sufficient numbers for greater than 2 teams) according to age. This means that the top age players will be placed in the A team and the bottom age players in the B team.
2. If there are insufficient top age players to fill the A team, the coaches will identify the bottom age players they feel have the appropriate skill and ability to be placed in the A team and shall make a request to the Coaching Coordinator to assess these players. The player selection subcommittee (in consultation with the coaches) will then assess the players at a training session and a decision on which team the player is allocated to will be made.
3. In the event that a coach feels a player doesn't have the appropriate skill and ability for the team that they have been placed in, a request shall be made to the Coaching Coordinator to assess the player. The player selection subcommittee (in consultation with the coach) will then assess the player at a training session and a decision will be made to best support the player and their development.

Under 14 & 16

1. Under 14 and Under 16 teams shall be selected on skill and ability.
2. All players will train together for the first 3 weeks of training to enable the coaches and Coaching Coordinator to assess their skill and ability. The players will then be split into seniors and reserves.
3. The Coaching Coordinator and the player selection subcommittee shall assist and support the coaches in the selection process as required.
4. Under BJFL rules, 10 players are nominated to play in the senior team only and cannot play in a lower division. All other players can be rotated through either team based on availability, skill, ability and form. If a player is not consistently receiving reasonable game time (ie, greater than 50%) in the senior team for reasons of ability the player can be selected in the reserves team. This is providing the player is not one of the 10 nominated players. Depending on player numbers, a player from the reserves team may need to be moved to the senior team.

Under 12, Under 15 and Under 18 Girls

1. Players will be allocated to teams based on their age and on a first registered basis.