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MANNUM FOOTBALL CLUB

Team selection in Junior Grades policy

# Our commitment

We believe that junior sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport.

# What we will do

* Emphasize to coaches and parents that junior sport is about participation, not competition.
* Coaches to play players on ground before lower grade players.
* Play players from selected age group before lower grade players.
* Modify rules and equipment where possible to include children and young people of all abilities and encourage their participation (if our sport offers modifications).
* Provide junior players with a broad range of experiences (e.g. participating in different positions).
* Provide equal playing time for all juniors, regardless of their ability.
* Play your best team from the selected age group before top-up with players from lower grades in the finals.
* In case of excess numbers required all registered players receive equal playing time.

# What we ask you to do

## Coaches

* Focus on promoting participation, not winning and losing.
* Ensure all team members have the chance to play, rotate through positions and receive equal playing time.
* If you coach your own children, treat them like all other team members (e.g. rotations, playing time or participation).

## Parents

* Help out the coach where possible at training and games.
* Focus on your child’s effort and performance, not the score.
* Encourage your child and other team members.
* Respect the selection decisions of the coach.

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| I, ……………………………………….. have read and understood the policy and will abide by it as a member of Mannum Football Club. |
| Signature:  |
| Date:  |
| If under 18 years of age, parent/guardian: |
| Signature: |
| Date:  |