



# Junior Competitive Team Selection Policy

The Junior Competitive Vice President conducts team selections in consultation with the club coaching coordinator, coaches and if required selectors in the lead-up to each new season.

Teams may get mixed up each season due to changes in player's ages and cut off dates. Requests for friends to be kept together must be noted at registration by both parties. While such requests will be considered, not all can be accommodated.

Once the teams have been selected, they may only be changed within the first two rounds of competition. The decision to move players is made by the junior competitive vice president only and is very rarely made and is always for the benefit of all teams. Additional players that sign up after registration day may be assigned to a team if space allows. Placements will be based on the best fit as determined by the Junior Competitive Vice President and coaching team.

## Principles

In selecting junior competitive teams each season, our club follows these principles:

### **Registration**

All players must register by Registration Day to be eligible for placement in a team. Players who register late will join a waiting list and will only be placed in a team if an appropriate vacancy exists (please note team limits will be based on the maximum number allowed on team sheets for games, for U12 this is 14 and U13+ it is 16)

### **Junior Competitive Team Selection criteria**

Players are placed in teams in accordance with their age (as per CQ Football competition rules). Should a player wish to play an age above/below their age group they must apply for an exemption to do so. A 'Player Age Request Form' form must be filled in and submitted to the club at the point of registration. The club and CQ Football reserve the rights to decline applications based on the best interest of the individual and other players within the teams. Further details on out of age applications and selections can be found later in this document.

Where there is more than one team in each age group or too many players for one team, trials will be held where independent selectors will select teams. The selectors have to find a balance. One change can affect multiple teams.

The selectors take into account a wide number of competing factors when selecting a team including but not limited to;

- Coach and Manager availability
- Registration status (including age availability)
- Team balance (a mixture of offensive/defensive skills)
- Team cohesion
- Skills and attitude
- Friendships
- Previous club and teams

### **Player Age Group Exemptions**

Player exemptions may be granted for players to play up/down one age group upon request. Players must be registered in their age appropriate level first and fill in a 'Player Age Request Form' (located on the Football CQ website) at time of registration. If an exemption is granted for a player to play up an age group, they will be required to pay any additional fees that may apply to the new age group.

The club and CQ Football reserve the right to accept/decline the request based on the below principles:

- The number of spaces available in the requested and current age group.
- Team balance and cohesion of requested team
- The players mental, physical and social development to cope in the requested age group
- The length of time the player has been playing
- Friendship groups of the player
- CQ player out of age exemption policy – including assessment by CQ Football

### **Team Training Times and Days**

Training will be determined based on the coach and field availability. Coaches may take into consideration the majority of the team's availability when selecting the training time and location.

### **Team selection over multiple seasons**

Remember that team selections are not indefinite selections. They are a placement for a single season only. Each season players are reassessed.