

Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club

Football Grading and Team Allocation Policy

Grading players is an important part of ensuring all players enjoy their football during the season. It is of great benefit to their overall development, in both their football skills and a social sense, to be playing with and against players of similar ability.

Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club aims to provide an independent and professional grading format for our players. The grading method used shall be at the discretion of the Senior Coaching Coordinator. The members of the Grading Panel shall be determined by the Senior Coaching Coordinator.

Grading shall be performed where there is more than one team in any age group, or where there are more than the maximum number of players for the number of teams allocated, or where it is necessary to determine the ability of a single team with a view to the level of competition suitable to them.

Grading days are generally considered to be compulsory. The failure of all players to attend grading days will make it difficult for the players to be graded correctly. Players that cannot attend grading days will be placed in a team based on the available information, and at the discretion of the Grading Panel. It is not assured that a player previously playing in a higher-grade team will automatically be placed in a higher-grade team for subsequent seasons.

Where possible, graders will not be allocated to the age groups of their own children or siblings. The graders will not be coaching any players during the session but simply assessing each player's ability.

Players will be graded in age groups based on the player's date of birth. Players may be invited to grade in a higher age group by the Grading Panel.

This policy will only be varied by the Coaching Director in consultation with the Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club President under special circumstances. Any request must be made in writing through the Club Secretary prior to the closing date of team finalisation within the Club and subject to the availability of a position being available within the nominated team.

Senior Teams

All seniors under the age of 35 will be graded. Any players over the age of 35 will be placed in 3rd grade unless they make a request in writing to the Senior Coaching Coordinator to be placed in another grade, any senior over 35 wishing to play in a higher grade will be graded.

Team Allocation

Results and observations from the grading days, as well as reports and comments from previous coaches, may all be taken into account during the team allocation process. Previous coaches may be consulted during the team allocation process in regard to a particular player should it be considered necessary.

Generally, in older age groups, team allocations will be made based on a balance of forwards, mid-fielders and defenders. In the younger age groups, it is recommended that all players be rotated through all positions, and teams will therefore be allocated based on the general ability

of each player.

Players that are nominated as specialist goalkeepers during the grading process may be considered for team allocation based on their ability as goalkeepers, and not as field players. Should a goalkeeper position not be available to a particular player then that player will be allocated to a team based on a combination of goalkeeper and field play abilities. Should a player be nominated, and be selected, as a specialist goalkeeper, then it is expected that they spend a substantial amount of time in the goalkeeper position for that team.

Following team allocation, each team list will be distributed to all the members of that team.

Should a player or parent request a change of team, other than for a perceived grading discrepancy (see Team Allocation Disputes below), the player can only be moved by agreement of the Grading Panel, and only where space permits or where another player is willing to swap teams.

Team Allocation Disputes

Should a player or parent be dissatisfied with their or their child's team allocation, they may bring the grievance in writing before the president within 72 hours of the distribution of the team list.

Should the grievance not be resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, the matter may be escalated for review by the Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the final say on all grading disputes and grievances.

Confidentiality

All Grading Panel notes and comments, and all coach's reports and assessment sheets are the confidential property of Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club and will not be made available for review by any persons other than those on the Grading Committee or the Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club Executive Committee.

Questions, Appeals & Suggestions

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the grading process, policy or results please forward your information request via email to the Club Secretary, clearly marked to the attention of the Grading Panel.

A friendly reminder...

Our club is run by volunteers. They give their time at no cost to the club to help in its running. The club requests that you respect the grading committee's decisions and do not abuse the members of our grading committee. The board will do what it can to accommodate individual requests, however it may not always be possible or practical to do so. The board understands that mistakes are sometimes made, and in that instance, we are more than happy to answer any questions or alleviate any concerns you may have as long as it is done in an appropriate manner and with respect.