



# JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY

## Our Commitment....

Our club believes 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....

- Emphasise to coaches and parents that junior sport is about participation, not competition.
- Try to match children with others of their own ability (eg. If there are enough players, have two teams in an age division)
- Provide children with a broad range of experience (eg. different team positions).
- Provide equal playing time for all children regardless of their ability.
- Consider boys and girls under 12 years of age playing on the same team, particularly if a team could not otherwise be fielded.
- Ensure all children play in the finals.

## What We Ask You To Do....

### Coaches

- Focus on children getting the chance to play and rotate through positions, and ensure equal time for everyone.
- Focus on participation, not winning and losing.
- If you coach your own children, treat them like everyone else in the team (rotations, playing time or participation)

### Parents

- Help support the coach where possible at training and games.
- Encourage your child and their team.
- Respect the coaches selection decisions.