



Kew Rovers Football Club

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The Kew Rovers Junior Football Club is a family oriented junior football club established in 1971 and a respected part of the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL). Kew Rovers has an Auskick Program for 5-12yo's and fields teams in every age group from U8s through to Colts (Boys) and U10s to Youth (Girls).

Our club has a long and successful history, having won many premierships, non-competitive "lightning premierships" and best & fairest awards in the YJFL. It has also been the beginning for many past and present AFL footballers.

The Rovers believe that the individual player should be encouraged and developed to foster self-confidence and self-esteem. Individual players make up the teams where mutual respect, trust and working towards a common goal(s) are important football and life skills, that are continually reinforced and developed within all teams. Commitment, discipline, communication, and teamwork are essential traits that are fostered within our teams. Continued development and improvement of football skills and game knowledge is achieved through structured and monitored training sessions conducted by accredited coaches.

The club always welcomes new players at all age levels (unless a team list is full).

Club Vision Statement:

To be the local club of choice for junior players and their families, which contributes to the wider community both on and off the field.

Club Mission Statement:

Our primary objective is the development of young footballers and connecting families. This will include the provision of a safe and supportive community-based environment which encourages skill and game sense development, fitness, fair play, and teamwork.

Policies

This Document is to be strictly applied by the management of each team (i.e. Coach, Assistant Coaches, Runner and Team Manager)

First and foremost our key objective is to make the game FUN for all players.

The game is there to be ENJOYED by ALL.



1. Player number caps

- The club has determined that the following caps on player registrations will apply
 - Under 8 & 9 – 20 players per team
 - Under 10 and above – 26 players per team*

*U15-Colts/Youth may require additional players depending on the profile of the playing group. Consultation between coaches, parents and the President/Coaching Director will be undertaken to decide upon an agreed player list.

2. Game Day Team Selection Policy

- Kew Rovers Junior Football Club provides equal opportunity for all boys and girls to participate in competition football.
- Players must have **completed online registration and paid YJFL/Club Registration fees** in order to be eligible for team selection in competitive games.
- When available numbers are in excess of the required 24 players (during regular season) the following rules should apply when selecting teams:
 - Players who attend training during the week prior to the game should be the first selected. The only exception to this rule is when a player is unable to attend training due to one of the following reasons:
 - Illness and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly;
 - The player has genuine school commitments (camp, exams etc) and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly; or
 - The player is in training with a representative team such as the Yarra Junior Football Club (YJFL) or a Representative Squad and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly;
 - All exceptions must be made known to the team when it is announced so that all players, officials and parents are made fully aware of the situation.
- It is preferred that players compete at their allocated age level but final determination will be made on a player by player basis taking into account respective team numbers. The final decision will be made by the Coaching Director and Coach.
- Players will be rostered off equally during the course of the season. To assist families with planning a weekend away etc, agreement between the coach and parents will be sought, ideally PRIOR to the season commencing where possible.



- In games where players have been 'rostered off', players should ALWAYS be encouraged to attend where possible, in case of a late illness and to support their mates and/or perform support roles (e.g. water carrier, scoreboard).
- If a player rostered to play does 'miss' a game due to a 'late' illness or injury then the coach MAY be able to swap their rostered game.

3. General match day code of conduct for all Coaches, Team Management, Spectators and Players

- Umpire abuse will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances.
- The Coach & Team Management are responsible for the conduct of the interchange bench.
- Swearing/Obscene language will not be tolerated.
- Discrimination and vilification in terms of a person's race, religion, colour, gender or disability will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances.
- All incidents must be reported via your team manager in writing to the President or Coaching Director immediately following the completion of the game.
- Good sportsmanship is to be displayed at ALL times. We expect all teams to set an excellent example, even if our competitors do not.
- If the coach is for any reason unavailable for match day duties (e.g. illness etc), the appointment of a substitute coach will be the responsibility of the Coach alongside the Coaching Director. If another team official is for any reason unavailable, the team management will be responsible for ensuring a replacement is found.
- Club officials MUST set the right example for the players and parents to follow at all times.
- Internal club suspensions may be issued by the President following investigations concerning breaches of the above &/or similar issues in relation to an individual's conduct on match day.

4. Game Day Player Roster & Rotation Policy

- The team management is required to implement and maintain a roster which adheres to the club policies and guidelines.



- The roster should detail which player(s) will miss which games and can be constructed with the input from the parents, i.e. certain parents may take holidays therefore you may be able to roster the players off to accommodate this.
- Players missing games through illness or school or family commitments will not necessarily be considered to have been rostered off (discretion by team management required).
- The player roster is to be applied equally to all team members.
- All players are to participate in the following minimum game time (Regular Season: U8-12 - 3 quarters; U13 onwards - 2 quarters. Finals: U11-12 - 2 quarters; U13 onwards - 1 quarter) unless an injury occurs or further game time reduction is requested by the player or their parent.
- The Coach shall endeavour to rotate players off the bench during quarters as he sees fit to limit prolonged time on the bench
- It is a requirement (U8-U11) and a recommendation (U12 onwards) that coaches set up a structure whereby players are exposed to different positions/lines (back, mid, forward) throughout the course of the season to maximise game exposure and football development.
- Team Management will keep an accurate record of each player's game time and be prepared to produce this upon request from the President or Coaching Director.

5. Club Voting Policy for ages U11's & above (Competitive teams)

- 2 x vote cards shall be completed per game consisting of 5 votes for best on the ground, 4 votes for second best on the ground etc down to 1 vote for 5th best on the ground.
- Round by round voting goes towards the team's Best & Fairest award and should be a true reflection of an individual's game day performance.
- Encouragement awards should be provided after each game to particularly recognise players playing to 'their best level' or demonstrating great 'sportsmanship' or team contribution.
- Supplementary players ("fill ins") are performing as part of the team and are therefore eligible for both B&F voting and encouragement awards.
- Committee preference is to have input from two adults per voting card and not the same individuals or combinations week by week. **The team coaching group shall be given one vote card each week and the remaining vote card is to be shared throughout the season with the parents.**
- Players' full names and jumper numbers should be clearly recorded on the vote cards.



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6. Coaching- length of tenure and non-parent coaches

- To provide the Players with the best development opportunity (i.e. a different voice, game plans, training drills, playing opportunity, etc) Coaches can only coach a team for a **maximum of 3 consecutive seasons** and shall stand down for at-least one season as the Team Coach and shall not be appointed as an Assistant Coach for at-least one season.
- Where no other individuals have expressed an interest to Coach and the previous Coach is willing to continue beyond 3yrs a decision regarding an appointment will be made through consultation between the President, Coaching Director, and parents of the playing group.
- It is preferred by the Committee that Non-Parents coach teams U15 onwards to promote player independence and further football/personal development in readiness for transition to senior club football. The club will advertise these coaching positions as they become available.