



## Kew Rovers - Player and Team Allocation Policy

### **Background Information**

The Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) has always been a graded competition, from under ten above, comprising of up to six divisions per age group. The YJFL allocates the divisions for the teams within each club based on previous year and predicted performance. The Gold Division is the YJFL's highest ranked team competition based on predicted overall team ability and performance.

Once the season has commenced the YJFL uses the first four weeks of the season as grading games to ensure teams are competitive in their division and, subject to the results in these four weeks, will regrade teams if necessary.

### **Kew Rovers Objectives**

The objective of the Kew Rovers Player and Team Allocation Policy is to maximise player participation and enjoyment by providing a competitive environment that promotes opportunity in various positions allowing for game day contribution, game sense development, and skill improvement. All registered players will be allocated to teams and team allocation shall operate to ensure that:

- Every player feels valued and an important member of the team
- Every player participates at the appropriate level in order to enable them to enjoy and develop their football and gain greater confidence for the years to come

Kew Rovers will make every attempt to ensure that all of its teams in the age groups do not compete in the same division and that each of its teams operates a first-rate team environment.

### **Selection Policy for Multiple Teams going into or in Non-Competitive Football Age Groups (U8's - U11's)**

Where two or more teams are to be fielded in the same non-competitive age group and U11's, the composition of the teams will be decided based on each player/ family nominating two friends/ school friends via email to the Coach/Team Manager

The President and/or Coaching Director will consult with the Coach and Team Manager of the teams to determine the split of players based on the player/ family nominations. Teams will be constructed based on the above criteria relevant to the registered players, with the teams to be as evenly matched in terms of player numbers as possible.



The Teams will then stay as selected until grading which will take place during pre-season training for competitive age (U12's).

## **U12's - selection (grading) policy for multiple teams in U12 (Transition to Competitive Football Age Groups)**

In line with YJFL policy and in order to accommodate the need for Kew Rovers to enter teams in different divisions, where two or more teams are to be fielded the composition of the teams will be based on the following criteria:

Each parent/child will be asked to complete a short questionnaire in order to establish feedback to ensure each child is placed in the best team to ensure enjoyment and development of their football skills, knowledge, game sense, and ability. The composition of the questionnaire shall include (but not exclusive):

1. Which is more important to you (select one):

- Playing with Friends
- Playing in the highest division (aspirational)

2. Please list five friends/players with whom you'd most like to play if possible:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

NOTE: All responses will be confidential.

The President and Coaching Director will review the responses to the questionnaires and consult with the coaches of the teams to determine the split of players. Teams will be constructed based on agreed criteria relevant to the registered players, with the teams to be as evenly matched in terms of player numbers as possible.

During the grading period the two teams shall train together with both team's coaches agreeing on the training requirements for the teams. The team allocation process will also take into consideration a range of factors such as teamwork, understanding of positional play, leadership qualities, personal confidence, development and attitude.



## U13's onwards - selection (Grading) Policy for Multiple Teams (Competitive Football Age Groups)

All grading shall be in consultation with the President, Coaching Director and relevant Coaches.

Where two or more teams are to be fielded in the same competitive age group, the composition of the teams will be decided based on confirmation of team numbers, training performance, player availability and under the below listed criteria:

### Player Selection Guidelines

- (a) the past performance of the Player;
- (b) the ability of the Player to perform football skills (both general and specific positional skills);
- (c) the fitness and athleticism of the Player;
- (d) the versatility of the Player and his ability to play in a number of positions;
- (e) the attendance and performance by the Player at pre-season training, Team Squad training, and Practice Games;
- (f) the availability of the Player for training and games commitments prior to and including the Competition;
- (g) the evidence of a positive attitude to training and commitment to team rules and principles;
- (h) the potential of the Player in the Selection Panel's discretion, to perform well in the competition;
- (i) **AFL Vic Selection Criteria:**
  - "Ability to hit targets by foot (quality kicking skills)"
  - "The ability to win your own ball"
  - "Good decision-making skills e.g. don't rush, don't panic under pressure, know when to leave your opponent to attack the ball"
  - "Ability to read the play e.g. smart running patterns, know how to get to where the ball will be rather than where it is/was"

During the grading period the two teams shall train together with both team's coaches agreeing on the training requirements for the teams.



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The President and Coaching Director will consult with the coaches of the teams to determine the selection of players. Teams will be constructed based on agreed criteria relevant to the registered players, with the teams to be as evenly matched in terms of player numbers as possible.

Higher grade coach in consultation with assistant-coach and team runner representing the higher graded team, shall nominate the players they believe are capable of and have the ability to meet the requirements to play at a standard representative of the higher grade.

Players from the higher graded group the previous season that are not listed on the higher graded list and the players nominated by the lower grade coach are eligible to be graded for higher grade team taking into account pre-season training performance, two practice games and two home and away games.