

Riverstone Schofields Junior Soccer Football Club



Policy **Player Grading Policy**

Effective Date 23 January 2012

The Riverstone Schofields Junior Soccer Football Club (the Club) will grade all junior teams (under 9 through to under 16 inclusive) prior to the start of each football season. The grading of young players is seen as an important step in their football development and ultimately their enjoyment of the game.

The Club's grading of players is designed to:

- ⚽ arrange players of similar skill level into appropriate teams;
- ⚽ define teams into the division according to player strength;
- ⚽ enhance players enjoyment of the game;
- ⚽ challenge their ability; and
- ⚽ provide an opportunity for the Club to scrutinise coaching techniques.

The grading of players will be performed by the Grading Committee. The Grading Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee and shall comprise such number of qualified personnel (including coaches) as the Management Committee deems appropriate. The Grading Committee shall be independent of the players being graded.

The grading process shall be performed using flexible grading techniques and drills that will suitably assess the competency of the players. The techniques and drills used shall be at the discretion of the Grading Committee. As a guide, grading will consist of:

- ⚽ a warm up
- ⚽ a ball passing skill drill
- ⚽ a ball control skill drill
- ⚽ a ball dribbling skill drill
- ⚽ small sided game(s) where players will be rotated on and off and in different positions
- ⚽ specialist goalkeepers – for players in the higher grades specialist goalkeepers may be selected. This occurs as positional play becomes important in the success of the team and goalkeepers must play the majority of game time in that position. Where this occurs specialist goalkeeping drills may be performed

All players are to be graded whether they are new to the Club or are existing members of the Club. If a player for whatever reason is unable to attend grading, then he or she shall be placed in a team deemed appropriate by the Grading Committee. The decision of the Grading Committee is final and requests for regrading will only be granted in limited and exceptional circumstances (wishing to play with your friends is not considered exceptional circumstances).

Complaints

All complaints in relation to a player's grading or the grading process are required to be lodged in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Club. All complaints will be heard in accordance with the constitution of the Club.