



## **Grading Policy – Junior**

Age groups U8 and above play competition games, therefore all players U8 and above should, where possible, play in a team for their age and in a division best suited to their ability.

Where there are more than two teams entered into the same age competition (U8 and above) then the players will be graded into teams based on their ability. The grading is to be carried out by a Grading Committee of appropriate people appointed by the Club President. The teams will be graded according to the player's ability & advice from coaches of the teams and an independent assessment of the player's ability by the Panel. The Panel grades the players such that players of similar ability are placed in the one team. Once the grading has been decided by the Panel, a player cannot change teams.

If any player or parent is not satisfied with grading the player receives, they can make a submission in writing to the Grading Committee requesting a review of the players grading, outlining why they think the grading is not correct. The Club President will consider this submission and make a decision on whether or not to change the players grading. The Club President's decision is final.

All players should play in the age competition for their age, i.e. U9's play U9. The Grading Committee will only consider playing a player in a higher grade if it does not impact upon the team for which the player would have played. When there is an insufficient number of players in a team it may be necessary for the Grading Committee require some players to play in the higher age competition to even out the player numbers in all the teams. The players who will play in the higher age competition will be selected based on their ability to play in the higher age division team.