



# Sunbury United Football Club

## Team Selection Policy

### Grading

- Grading will be held at a selected Sunbury United FC venue for each age group between end of season and November for new and returning players.
- There will be more than 1 grading session per age group
- Dates will be advertised on the Team App, social media and via email to existing members and to any non-members who are waitlisted through an expression of interest.
- It is the players and guardian's responsibility to check the above mentioned forms of communication and ensure they are able to attend grading.
- Attendance at all grading is recommended to enable the player to be placed in the most appropriate team for their level of skill.
- All players attending grading must be registered with Sunbury United FC with a current email address, mobile number, name and date of birth or they will not receive any correspondence from the club. Details of how to register with the club are on the club Facebook page and Teamp App.
- Players unable to attend grading should notify the club in writing so that the club may apply the appropriate consideration for the player.
- The club will appoint a coaching panel to oversee grading for each age group and players will be assessed on technical and tactical skill as well as attitude.
- Squad selection will be made by the coaching panel with advice from the age group coaches from the previous year and the age group Technical Director.

- The club will then make provisional squad selections based on grading results, players and positions available in that age group.

## **Player and team selection**

Players will be selected into age appropriate squads for preseason where there are squads available according to the Sunbury United FC Team policy for that year.

- The number of positions in squad shall be based upon the age group, gender and number of teams available to compete in the age group.
- The number of teams in each age group will depend upon the number of players available in that age group and the Sunbury United FC policy for our number of teams in any given season. The base team policy developed by the club committee for each age group based on facility and coach availability as well as player capability.
- Players will grade & play in their respective age range. Exemptions are only permitted upon application to the club in writing to the age appropriate committee director or technical director. Players will only play above their age range if their football skill level is assessed as high. For example players in U8s will need to be able to play in U9 to play up an age group. In certain exception the club may allow players to play up due to other exceptional circumstances, such as playing with siblings.
- Each player will be selected to play for the club and a team based on the following general criteria:
  - Grading assessment and age group
  - Behaviour and attitude on the field towards the game, other players and coaching staff
  - Past performance and history with the club
  - Technical and tactical skill
  - Team fit and requirements

## **Offers to Players**

- At the conclusion of the grading period, players selected by the club will be offered positions in provisional squads by email.
- Players who do not receive an offer will be waitlisted by the club and offered a position in the event of a vacancy.
- Selected players will be asked to confirm their positions with a financial deposit within 14 days of the offer. The deposit will be credited towards registration fees or new member fees.
- Players will only be entitled to the spot on offer after paying a deposit within the 14 day period or by contacting the club prior to the expiry period of the offer if unable to pay online. Spots that are not secured within the 14 day period will be offered to players who are waitlisted. There will be no exemptions.
- Note that any offer to a player is for a place in a provisional squad and not the final team. The club reserves the right make adjustments to squads prior to season commencement according to team and club requirements.
- At a nominated date (advertised on the website and emailed to guardians) prior to the season commencement, final team squads will emailed to registered and paid players. A player will not be placed in a team if they are not registered on myfootballclub and fully paid.

## **Points for Consideration:**

- Sunbury United FC is a football club and our primary focus to develop players and teams with football ability. Although the club recognises the importance of social relationships in the club, players cannot expect to play with friends if skills are disparate or to be readily entitled to a position in last season's team. Grading is done on ability and team selection is done within the bounds of positions available in the club. It is not in a player's best interest to be playing with children of greatly differing ability.
- Making new friends is one of life's skills and a team sport is a great way to practice this. Parents and coaches will ask for social relationships to be considered however this will be a secondary consideration when selecting an age group squad.
- The club will make training arrangements according to our coaching and facility availability and footballing policies. Training times will depend on coach's availability (they all work as well as coach), pitch availability and the number of teams the club fields. Training times cannot be changed to suit individual players.
- If a player does not attend any grading then they are unlikely to be placed in one of the higher level sides. While the club will endeavour to place that child in a team that suits them there, is unlikely to be much flexibility for movement between teams.
- If the club receives more enrolments than they have coaches, players will be put on a waiting list. Only when a coach is allocated will a further team be opened. All our coaches are supported by the technical director and by the club, which will pay for any coaching courses, completed by coach volunteers as well as paid coaches.
- The club has been given guidelines by the Hume City Council regarding facility and field usage. The club can only field teams within these boundaries.