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FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



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# GRADING POLICY

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## 1. PURPOSE

This policy aims to ensure players are placed in a team that matches their abilities and promotes the best environment for the enjoyment and development of all players.

## 2. SCOPE

The Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL) requires the Melton Junior Football Netball Club (MJFNC) to perform grading for all football and netball teams where the club will be fielding more than one (1) team in the same age group. As part of this policy, MJFNC aims to ensure teams are placed in the correct grade after the initial three (3) grading rounds. The MJFNC want to ensure that all players have an opportunity to play competitive football and Netball which matches their ability to promote the best environment for enjoyment and development of all players.

## 3. GRADING PROCESS

1. At the beginning of preseason, all players from each age group will train together as a squad for a duration of time that allows the grading process to be completed.
2. The grading process will be completed by the coach of the senior team of each age group in conjunction with the Junior Development Officer and Coordinators.
3. Grading decisions will not be made based on age or the previous season's playing group; instead, grading will be based on ability, physical attributes, and any other valid reasons to provide the best opportunity for all players to learn, develop, and enjoy their football and netball experience at an ability level that is best suited to them.

## 4. DISPUTES PROCESS

The dispute resolution process will follow the steps outlined below.

1. At the initial stages of the dispute process, the parents, coaches and the Junior Development Officer should aim to seek a resolution.
2. When the desired outcome is not achieved, a written request must be sent to the MJFNC Secretary outlining;
  - a. What are you seeking?
  - b. Any Extenuating circumstances?
  - c. Impact on affected teams,
  - d. Justification for change,

The written request will be reviewed by the MJFNC Executive Committee, and a final decision will be communicated to the parents within two (2) weeks. Throughout the process, all parties are required to respect each other and follow the code of conduct.

### Review:

This policy is to be reviewed by the existing committee every three years or as required to ensure that the policy is applicable to the MJFNC Inc. The committee can then recommend changes that they see fit, and then ratify any changes to the policy at the next scheduled general committee meeting.

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