

## **Selection Policy – Junior Football**

### **Team Selection for Junior Football**

During the pre-season the players are allocated to teams by the Junior Co-ordinator, Coaching Coordinator and Coaches. Factors that will be considered include:

- The age of the player
- The size of the player
- Development level of the player
- Balancing any special needs players may have

The aim is to select teams based on the four factors above to ensure even performance and player development throughout the year.

Under 9, 10 and 12 teams are not graded. As a result, teams are not focused on winning, but on skill development and enjoyment. If you have any concerns or requests regarding team selection these should be directed to the Junior Football Co-ordinator.

### **Team Selection for Youth Football:**

Youth teams play for premiership points and therefore, as a priority our higher graded teams are to be as competitive as practicable in each game.

The club is not bound by a commitment to selecting teams based on bottom age versus top age players, the intent is to field the strongest side available in the applicable AFL Barwon grades of competition that we are drawn in.

Communication between coaches/assistants will ensure team selections each week achieve a balance of all player attributes.

Development of each player is to be a major consideration for team selection. Numbers permitting, the controlled management of subsequent teams, second and third teams in the same age group is a high priority to ensure that the Club is continually developing players in like skilled competition levels.

During the pre-season a panel consisting of the age level co-ordinator, coaches and training assistants will seek to select teams based on the above factors.