



Player Selection, Grading and Game Time Policy

The following is the All Saints Oatley West player and team selection and grading policy for Junior Teams.

Age Groups	Players on Field	Ideal Number in Team	Maximum number in Team
6 and 7 years	4	6	7
8 and 9 years	7	9 or 10	11
10 and 11 years	9	11 or 12	13
12 and 18 years	11	14	16

Maximum Numbers in Team

The maximum numbers in a team, per the above, is in line with the maximum lines on the team sheet for that age group.

The Coach, however, may require less than the maximum number listed above for his team's age group or in extreme circumstances more than the maximum number. Either scenario should first be emailed to the Secretary by the Coach, stating his reasons. The Secretary will then forward the request to the Committee for approval.

Selection into an Age Group (6's to 18's)

In all age groups (Non Comp and Comp.) all players who are returning from the previous season will be automatically accepted into a team providing they have fully completed and paid their registration by the second Sunday of February. Players who delay completing their registration by this date will not be guaranteed a place in the team if the team has attained their maximum or desired numbers (committee approved) by the second Sunday of February.

A team will only be considered as filled when the required number of players are all fully paid with their registration complete and approved by the Registrar.

Grading of Players and Teams

Grading can take two forms.

1. *the grading of players to a team.*
2. *the grading of teams to a level or competition grade.*



1. Grading of Players to a Team

All grading of Junior Teams will, where possible, be conducted by the Club Coach and Coaching Coordinator who will consider any input provided by the participating team's coaches.

6 and 7 Years (Non-Competition)

Generally, grading is not considered necessary for these age groups.

As this is generally the introductory age group to our sport, we prefer players to concentrate on enjoying their new sport with friends while correctly learning the basics.

8 to 11 years (Non-Competition)

Grading of players is considered, depending upon;

- *number of players across the age group.*
- *levels of ability within the age group.*
- *Coach and / or parental request to grade.*

Grading is invitational to all registered players in the age group to be graded. Therefore parents of invited players should advise the Secretary at least 24 hours prior to grading if they don't want their child to be graded. However, players not intending to be graded are still welcome to participate in the sessions.

Players and parents who are participating in the sessions with an intention of being graded should accept the decision of the Club Coach when teams are selected.

12 to 18 Years (Competition)

Grading of players to a team may occur when an age group has more than one team registered.

Again, grading is invitational to all registered players in the age group to be graded. Therefore parents of invited players should advise the Secretary at least 24 hours prior to grading if they don't want their child to be graded. However, players not intending to be graded are still welcome to participate in the sessions and once again, players and parents who are participating in the sessions with an intention of being graded should accept the decision of the Club Coach when teams are selected.



2. Grading of a Team to a Level or Competition Grade.

Non Competition Age Groups

Levels Available;

- 6 and 7 - Beginners and Intermediate
- 8 to 11 - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced

Before the club submits teams to the Association (SGFA) we will confirm with all coaches as to the desired level in which they want their team entered.

At the end of round 7, so that the SGFA can make the necessary adjustments before round 9, we will again confirm with the Coach regarding whether a change to a different level should be considered.

Competition Age Groups

Before submitting teams to the SGFA we will confirm with all coaches, regarding the grade in which they believe their team should be entered.

After round 4 and depending on whether teams meet the criteria in the SGFA By-Laws, teams may be regraded.



Player Game Time on the Field

Non Competition Age Groups

All players, regardless of ability should be given equal game time on the field week to week.

Competition Age Groups

In general, all players should be given equal game time over the course of the competition season.

However, as the season starts to unfold and the strength of the team and opposition teams become apparent, the Coach is granted licence to adjust the equal game time rule to match the strength of opposition teams from week to week with the end of season result being, as close as practical, equal game time for all players.

Factors that can affect the equal game time rule are:

- **player discipline**, the Coach should outline to players and parents at the beginning of the season, his standards regarding behaviour at training and games and continued non prior advice by parents to the Coach of training and game inattendance and continued lateness to games.
- **player holidays**, parents should advise the Coach at the earliest opportunity if their child will be absent from training and games due to holidays etc.
- **player injuries**.