



# Grading Guidance

Competitive success is recognised as a valid motivator for individual players and teams to varying degrees. However, the Club believes that placing players in a team and grade appropriate to their skill level plays a significant role in forming our teams. The club aims to promote and balance these objectives & our club process of individual player grading and overall team formations.

## Important Notes:

- There will be ONE grading session for each Age Group
- All players must be registered with the Club prior to grading day
- Please ensure the registration includes all of your contact information to aid preparation communication prior to grading
- Registration on the day is not possible
- Graders will only accept registered players on their grading sheets.
- Please do not drop players earlier than 15 minutes prior to the session start
- All players to bring their own drinks, wear appropriate football attire incl shin pads & boots to be able to participate
- Team notification will be via Email approx. 1-2wks after grading
- Teams will be sent out via email through the age coordinators
- If players are unable to attend grading please inform your age coordinator.
- Our club is organised by an army of volunteers who give up countless hours of their own time away from their own families to ensure kids in our community have a fantastic time.

## Grading Process:

- Teams will be formed based on performance at grading and previous team results
- Whilst Under 8's is non-competitive, there is an opportunity for players to nominate to be graded into a team where they will play against teams of similar graded players.
- Nominating to be graded means that your child may not play with players or friends from previous years.
- We would like to stress that this grading is not compulsory and will be conducted by independent assessors.

All other teams will be formed on the basis of prior team associations, friendships, school friends and children who live nearby. If you prefer to stay with your friends, then we suggest that you do not attend grading.

All players graded with a nominated friend will be graded down to the level of the lowest skilled player of the nominated children. (e.g. if your child is graded in the 'A' team and his/her friend is in the 'C' team, if the request is granted both children will play in the 'C' team)

## **NWSF Ranking for Graded Teams:**

### **Ranking 1**

- Players may control the ball and understand what to do with it once they get it
- Players run to the ball and compete for the ball once there
- Players mostly understand where to run off the ball and what to do defensively
- Players can dribble to free space
- Players often understand how to combine with their teammates in passing combinations
- Players can often shoot with power and accuracy
- Players can take on a player and beat them
- May have multiple dominant players in the team

### **Graded (Blue)**

- Players run to the ball and aggressively compete for the ball once there
- Players run off the ball with speed and understanding and mostly know what to do defensively
- Players can dribble and control the ball to free space at pace
- Players understand how to combine with their teammates in passing combinations with fluency
- Players mostly can shoot with power and accuracy
- Players can take on a player and beat them effectively
- May have multiple dominant players in the team
- Preferably have a coach who understands the technical aspects of the game and developmental outcomes