



PLAYER SELECTION

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Introduction

This policy describes the process by which players are to be selected for senior teams (13's and older) when more player registrations have been accepted than there are positions in the team.

Implementation of the policy should only be considered as a last resort. The committee, coaches and parents of SPJFC should exhaust all other avenues to find a team position for all applicants before applying this policy - it being completely undesirable that any player should be excluded from the club or be prevented from playing football. Other options include:

- The formation of mixed-age B-division teams,
- Using younger players to make up numbers,
- Team mergers with other clubs,
- Voluntary player transfers to other clubs.

Scope

This policy applies to players in grades Under 13's and above and applies only when the number of registered players in a grade exceeds the cut-off figure.

For the 2004 season the cut-off figure is 25 players or any greater number specified by the committee at the request of the team coach.

Background

The senior grades play in a competition where success is measured according to the premiership ladder and finals performance. Players in these grades are in the transition ages to adulthood and must learn to be accountable for their behaviour at training and on the field. The club is responsible to ensure that all players are given fair opportunity to develop their skills including game time. Club policy should reflect the standards and expectations of the general community and education institutions towards this age group.

Policy

Selection of players will be made on the basis of fielding the most competitive team possible in keeping with general club policy. Players will be selected by a panel appointed by the committee according to the following criteria (listed in order of priority):

1. Registration date - players who register after the cut-off date shall not be considered. The SPJFC Committee shall set the cut-off date for each season.
The cut-off date cannot be set early to limit recruitment to 25 players, nor should it be set so late that those players whose application is declined will have little opportunity of finding a position at another club.
2. Catchment area - players living within the club catchment area shall be given preference over players living outside the area. The SPJFC catchment area is defined by the South Perth City Council boundaries.
3. Club History - players who have previously played for SPJFC will be given preference over other players.
4. Commitment - players who display commitment at training and on the field to the team and the game shall be given preference over others.
5. Skill- players displaying superior football skills shall be given priority over others.