



PLAYER SELECTION POLICY – FINALS FOOTBALL

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This policy describes the process by which players are to be selected for senior teams (13's – 17's) that play finals football. However, this policy will only apply when a team has more than 25 players in their squad and are available for selection.

BACKGROUND

Senior teams play in a competition where success can be measured according to good sportsmanship, the premiership ladder and performance in finals.

The maximum number of players allowed to take the field in any given game is 25 and in some instances a team may have a squad of more than 25 available players. Accordingly, the Club has to adopt a responsible approach to ensure all players are provided with fair opportunity to play finals football.

POLICY

Where two or more finals are guaranteed, the Coach (in consultation with coaching panel) has complete discretion in determining which players shall be selected in the team to play finals football. For Elimination Finals, prior to announcing the team, the coach shall meet with and advise two nominated Committee members of the selected team and omitted players. The team will be changed if both committee members conclude that the guidelines set out below have not been adhered to.

Two or more finals guaranteed

If the team is guaranteed to play more than one final, all available players in the squad shall be selected to play at least one game of finals football (Minimum of one half on the field).

Elimination Finals

The Coach (in consultation with the coaching panel) selects a side that is in line with the guidelines set out below and in their opinion most likely to execute team strategies to allow the team to progress to the next game/ stage.

Guidelines:

Individual performances – a focus on all round performance based on games played during the year;

Sportsmanship – the player's attitude to team-mates, the game, officials, the Club and opposition;

Availability – the number of games a player has been available for during the year (barring injury);

Training – the number of training sessions attended throughout the year (barring injury)

Club Loyalty – years at the club and level of involvement

Team Balance – flexibility in positional players including the ability to match up key opposition players

Position specific skills – e.g. a dominant Ruckman, or Centre Half Forward;

Level of fitness – the ability to withstand finals football;

Age – last year of eligibility to play at the club

Communication

The reasons for non selection will be explained by the Coach and one other official, to each player not selected.