



PLAYER SELECTION – MIXED-AGE TEAMS

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Introduction

This policy describes the process by which younger players may be selected to play up as permanent members of a mixed-age team.

Scope

This policy applies to players in grades 13s and above and applies only when the Committee considers it necessary to form a mixed-age team to play in an appropriate competition. It does not cover the case when under-age players are selected to make- up numbers in a senior team on an occasional basis.

Background

Circumstances may arise whereby the club has too many senior players and cannot provide positions for all players in the appropriate age level. Provided that a suitable competition is available, the club could form a mixed age team by playing - up younger players. This option is preferable to transferring players to another club or declining to register a group of players.

It is assumed that the older grade has insufficient numbers to form a team and that enough suitable younger players are available to fill the vacancies.

Policy

Selection of players will be made in consultation with the team coaches, players and parents to ensure that the outcome is in the best interests of the players. Selection is to be made by a panel appointed by the Committee that includes all coaches whose teams are affected. Steps in the selection process are:

1. Coaches will identify all younger players who would be able to cope with playing in the older grade.
2. Players will be assigned to the age team/s and the mixed team.
3. Approval will be sought from parents of players selected to play-up.
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5. Teams will be adjusted according to decisions of player and parents.