



Kanwal Warnervale Rovers FOOTBALL CLUB

Junior Grading Policy

Mini Roos Football is as defined by Central Coast Football
Junior Competition is as defined by Central Coast Football

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Definitions

Kanwal Warnervale Rovers Football Club Inc will be referred to as KWRFC.

“Playing Ability” is a player’s overall ‘ability’ based on assessment of their technical and tactical skills.

Junior Football Manager will be referred to as the JFM

Women’s Football Manager will be referred to as the WFM

Mini Roos Football Manager will be referred to as the MRFM

Grading Selection Committee will be referred to as the GSC.

Central Coast Football will be known as CCF.

Mini Roos is Non Competition as defined by the CCF normally U5 to U11

Junior Competition is as defined by the CCF normally up to the age of U12 to M16 and W16.

Grading will be the Grading Days and evaluation during trial games should it be deemed necessary.

Background

The focus of KWRFC is to foster and promote the game of football, allowing players a safe, enjoyable learning experience in a team sport.

KWRFC prides itself on its traditions and history. The club’s reputation and success over the years has undoubtedly been underpinned by the strength of its junior teams.

For the club’s junior section to thrive and be a success, it is essential that the grading process continues to be fair and effective and that each player is selected into a team that suits the ‘playing ability’ of that player.

This document outlines the club’s policy on all matters relating to the grading of junior players and is designed to give all players, coaches and their parents/caregivers a clear understanding of this process; including any appeals that may arise as a result.





The club will grade junior players according to the selection criteria detailed later in this document and will endeavor to give all players the opportunity to develop their skills, reach their potential and maximize their enjoyment of the game.

Grading

KWRFC welcomes players from all Districts and Clubs and will not discriminate against any player wishing to move from another club. Each player will be assessed as to their individual ability.

KWRFC will not accept team nominations (or nominations of 'small groups') from any other clubs for any age division Under 8's and higher, regardless of reputation or ability.

All players Under 8's and over are graded on an individual basis without exception.

This is to be fair to all players, including returning players to the Club.

In line with CCF guidelines, all players from 'Under 8' and older shall be graded.

The selection criteria used for grading is detailed under 'Selection Criteria' later in this document.

**In line with CCF, players who are 'U5, U6 & U7 will NOT be graded; instead, players will be placed in balanced teams and where requested if possible, player friendships will be taken into account. No consideration will be given to player's skill level. In the event that there are not enough places within a certain team, preference will be given to those who played in the same team in the previous year.*

An unregistered player will not be Graded. A player must be financial to be deemed as registered.

Players can and may be selected to play in an older age group. This will only be done if the 'Grading Selection Committee' deems it appropriate in order that the 'numbers' are balanced out across two age groups (e.g. Player numbers are surplus in the younger age grade and the older age grade is in need of players to form a team. Any player that does move up an age group will need to be graded and assessed in full by the GSC. There are three exceptions to this which also allow for a player to move up an age group:

- i) A player may also move up an age group AND to any grade deemed appropriate, if the GSC identifies a player as highly talented and their development would benefit from playing in an older age group.
- ii) A female player is identified by the GSC as being more likely to benefit from playing in an older 'female only' team rather than a mixed team at her own age group. **Note – Girls from Under 15 and older are only eligible to play in the 'Girls Competitions' played on Sundays.*
- iii) A player may also move up an age group to any Grade determined by the GSC to fill a specialist position (e.g. Goalkeeper) in the higher grade team provided that the GSC determines that the player is capable of playing in the higher age group and grade.
- iv) A player may move up an age group if the GSC determines that it is in the best interest of the Club and the Team to do so

In the event that a player is unable to attend the grading sessions, a communication must be sent, along with the reasons for absence, to the JFM. Under these circumstances, the GSC will grade the player based on the coach's feedback from the previous season. If the player is new to the club then the player will be graded in the lowest grade and performances will be assessed as the season progresses. New players who are absent from the grading sessions may though submit a reference to the club, which attests to the player's ability and previous playing experience. This may then be taken into account by the GSC.

All teams will consist of a maximum number of players as determined by the Club and within the guidelines set down by the CCF Rules.





Following the grading sessions, the Graded Teams will be selected for trial matches and posted on the KWRFC website.

Members of the GSC will attend trial matches in order to continue to further assess a player's ability and suitability to a certain grade. Changes will only be made if necessary.

Once the season has commenced, the GSC have the option to move a player up or down a grade if it found to be necessary and ONLY if a places are 'available' in other grade team.

A player who registers after the first match of the season will be graded in the lowest grade and the same ongoing assessment process would apply provided there are positions available in higher graded teams. **The rationale for this is that it is far more beneficial to move a player up to a grade suited to their playing ability than to have them play in a grade that is not challenging for that player.*

The GSC will allocate an equal number of players to each team within an age division. Where there are an uneven number of players within a division, the GSC will allocate the extra player to the lowest graded team. This will allow an easier movement of players up a grade rather than down a grade if additional players do register.

Selection Criteria

The 'Grading Selection Committee' will grade all junior players (Under 8 - 16) using the selection criteria listed below:

- i) 'Playing Ability' - the GSC will take into account a player's technical and tactical skills as well as their fitness levels
- ii) 'Potential' - the GSC will compare a player's potential to develop and improve their 'Playing Ability' further, with that of other players.
- iii) 'Attitude' - the GSC will take into account the attitude and character of players and assess and compare with other players.
- iv) 'Team Balance' - the GSC will where possible take into account the need to have 'balance' within each team which ensures an appropriate mix of defenders, midfielders and attacking players are selected into each team as well as the selection of a goalkeeper.
- v) Previous years Coaches input and potential Coaches input will also be considered

Appeals Process

In the event that a player, coach or the player's parent/caregiver, feels that a player has been graded incorrectly, an appeal may be lodged.

An appeal must be sent in writing within 24 hours of the Graded Team lists announced.

The appeal will then be lodged with the GSC and a decision or actions will be passed on to the parents/caregiver via the relative JFM, MRFM or WFM within 48 hours. This decision is 'FINAL'.

If the parent/caregiver is not satisfied with the decision then a refund of the registration fee may be sought through the Secretary and is subject to the Clubs Administration Fees as may be imposed. Withdrawals after the first Competition game are not refundable.

Appeals, grading disputes or requests can be addressed to:

KWRFC. Secretary: Email: secretary@kanwalfootball.com.au

