

Beaumaris Football Club

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TEAM SELECTION POLICY

POLICY & PHILOSOPHY:

Beaumaris Football Club will strive to provide all players with a safe and caring environment in which they will achieve maximum football development and enjoyment at training and in games.

Our Club typically fields a number of teams in all age groups from u8 - u17 in the South Metro Junior Football League. Each age group has different needs in terms of football development. Accordingly, the approach to training, game day and team selection policies will differ for each age group.

Our philosophy of ensuring that each player achieves maximum football development in a fun and safe environment remains paramount.

The age groups from u11 - u17 compete in divisions which are graded by the SMJFL. The Club's overriding objective for these age groups is to ensure that each team is competitive in each division in which they participate, thus achieving for each player the maximum development of football skills and enjoyment of the game. The Club will strive to field a team in the highest division of each age group.

SMJFL League Grading Guidelines:

- SMJFL begins grading teams in the league from the u11 age level.
- In 2012 the SMJFL put together a set of guidelines, recommending that clubs with more than one team in the same age level, grade their teams from the u13 age group and above.
- Clubs are required to complete a league form in the New Year, detailing their clubs grading policy. This will be used to help determine grading at the beginning of the season, in conjunction with the league's current grading policy.
- Please note this will not be built into the By-Laws, and will simply be put together as a guidelines document for clubs.

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TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA:

Age Group	Team Selection Criteria
U8 – U10	Team selection will be based primarily on friendship groups (usually schools attended). The Club encourages players to make new friends and to this end will endeavour to ensure an appropriate mixing of friendship groups. These teams will not be graded. Players will not be chosen on ability. The focus will be on playing football with friends. Due to the typically high intake in this age group players may need to be re-allocated in the second or subsequent year in these age groups. Accordingly, team composition may change from year to year in order to accommodate new players.
U11 – U12	Team selection in these age groups is to ensure that each team is competitive in the division they are playing. Teams are not selected based solely on a player's ability. Each team will have players with a range of abilities. However, fitness levels will be considered when determining a player's capability of competing in certain grades. The rationale is to encourage a mix of new players from year to year in preparation for the "Ability Based" grading from the under 13 age group onwards.
U13 – U17	Team selection in these age groups is based on a player's ability and team balance. Criteria used to assess a players ability but not limited to are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kicking• Marking• Handball / Vision / Awareness• Clean Hands• Competitiveness• Footy Smarts• Fitness levels• Other attributes to be considered but not limited to will be (Attitude, Training Attendance, Coachability).

Beaumaris Football Club retains an absolute discretion to place players within a particular team in an age group.

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TEAM SELECTION PROCESS:

SELECTION PANEL:

A Selection Panel will be formed for the age groups. The Selection Panel will consist of but not limited to the Coaching Director, Junior Co-Coordinator, team coaches, experienced and qualified independent persons and others will be seconded at the discretion of the Football Sub-Committee.

Age Group	Team Selection Process
U8 – U10	Team selection will be based primarily on friendship groups (usually schools attended) and not upon grading criteria. Friendship groups will generally be mixed so that a team is not comprised solely of one school group.
U11 – U12	The team selection process for these age groups is not based upon grading criteria. The Selection Panel will confer to consider team selection based upon factors including the team division, composition of teams in the previous year, friendship groups and ability. However, fitness levels will be considered when determining a player's capability of competing in certain grades. The process is intended to be arbitrary.
U13 – U17	The team selection process for these age groups is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coaches input and assessment of the players previous seasons performance.• Training sessions for the particular age group will be conducted where a selection panel will observe and assess players.• Players assessed based on the attributes described in the Team Selection Criteria above.• Performance in practice/intra-club matches.• Other criteria may be used as required and at the discretion of the Football Sub-Committee.• Preliminary Teams to be selected prior to the 1st practice match.• Final Teams to be selected prior to Round 1.

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PLAYER MOVEMENT:

2014 SMJFL Player Movement Policy

- Free movement in under 8, 9 and 10
 - **Key Points:**
 - An unlimited number of players can be rotated from a bottom division team, to a top division team.
 - No more than 2 players can be rotated from a top division team to a lower division team.
 - Players can only play in 1 team per week across the same age group, including finals.
 - Once a player has played 6 matches in a higher division team, they shall be ineligible to play in a lower division team for the remainder of the year (including finals).
 - Byes do not count as a game.
 - **Finals qualifications:**
 - Players can be qualified for 2 teams during finals, however;
 - A player may only play in one finals match in a particular age group in each week of the finals.

Players can be rotated between teams in the same age group as per the SMJFL Policy. This rule ensures that players can be rotated where they will have the opportunity to play at the most appropriate level. The Team Selection, Training and Match Practice criteria together with any other information available to the club will be used in assessing the rotation of players.

COMMUNICATION:

Players and parents will be formally advised to which team they have been selected in. If a player or parent has any questions regarding team selection they can discuss the issue with the relevant Coaching Co-Ordinator for that age group. If the issue remains unresolved after discussions with the relevant Coaching Co-Ordinator then the player or parent can discuss the matter with the Director of Coaching. The decision of the Director of Coaching will be final and no further correspondence / discussions on the matter will be entered into.