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**Policy Number**            **JUNIOR GRADING**

**Policy Title**            **Medowie Football Club Junior Competition Grading Policy (U12 – U18)**

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## 1. PURPOSE

The Medowie Football Club Junior Competition Grading Policy has been developed to ensure players are given the opportunity to compete with and against others of similar ability. Our grading is designed to cater for skill development, allowing for players to compete in the appropriate competition grade, which is essential for their continued growth, development and enjoyment of football, as well as being in the club's best interests.

## 2. SCOPE

This Grading Policy applies to all registered players and team officials participating in the Junior Competition teams (i.e. U12 through to U18).

## 3. DEFINITIONS

**Initial Registration Period** – The period of time when Medowie Football Club accepts player registrations for the upcoming season. This period generally starts in the first week of January and ends in the last week of February, however actual dates (opening date and closing date) will vary each season and are to be advertised on platforms such as the club website and Facebook page.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

### 4.1 Player

Players must be registered with Medowie Football Club by the close of the initial registration period, by completing the online registration at <https://www.playfootball.com.au/register>.

### 4.2 Registrar

The Registrar will administer all related paperwork and documentation required.

### 4.3 Grading Sub Committee

A Grading Sub Committee will be appointed by the Club Committee. Suitable persons, such as, but not limited to, committee members, senior players and zone members may be invited to be part of the Grading Sub Committee. The Grading Sub Committee will manage and run the grading sessions. Where practicable, members of the Grading Sub Committee shall not undertake an active role in the grading of their own child.

### 4.4 Grading Assistants

Grading assistants may be appointed by the Club Committee. Suitable people, such as but not limited to, coaches and parents may be invited to be Grading Assistants. Their role is to assist the Grading Sub Committee to help run the drills/games and help supervise the players. Grading Assistants do not have an input into the grading of players.

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## 5. SPECIFIC PROCESS

- a. Pre-season training for the junior competition age groups will begin in early January.
- b. During the initial registration period, the Registrar/Secretary will contact players/parents via email and social media, informing them of when and where grading for their age group will take place.
- c. Selected graders are appointed by the Club Committee, and they will run the grading sessions.
- d. Players/Parents, Coaches/Managers will be notified of team selections and team meetings can be arranged at the Team Allocation Day.

### 5.1 Player Request's

For special circumstances, a player may request to play in a different team or in a team older than their age group by submitting a request in writing to the Registrar (or Secretary) by the close of the initial Registration Period. Where a player is under 16 years of age, the request must be submitted by their parent or guardian. Each request will be considered by the committee on its merit alongside other factors such as siblings, age group numbers, etc.

### 5.2 Grading System

Players will be individually assessed, based on the current Football Australia National Curriculum. This skills assessment will include the four core skills from the Curriculum, along with other skills:

- First touch.
- Running with the ball.
- Striking the ball.
- 1v1.
- Positioning.

The game play component will consist of mini games. Players will be assessed on awareness/positioning/attitude and overall game play.

### 5.3 Player Allocation

After the close of the Registration Period, the Grading Committee shall meet to review and discuss the formation and allocation of individual players to each team.

### 5.4 Failure to attend Grading Session

Players that are unable to attend their nominated grading session for assessment will be allocated to a team at the discretion of the Club Committee.

### 5.5 Team/Player Notification

Players/Parents will be notified of team selections and team meetings can be arranged at our Team Allocation Day.

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## 5.6 Season End

Player performance is assessed at the end of each season by their coach, this will be requested by the club Secretary and the information provided to the Grading Sub Committee. This will ensure that the players' previous season performance can be used as part of the grading process.

## 6. CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality is to be maintained at all times. Assessment of individual players will not be discussed outside of the grading committee (except with the player and their parent/caregiver if requested).

## 7. CONTACTS

Registrar: [click this link to email registrar](#)

Secretary: [click this link to email secretary](#)

Mobile: 0421 671 446

The Medowie Football Club Committee, along with our grading assessors are all

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are here to make the best possible club for you and your children.