



OCEAN GROVE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB - TEAM SELECTION AND GRADING POLICY

1. Purpose

The Ocean Grove Football Netball Club (OGFNC) aims to provide all junior football participants with a competitive and inclusive environment that fosters:

- Skill development
 - Understanding of the game
 - Fair play and sportsmanship
 - Lasting friendships
 - A fun and positive experience
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2. Team Grading Overview

- The **top team in each age group** will *always* apply for grading in **Division 1**, without exception.
 - Where multiple teams exist in an age group (e.g., 2nds, 3rds), these teams will be graded based on:
 - Results from previous seasons
 - Consultation with the relevant **Age Coordinator(s)** and **Coaches**
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3. Team Selection Principles

Team selection will be based on the following criteria and processes:

3.1 Selection Sequence

- Team selection begins with the **highest division** (e.g., 1sts) and proceeds downward through 2nds, 3rds, etc.

3.2 Weekly Team Selection

- Teams will be selected **each week**, with players potentially:
 - **Promoted** to a higher division team
 - **Returned** to a lower division team
- Selection is dynamic and responsive to current player form and team needs.

3.3 Selection Criteria

Selection is based on the following:

- **Performance** and game impact
- **Ability and skill level**
- **Attitude** and behaviour
- **Training attendance** (with reasonable consideration of extenuating circumstances)

3.4 Selection Responsibility

Team selection decisions are the responsibility of:

- The **Head Coach**
- Relevant **Team Coaches**
- If appointed, the **Chairperson of Selectors**

3.5 Communication

- Coaches will lead communication of weekly team selections.
- **Team Managers** and **Age Coordinators** will provide support with messaging and clarity.

3.6 Movement Between Teams

- No player will be moved down **more than one team level** per week (e.g., from 1sts to 2nds only), *except in exceptional circumstances*.

3.7 Playing Up an Age Group

- When filling spots from a **lower age group**, players will be selected from **the lowest division up**.
 - For example, an **Under 12 Girl** may not play in the 1sts if the 2nds require players.
 - An **Under 14 Boy** may not fill into the **Under 16s 2nds** if the Club also has an Under 16s 3rds team.
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4. Junior to Senior Transition

If a **junior player** is selected to play **senior football**:

- The **Senior Head Coach** must first:
 - Liaise with and obtain **approval from the player's parents** (as per registered contact details)
 - Communicate with the **player directly**
 - Inform and consult with the player's **current junior coach**, as a matter of respect and coordination
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5. Disputes and Grievances

- Any concerns or disputes regarding **team selection** must be directed to the relevant **Age Coordinator** in the first instance.
 - If unresolved, the matter will be referred to the **Junior Committee** for review and decision.
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6. REVIEW

This procedure will be reviewed every **two years** or following any **serious incident or complaint** to ensure it remains current and effective.

Feedback from staff, volunteers, and members will be considered as part of each review.

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