

Gwawley Bay Football Club

GRADING POLICY

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The Gwawley Bay Grading Policy has been approved by the Committee and should be read by all parents, players and newcomers.

Introduction

Proceeding each new soccer season every player from Under 6 to Under 21 (if required) is graded into teams in different divisions based on ability level.

The grading process gives all players the opportunity to demonstrate their talents to a variety of unbiased selectors thus giving all talented players (irrespective of the team they played with in the previous season) a chance to play in the highest division in the new season. The Club holds this as important in providing equal opportunity to all players.

Grading should take place in all age groups, U6 to U21, every season. Young players can change dramatically during a 12 month period. A player who is graded into an "A" team in one season must try out again in the following years to win a position in the "A" team. This is the best format to maintain the equality of opportunity.

Care must be taken to cater for those who have average ability (or less) but still love the game. It adds to their enjoyment if they are playing with and against players of similar or equal ability. Grading must help these players as well.

The Committee has the care and, to some extent, control of the Club and it's members/players and it is the Club, rather than individuals, which enters teams into various competitions.

Grading Policy

- The Grading Committee will consist of the Club Coach and the Executive Committee.
- Graders will be appointed each season to assist with the selection process.
- The Grading Committee has the responsibility of grading teams up to Under 21's but will be deemed **to have the power to adjudicate on** any grading related disputes within any Senior teams.
- Grading will be carried out prior to commencement of each season on days determined by the Grading Committee, which will be subject to field availability.
- The Grading Committee will determine the time allocated to age groups dependant on the number of players registered and participating in that age group.
- All players must attend grading. Players unable to attend may be allocated to a team having regard to player numbers.
- Players unable to attend grading but wanting to try out for higher division sides must make application in writing to the Grading Committee. The Grading Committee decisions will be final.
- The Grading Committee will ensure that sufficient graders are present to enable

proper consideration of all players.

- Grading will be carried out using grading sheets and decisions made on a majority of graders' votes' basis.
- Players will be graded on a forced ranked basis and awarded a score for basic skills and understanding of the game.
- Grading is done by the running of actual games
- Players are sorted into teams, and the team then recommended into a grade to the SSJSFA.
- In a situation where players wish to play with friends or not in a division one team their choice will be respected. The Club will endeavour, where practical and possible, to cater to these players' needs. The Club will endeavour to cater for all players irrespective of their ability and will promote football as a means for all players to have fun both on and off the field.
- This situation will be especially relevant to the Under 6, 7 and 8's.

Appeals

- Any appeal to the Grading Committees decision must be submitted in writing and addressed to the Executive Committee.
- Any submission must include a parent or guardian name, contact phone number, child's name and age group as well as the circumstance or nature of the appeal.
- Any appeal lodged will be reviewed by the Grading Committee and Executive Committee who's decision will be final.
- Any verbal approach will not be considered.