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AUDIENCE All committee members and appointed officials.

This policy contains important information that affects the processes our members use.

Junior Player Grading

3.1 Subject	Club policy on the junior player grading process.
3.2 Purpose	The club will grade registered junior players in age groups that compete in inter-club divisional competitions at a competitive level under the ACT footballs governing body. The grading process is designed to assist the club in making judgment on the placement of each player into a team and/or division appropriate to their level.
3.3 Principle	Grading is carried out so that: 1. players participate in a level of competition that is consistent with their own skills. 2. players will benefit from training with others of similar ability. 3. coaches can easily conduct training sessions that are suitable for the whole team. The above reasons recognise that, above all, young players should be able to participate in an environment that they enjoy and is of benefit to them.
3.4 Responsibilities	Implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Grading Team. It does, however, require the input of key individuals. Overall control will be given to the Coaching Director or person/s equally appropriate, to help facilitate decisions. This process is to be overseen by the Grading Team of the club.
3.5 Process	All players, who are participating in inter-club divisional competitions, may attend pre-season grading sessions. Dates, times and locations of grading sessions will be notified to all players via MPFC communication channels. Pre-season grading sessions will be held at the club's training and playing fields. A minimum of two (2) grading sessions will be held at allocated times and dates prior to the commencement of the competition season. Selectors approved by the Grading Team will conduct the sessions. No preference will be given to an individual player in regards to team placement. Players will be graded on individual skill levels and attitude and will be placed in the appropriate team accordingly. All players who register with the club for the current year will be accommodated, as reasonably possible up to the day preceding the club's designated grading days.

3.5 Process con't	Registrations received after the designated grading days will be accommodated on a first come first served basis with regards to the vacancies within various teams. No guarantee of placement in any particular team can be given. Every effort will be made to ensure all players are placed into teams of equal capability, however; the club's decisions are final in these matters.
3.6 Disputes	Any parent/guardian dissatisfied with the final placement of a player is to be directed to the Junior Coordinator regarding any concerns with the grading process or for advice on how to proceed with any complaint. Club official's and representative's decisions are final in these matters.
3.7 Background	Grading is a continual process. The club's grading process may include trial games before the start of the season, training sessions and specific skill tests. Monitoring of a player's development and performance occurs throughout the year and the team coach can be requested to prepare a report when required.
3.8 Conclusion	Grading is a very subjective process. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that it is as fair as possible, it is recognised that on occasion, players may appear to be graded incorrectly. It is the role of the coaches and the Grading Team to minimise these instances through careful implementation of this policy. It is important to remember that ability does not depend only on skill, but also includes such factors as physical size, attitude, fitness and potential for improvement.
3.9 Impact on Health and Safety	Selectors are to take particular notice when grading as to the physical nature of players and any relevant conditions when placement is to be determined for the competition season.
3.10 Reference Codes	Nil.