



Hornsby RSL Youth Football Club Junior Grading Policy

U6 and U7 teams:

U6 and U7 are not graded.

U8-U18 teams:

From 2011, for the U8's and above, we will be making every effort to grade all players into the team appropriate for their age and skill level. The Ku-Ring-Gai District Soccer Association (KDSA) then grades all teams into divisions of like ability. Grading will be done as extensive research from the KDSA has shown that children enjoy their football much more and develop their skills much more quickly when they are playing at a level commensurate with their abilities.

All Junior players from the age of 8 years and above will be graded as an individual.

For all junior players 8 years and above the grading committee will be responsible for placing individual players into their appropriate team. The grading committee will consist of the head coach, experienced players and past coaches with the view to maintaining as much independence for the players as is feasible.

How will Grading Work?

- ⊗ The coach and manager's feedback from the previous season (team report) will be used to build a provisional ranking list of players within each age group prior to grading day.
- ⊗ Grading Day will then be used to confirm this ranking and to compare new players or players playing up an age group. The club will utilise grading day to observe established players, sight new players and on this basis provisional team lists will be compiled. For some age groups these provisional team lists will be final; while for other age groups, trial matches may be used at the discretion of the grading committee to finalise the team.
- ⊗ **Attendance at grading day is mandatory, in particular, where there is more than one team in any age group.**
- ⊗ **Any players, who (for whatever reason) feels he/she cannot attend grading day, MUST formally advise the Head Coach prior to the scheduled grading day.**
- ⊗ If the scheduled grading day is cancelled due to poor weather or ground closure, a replacement day for grading will be scheduled and players notified accordingly.
- ⊗ Hornsby RSL Youth Football Club and the grading committee retain sole discretion as to the final grading.
- ⊗ After finalisation of grading by the grading committee the team allocation will be rendered to the KDSA.
- ⊗ If a player wishes to move into another team after being placed into a team by the grading committee a request must be placed in writing to the Club President specifying the reason why the player wishes to move. The Club president and grading committee will consider the request and respond at the earliest convenience.
- ⊗ Late registering players in any age group will be placed into a team that requires adequate numbers. If all teams are full, late registering players will be placed on a waiting list and will not be placed into a team until a vacancy exists. **(To enable the Grading Committee to carry out grading, please register on time.)**

In the interest of protecting the role of last year's Coaches, the grading committee and the players themselves, all information pertaining to the grading process will be kept confidential, at all times.

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