

WWFC GRADING POLICY PROCESS & PROCEDURE

Method

To enable the players to be graded appropriately, players from age groups of **U8’s to U12’s** shall be a two stage process consisting of a Warm up session and Game Play and will focus mainly on **player actions**.

Players from Age group **U13’s to U18’s** grading will also be only Game Play and will focus on **player actions, Player Tasks and Team tasks**.

Note: U8’s will be strict grading as per CCF Rules, hence parents cannot make up a list of players and ask for them to be put on one team. Exceptional request for a single player can be made, but will have to be considered and approved by the football committee. The Idea is to place players into teams (Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced) with other players of similar ability.

Teams from age group **U9’s to U18’s** will be graded into “A”, “B”, “C” and so on based on the number of players available in each age group. It is not certain that all the grading age groups will have an “A” and or “B” teams as some age group teams might not be strong enough to play in higher grades.

The skill and Game Play sessions will assist grading assessors to make an informed decision on player’s ability and or potentials based on the four football core skills (Running with the ball, First touch, Striking the ball and 1 V 1) plus communication and positioning in addition to other quality traits such as but not limited to (not in any particular order).

Personality traits such as

- Competitiveness
- Resilience
- Agility, coordination and Balance
- Decision-Making



Grading Process

Basic Skills Assessment/ Warm up

- Each group will have an assessor
- Each group will be directed to an activity(s) (skill /warmup) where each group is instructed on what the activity involves and what is required of them individually or as a team.

Game Play Assessment

- The same group of players from the skill assessment will be broken into teams to play a small sided games. Small sided games have the following benefits for grading,
- Assessors have more time for each player
- Players have more touches to justify their potentials
- No hiding place, players don’t get lost in these games, and
- More opportunities for players to solve football problems

NB. The assessors will be involved in both skills/warm-up and game play sessions so consistency can be maintained.

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Goal Keepers

A player who wants to be a dedicated goal keeper should inform the grading Manager in advance so they are not graded based on outfield playing qualities. Players who make a grade as a dedicated goal keeper will have to prepare to be in goals for every game, and if he or she decides not to be a dedicated goal keeper will be re-graded as a player and placed in the appropriate grade.

Absent Players

Players should give advance notice if they are unable to attend allocated grading session time and or day. Arrangement will be made by the grading manager on a different day and or time to have your child graded (Grading could be individual or with a higher, lower or mixed age groups).

Trial Games

Players will be grouped into preliminary graded teams to play a couple of either intra club or inter clubs trial games. One or two spots may be left in all “A” grade teams and the lowest grade team will carry the extra players until final player movements.

After the trial games all player will be formally be graded into respective teams with the possibility of minimal player movement until CCF deadline for player movements.

Extra Grading

Extra grading outside the scheduled grading sessions may be carried out in a form of friendly games and or training session to assist the Football Committee to finalise teams.

Grading Disputes

Any disputes arising from the Grading Process must be received in writing and communicated using the following link: <https://goo.gl/mT1t13>

Any verbal disputes will not be actioned.

FOR AGE GROUPS U8 AND OVER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL PLAYERS BE PLACED IN A GRADE HIGHER THAN WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN GRADED IN JUST SO THEY CAN PLAY WITH FRIENDS, SIBLING(S) OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

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