



## ALBANY CREEK GPS RUGBY

### Team Selection and Grading Guidelines

2016

The following grading guidelines will be used to grade aged groups where we have more than one team. This policy only applies to Under 12 or older. Players in the Under 6-11 years will not be graded. This is done so that we as a club can plan and ensure a steady and controlled growth strategy is implemented to maximise our player experience in delivering above average coaching and development.

It is club policy that players be graded into teams commensurate with their skill level. Team's compositions will be as follow:

U11: One team of up to sixteen (16) players will be selected. Other teams will be of balanced numbers

U12: one team of up to twenty-one (23) players will be selected. Other teams of balanced numbers will be selected.

U13 and above one team of twenty-three (23) players will be selected. Other teams of balanced numbers.

Following is an outline on the procedure.

1. The emphasis is on players playing in a division at which they should enjoy their rugby. Player safety is paramount in this process, hence the player playing in a division commensurate with their skill level.
2. Players will be viewed by the selection panel during the pre-season clinics and if required during a separate skills session. In addition the players will play a trial game as close to Muster Night as practical. All players will train together in their respective age groups.
3. All players have the opportunity to show their skills against other players in the same age group. For the trial game teams are balanced with team make up decided with the assistance of the coaches from the previous year, as they generally have a good understanding of the various players' abilities.
4. The selectors for this process will be accredited coaches who have no direct association with the age group, preferably with a level 2 accreditation or representative team selection experience. The club Coaching Director will act as the chairman of selectors and appoint the balance of the selection panel pending availability. A minimum of 3 selectors will view the players.



5. Following the trial game the selection panel will make recommendations for the team selections. The coaches of the teams for the year will then be consulted and a combined decision will then be made.
6. The person who is solely responsible for informing players of which team they are in will be the coach.
7. Any disputes associated with selections should be directed initially towards the coach. If it cannot be resolved the matter will be referred to the Coaching Director. Should the issues still remain unresolved the complaint should be placed in writing and forwarded to the Secretary who will then place it on the agenda for the next Committee meeting where a final decision will be made.
8. The Club reserves the right to relocate any player from a selected team should he no longer be considered a suitable participant in consultation with the Director of Coaching.
9. As a general rule players that are new to the game will usually be in the team playing the lower division.
10. Players who wish to play together will be placed in the team commensurate with the lesser skilled player.
11. Any player not wanting to "Grade" will automatically be placed in the lower division.
12. Of most importance is that every player will have the same opportunity. If a player wants to participate in the grading process but for some reason cannot attend (eg: ill health), parents must advise the club via either the registrar or Coaching Director of their absence. In these cases we will be reliant on their previous years coach and the Director of Coaching to determine their skill level.
13. Players and parents are reminded that players mature at different stages. Their body shape, size, strength, co-ordination and game skills will vary. In some cases they can change dramatically within a year. This exercise is designed to place players in a team where they can develop in all aspects of the game. It is most important players do not get ahead of their skill level and maturity. They need to be able to continue to learn about the game in a safe and friendly environment.
14. It must be noted that no Coach, Manager or Parent can guarantee a new player or new player's parents coming to the club that they will play in an elected division.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Coaching Director.