



AJAX JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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TEAM SELECTION POLICY & GUIDELINES
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This document has been produced to clarify the team selection process. It is Club policy to support our Coaches in any reasonable decisions they make. The Club requires our Coaches to adhere to the following guidelines as far as practicable:

If there are two sides in the same age group, it is the wish of the club to play the two sides in different divisions.

- **Age Group's Under 8 to Under 11**

In these age groups, the emphasis is placed on participation and enjoyment. This means that winning games is not paramount. Additional goals are the acquisition of football skills and the nurturing of physical and emotional development and well-being.

Where two sides are in the same age group, it is the wish of the Club that the two sides will be picked by the Coaches to form two 'equal' teams. The Match Committee will assist the Coaches to select the sides if required and the Match Committee retains the right to make the final decision.

Maximum of 25 players per side. Second team only confirmed after 44 registrations are received. Players will be registered on a first come first served basis.

- **Age Group's Under 12 to Under 17**

The Club will provide players the opportunity to play in the highest level within the league. A Club's grading is determined by the performance of these age group teams in matches over the previous season. A greater emphasis is placed upon individual and team performances but not to the exclusion of participation and enjoyment.

Where there is a single side in any age group, selection of the side is the responsibility of the appointed coach with the final approval of the Match Committee.

Where two sides are formed in the same age group and in different Divisions, Coaches are empowered to select teams. This is to be based on the Coaches judgment and perception of the player's abilities, potential, development, attitude, commitment and the need for team balance. The Match Committee will assist the Coach select the sides if required and it is the Match Committee that retains the right to make the final decision.

Selection Criteria

U12 – U15 Best 25 players as determined by the Coaching Panel with the approval of the Match Committee. If available players reach 46, then two teams will be



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entered in to the competition with the first 23 players to be graded in the higher division Comets side and the remainder in to the Jets. Maximum players per side is 25.

U16 – U17 Best 28 players as determined by the Coaching Panel with the approval of the Match Committee. If available players reach 50, then two teams will be entered in to the competition with the first 25 players to be graded in the higher division Comets side and the remainder in to the Jets. Maximum players per side is 28.

Team numbers and selection criteria are subject to change and final review by the Match Committee

- **Special needs**

The Club appreciates that there may be extenuating circumstances, and that some players may wish to be in a particular side. Such requests should be made through the Coaches and Team Managers of the respective teams and referred to the Match Committee

- **Objective**

The above selection policies are in place to maximise the opportunities for all players to reach their individual potential

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