



Carlingford Redbacks Soccer Club Inc

JUNIOR GRADING POLICY

Purpose

- Provide a clear process for the grading of new and existing players each year.
- Ensure players are graded into the team most representative of their skills.
- Allocate late registrations in an equitable manner.
- Facilitate equal numbers across all teams in each age group.


Registration

- Team numbers are recommended to be set at a minimum and maximum
 - U6-U7 Min 8 Max 10
 - U8 Min 11 Max 13
 - U9-16 Min 13 Max 15
- Coaches and Managers interested in volunteering for the following year will nominate in July.
- Managers to confirm players who intend returning in following season, so that the Club can discuss approximate number of teams in each age division.
- Discounted pre-registrations will be available on Presentation Day and again in November. Registration Day will be held on the first Saturday in February.
- Late registrations will only be accepted if vacancies still exist in applicable age group.

Teams

- Registration will occur in three stages:
 - Pre-Registration – Presentation Day \$20 fee discount
 - Pre-Registration – November Mail-out \$15 fee discount
 - Registration Day Standard Fee
- Age of Player – Players playing out of age group should be reviewed each year to return to correct age. Reasons for playing out of age group are to be taken into account.

Grading Approach

- The Grading Committee will be comprised of qualified and long-standing coaches and senior players. The appointed or intended coaches for that age division will also be invited to attend the grading sessions in an advisory capacity. Each age group will have a head selector (independent from that age group) responsible for tracking player attendance, recording performance, and finalising team selections. The Junior Co-ordinator and/or Assistant Junior Co-ordinator will assist the Grading Committee with any administration required.
- The Registrar will prepare an initial list of all Junior registered players in the week following Registration Day. A Committee Meeting will be held Monday week following Registration Day to assess team numbers for each age division, based on returning and new players. An initial assessment will be made of how many teams to nominate in each age division, and which division will be nominated. Based upon this information, it may be decided to close some age groups from any late registrations.
- Team training commences second week following Registration Day. Combined team training to run for four weeks. Age group training as follows:
 - U9 Tuesday 6pm to 7pm
 - U10 Wednesday 6pm to 7pm
 - U11 Thursday 6pm to 7pm
 - U12 Thursday 7pm to 8pm
 - U13 Tuesday 7pm to 8pm
 - U14 Wednesday 7pm to 8pm
 - U15 Wednesday 7pm to 8pm
 - U16 Tuesday 7pm to 8pm
 - U17 Tuesday 7pm to 8pm
- On the first week of grading, the Junior Co-Ordinator will gather parents together whilst children accompany Grading Committee. The Junior Co-Ordinator is to inform parents the number of returning players in each age group, number of teams that will be nominated and in which division, and any age groups that are closed to late registrations.
- Junior Co-Ordinator is to call for expressions of interest for Coaches and Managers for each age group. Coaches and Managers are welcome to coach any division, but as grading will take four weeks, they will not know which team their child will be selected in. Therefore a final allocation of coaches and managers will occur once grading has been confirmed.
- Preference will be given to siblings within the same age group to be graded into the same division if requested by the parents. This will not necessarily be the highest division if one player is significantly better than their sibling.
- Team Managers who have volunteered will be given a list of players to contact who have not returned from the prior season, if vacancies in the age group still exist.
- No discrimination will occur based upon gender, race or religion.
- Grading Committee will follow GHFA Suggested Team Grading Process, copy  attached. Password is "ghfaselections".
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- Grading process will occur as follows:
 - Week 1 – Gather players together, explain the grading process, write down players in attendance on page 5 from Grading Process, ask players what position they would like to play, and which is their dominant foot. Allocate players different coloured bibs, and commence 4v4 King of the Hill for remainder of the night. Write down field in which they finished this night.
 - Week 2 – Add players' names not previously in attendance to master grading sheet. Allocate players different coloured bibs, and commence 7v7 King of the Hill for remainder of the night. Players to be allocated to a field based upon their 4v4 finishing position from prior week.
 - Week 3 – Players will have been tentatively allocated into a team of 11 based upon their performance to date. Allocate players different coloured bibs, and commence 11v11 King of the Hill for remainder of the night. Following this, players will be allocated into a final team, which will be communicated to parents and players at the end of the night. Coaches and Managers will also be finalised following the final team composition. Trial matches may be starting as of the coming weekend, so relevant teams will be advised of the time and date of the match to attend.
 - Players who have not attended any grading sessions will be allocated to a team based upon prior year's division, although priority to higher divisions will be given to players who have attended grading. Players who have only attended some grading sessions will be allocated to a team based upon their grading performance on the night they attended, in conjunction with their division from the prior year. If no grading or prior year information is available, a player will automatically be graded to the lowest division.
 - Week 4 & 5 – teams will still train on the age division night originally allocated for grading. Nominations for permanent training time and night will be submitted to the Junior Co-Ordinator, and a final time will be communicated to the Manager.
 - Week 6 onwards – teams will now train on their new training time and night.

Timing

- Registration Day first Saturday of February.
- Initial team nominations due to GHFA mid to late February (est. 3rd week).
- Team Registrations due to GHFA late March (est. 3rd week).
- Trial matches commence early March.
- Season commences early April.

Appendix 1 – Season 2008 Timing

- July 2007 Existing Coaches & Managers nominate for 2008 season
- August 2007 Managers to confirm returning players
- September 16, 2007 Presentation Day – Pre-Registration
- November 2007 Pre-Registration Mail-out
- January 2008 Registration Mail-out
- February 2, 2008 Registration Day
- February 11, 2008 Committee Meeting to discuss teams
- February 12, 2008 Grading Commences
- February 18 (est.) GHFA Division Nominations required
- March 7, 2008 Grading Finalised, players advised
- March 8, 2008 Trial Matches Commence
- March 13 (est.) GHFA Team Registrations to be completed
- March 23, 2008 Easter
- April 5 (est.) Season Commences

Appendix 2 – Season 2008 Estimated Junior Teams

2007 Team

2008 Team

U8 GOLD

U8 RED

U8 WHITE

U9/3

U9/7

U10/2

U10/5

U10/7

U11/1

U11/6

U12/1

U12/5

U12/6

U13/1

U13/4

U14/3

U15/1

U15/4

U16/3

U17/1