



GORDON FOOTBALL CLUB

TEAM ALLOCATION & GRADING

Information Sheet

The volunteer Committee's objective is to ensure all players are placed in teams where they will enjoy their games and improve their skills. Team allocations will be sent out approximately 2 weeks before the season starts.

It is a condition of registering that you have read and agreed to the process set out below.

Miniroos U6 – U7

The focus of U6-U7 is having fun and learning how to play. These teams are not graded and are formed mostly on friendships and schools attended. Parents will have the opportunity to note 3 friends on their child's registration form. We will do our best to accommodate all friendship requests received on the registration form, but this may not always be possible given the number of children to be placed in teams and team size requirements. The ideal team size is 10 players (max 12).

The U6-U7 Age Co-ordinator is responsible for allocating players and communicating team allocations.

Miniroos U8, U9, U10, U11

The grading of players from U8s upwards is a recommendation by the Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA), our governing body. We understand this is a shift for both children and parents to step away from their previous teams and be graded into new teams each year.

Previous experience has shown that children develop more quickly, get greater enjoyment, and will continue with the sport for longer, if they are playing alongside players of equal ability. Team sport is a fantastic way for children (and parents) to form new friendships.

To ensure our grading process is conducted at a high standard, and in a fair and equitable manner, we have engaged independent XLR8 coaches to run our Grading Day for the U8-U18 age groups. Please note no individual feedback will be provided.

XLR8 Coaches have a minimum FFA Skill Training Certificate. They assess each child based on:

- First Touch (control)
- Striking the ball - passing
- Striking the ball - shooting

- 1 vs 1 attack
- 1 vs 1 defence
- Decision making
- Small sided games
- Full field game (for U12+)

In the event of players withdrawing between grading day and the season start, this may necessitate changes in players between teams to ensure minimum player numbers are achieved across all teams. These player changes will be based on grading results and the Committee would appreciate your understanding and co-operation if this situation arises.

The ideal team size is 9 for U8-U9 (max 11), and 11 for U10-U11 (max 13).

Juniors U12 – U17

Where there is more than 1 team, these teams are fully graded by independent XLR8 coaches. Where we only have enough numbers to form one team we may still require players to attend a grading session to enable us to nominate a division for the team.

Team Eligibility

Only players that have registered and paid are eligible to be considered for a team. We do not hold spots open for unregistered players, nor do we consider verbal requests to join a team.

Players That Cannot Attend Grading

Where a player is unable to attend grading, they will be placed in a team based on prior year grading information and coach feedback (if available), or the lowest graded team.

Late Registrations

Players registering late will be placed on a wait list for the first available spot – this will be in the lowest graded team.

Team Changes

Generally we cannot accept requests to change teams once Team Allocations have been sent out. Changes will only be made in extenuating circumstances and the Committee's decision on these changes is final.