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ACE Grading Guidelines

The word 'grading' is used in reference to:

- Placement of players in "liked skilled" groups where they are comfortable to play.
- Registering ACE teams into divisions with Football Brisbane Inc – our governing body, where they can compete at a level of enjoyment and also be competitive.

Grading takes place over a period of approximately four weeks. **It is important to try and attend all grading sessions to give the player the best possible chance of making the right team for them.** Please help by encouraging players and their friends to register during Sign-On weekend.

The following guidelines have been developed for players, parents and coaches to inform them of the grading policies of the Club.

We hope this information will help explain the sometimes-hard task the coaches and administrators have.

1. What the player does when they have the ball.
2. What the player does when their team mates have the ball.
3. What the player does when the opposition have the ball.
4. How the player behaves and responds to coaching instructions
5. Skill level
6. Players Attitude and willingness to learn and participate.

GRADING DECISIONS

It is club policy to grade players every year to ensure that all Junior Players have the opportunity to progress. The club encourages players and parents not to focus on which team a player is selected into, but rather, on the players own development during the season. It is important that parents are supportive of their children during the grading process.

Once ACE grading is complete, all players will be allocated a team. Football Brisbane intends to run 4 weeks of Grading Games at the start of the season. This will be used to fine tune which Division each team will play in. The Director of Junior Development in consultation with the team coach has the authority to change players during these Grading Games and up to a further 2 weeks into the season if necessary. The Director of Junior Development in consultation with the team coach also has the authority to drop players into a lower division team anytime during the season where a player is deemed to be disruptive to the coach and the team.

Grading is done by a panel of experienced coaches under the guidance of the Director of Junior Development.

NO DISCUSSION WILL BE ENTERED INTO BY THE CLUB WITH RESPECT TO DECISIONS MADE BY THE GRADING PANEL.