



Boys Football – Grading Approach

The club recognises that the efficient and fair allocation of players to teams is an important point for all the players and their families. Where grading is required the club will use the best endeavours to fairly grade players into teams.

The Kew Junior Football Club (Comets) Grading Policy applies where there are two or more Comets teams formed in the same age division. The following document is specific to the boy's teams only.

The team allocation process operates with the Comets objective of maximising participation and enjoyment firmly in mind. It is a Comets objective to ensure that all teams are competitive in every division in which teams are placed. Team grading will be led by the Football Operations Sub-Committee (FOSC).

The summary of the grading approach is as follows.

U8 – U11: no grading of teams, team formation based on school friendship groups.

U12 and older: teams graded based on football ability by the FOSC.

Key elements of the grading approach:

- FOSC will lead the grading process.
- Grading decisions will be based on skills, game-based decision making and a team orientated mindset.
- Relevant awards (club and YJFL) and where relevant representative team selection will be considered in the grading process.
- Parents involved in FOSC will have no input to their son's grading (where applicable).
- Coaches for the season in which the grading will apply, will have no direct involvement in the grading process.
- We will provide input for the YJFL on U10 and U11 team placement in divisions. based on the capability of that team, without grading players between the Comet's teams in those age groups.
- Grading will be agreed and finalised by FOSC, then communicated to the wider Committee.

The grading process will follow these steps:

- Completion of the season all coaches will complete a grading spreadsheet rating the players from that team;
- Once registrations have received the FOSC will do an initial grading of players;
- A minimum of 2 skills grading sessions will be conducted in the pre-season;

- There is an option of a grading match for players;
- Grading will be completed as early practical in the preseason;
- If players cannot attend any grading sessions with other commitments their team placement will be at the sole discretion of the FOOSC; and
- FOOSC will retain the right to alter team composition during the first few rounds of the season whilst the YJFL allows movement of players, with the agreement of the relevant family.