



Player and Team Allocation Policy

The Comets team allocation policy shall apply where two or more Comets teams are formed in an age division from under 11s onwards.

The following team allocation criteria shall apply:

Female & Male Registered Players

Age Groups U8-U10 Team Allocation to be school/friendship based

Male Registered Players

Age Groups U11-Colts Team allocation criteria

Female Registered Players

U12-U15 and Youth Girls Team allocation criteria

The Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) has always been a graded league competition, from Under 10 above, comprising of up to six Divisions per age group. The YJFL allocates the divisions for the teams within each Club based on previous year and predicted performance. The Gold Division is the YJFL's highest ranked team competition based on predicted overall team ability and performance.

Given its history of performance across all age divisions the YJFL shall allocate most Comets' teams in the upper parts of its football divisions and the club is most likely to be allocated a Gold Division team in each age group.

Once the season has commenced the YJFL uses the first four weeks of the season as grading games to ensure teams are competitive in their division and, subject to the results in these four weeks, will regrade teams if necessary.

The objective of the Comets via its Player and Team Allocation Policy is to maximise player participation and enjoyment by improving the skills of all of its registered players. To that end team allocation shall operate as follows;

- All registered players will be allocated to teams within their own age group to:
 - a) Enable players to play in an appropriate team;
 - b) Enable players to participate at the appropriately assessed level which will enable them to enjoy their football and gain greater confidence for years to come; and
 - c) Feel a valued and required player of the team

- The decision to assess players and allocate them to appropriate teams recognises that players will grow, change and develop over the summer.
- The FOSC shall be guided by the recommendations provided by the Director(s) of Coaching. Where necessary relevant previous coaches maybe consulted but will not be directly involved in the final allocation of players to teams. Previous year's performance and previous years' coach's comments will be available for consideration in the Team Allocation Process.
- The Comets also recognises that different coaches with different game plans will also have requirements for different player types and therefore overall team balance across the entire registered player group has to be taken into account in team allocation.
- Players who register with the KJFC after the team allocation process shall be allocated to the lowest graded Comets team in that age division to be assessed by the Director of Coaching and or the FOSC.
- The KJFC will also make every attempt to ensure that all of its teams in the age groups from under 11s onwards do not compete in the same division and that each of its teams remains a first rate team environment.
- All Coaches at KJFC are volunteers and are required to have a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation and a current Working With Children Certificate.
- It is recommended that a team is not coached more than three consecutive years by the same Coach this is in order to expose young players to different coaching styles and coaching methods and to share the coaching responsibilities across the parent group.

Team Allocation Process

How does the team allocation process operate?

The team allocation process operates with the club objectives of maximising participation and enjoyment firmly in mind. It is also a club objective to ensure that all Comets teams are competitive in every division in which its teams are placed.

The Team Allocation Process shall commence with player assessments to be conducted by the Comets appointed Coaching Director(s). The Coaching Director(s) is independent of the KJFC Committee. The Coaching Director(s) will conduct football drills and skill assessments and may also conduct practice matches during pre-season training. The Comets will hold 3 trial sessions in March prior to the commencement of the season in order for these evaluations to occur.

All players present will be given an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do in a variety of skill based exercises and positions in games and or game sense drills.

Team Allocation Process cont'd:

The team allocation process will also take into consideration a range of non playing factors such as teamwork, understanding of positional play, leadership qualities (at training and during practice matches) and attitude.

At the conclusion of the 3 trial sessions the Coaching Director(s) will prepare and submit player assessments and suggestive team allocation for all registered players to the Football Operations Sub Committee.

Football Operations Sub Committee (FOSC)

The Football Operations Sub Committee (FOSC) as delegated by the KJFC Committee has the responsibility to place all registered players based on club objectives, skill assessments and team balance into teams across the entire Kew Junior Football Club.

The allocations agreed to by the FOSC are reported to the Committee for ratification and the FOSC shall be the contact for parents/guardians in relation to team allocations.

The FOSC will allocate registered players using the above policy and reserves the right to change a player's initial allocation as it sees fit to accommodate KJFC Objectives.

The KJFC also retains the right to allocate registered players in its absolute discretion.

Movement of Players Across Teams

The Team Allocation process shall also permit the FOSC to, where applicable, assess players during the first four rounds of the season. These rounds will be used to review all teams to ensure each team has a sufficient blend of players to achieve competitiveness within the division the YJFL have allocated the team.

TRAINING

It is the Comets' preference that all teams in the same age group train on the same night at the same venue and at the same time.

This will depend on the availability of coaches, but if coaches for each age group are available on one night, this means that:-

- Players from the same age group could warm up together, which could include warm up drills and could finish training together, including the warm down drills.

The players would then break off into their own teams during the middle of training.

This is to be worked out between the appointed coaches at each age group.