

## FOR FAMILIES WITH CONCERNS WITH SATURDAY TEAM SELECTIONS

**Please read this before you raise your concern.**

Coaches and organisers have spent a lot of time considering various combinations and the huge range of requests. We care about each team and player. We take into account, all of the following considerations (with varying emphases in different age groups):

**Current ability      Potential      Previous performance and conduct**  
**Time requests for games & Training      Age of Player      Requests to keep**  
**teams together \*\*\*Friendship requests if reciprocated      Player aspirations**  
**Coach requests      Team balance**

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT TEAM NUMBER IS NOT NECESSARILY AN INDICATOR OF THE STRENGTH OF A TEAM. FOR INSTANCE THIS SEASON TEAMS 11-14 TO 11-24 COULD END UP IN ANY ORDER, AND 15-8 TO 15-13 MIGHT BE ALL OF SIMILAR ABILITY DUE TO FRIENDSHIP GROUPS & OTHER REASONS.**

**To illustrate, one season 12-9 finished above 12-7 & 12-11 finished only half a game behind. 12-30 finished above 24, 26, 27 & 29.**

We *will* have made some mistakes, so we expect a few families will contact us to fix those errors.

However, please remember before phoning the Age Group Convenor that:

- Some requests are impossible. For instance, we might not have a team in an age group of around the right level that trains on one of two days, if only two days have been requested by the family.
- If you made numerous or difficult requests re: training times, we may have to put a player in a much lower grade to accommodate those requests.
- In grades other than beginners, if players request to be together but are apart in ability, the stronger player will normally be selected in the less strong player's grade.
- **Players selected for one season in teams below their ability generally thrive, develop with the responsibility they are given come to our attention and improve rapidly, provided their parents are supportive of the team.**

Please note that players born in the **first half of 2002, 2004, 2006 & 2008** are lower bottom age players this coming season. If they are selected in teams in the lower half (by numbers) normally this is because they are younger than most other players.

IF YOU DO WISH TO PROCEED WITH A REQUEST TO REVIEW SELECTION OR CORRECTION OF ERROR, **PLEASE CONTACT *ONLY THE AGE GROUP CONVENOR***. *Saturday selection review matters are not considered by the office staff, or by individual coaches.* The Convenor will record your requests, and convey them to the Selection committees. We will respond as soon as we consider that most requests have arrived, so they can be reviewed together. **We emphasise talk only to the Age Group Convenor. Private arrangements with coaches will NOT be endorsed.**

Thank you for your cooperation  
Saturday Selection Convenors.