

TUGGERANONG UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Social League Guidelines

Introduction

These Guidelines are designed to aid club officials to achieve a cohesive approach to TUFC's social football program. They outline the program's aims and the Club's philosophy on these social teams. This policy may be changed at the discretion of the TUFC Seniors Management Committee.

Social Football Program

TUFC's social teams are defined as all Divisional league teams, including Masters. The Management Committee may, at the beginning of the season, designate a Divisional team as part of the Premier League Program. In this case the Club's PL Guidelines will apply to that team.

Program Goals

The goals of the Divisional League Program are:

- To provide an opportunity for participation in social football past junior age groups.
- To encourage football participation in the general community.
- To facilitate the enjoyment of football by club members.
- To contribute to the development and profile of football in the region.

Pre Season Selection

Team managers and coaches will select playing squads over the 6-8 weeks of pre season based on the following:

- Squad numbers
- Player preference (level, coach, team mates etc)
- Preferred social groups
- Skill level
- Training preferences/availability
- Playing time preference

The overriding principle for team selection is that players in the Divisional Program are playing primarily for their enjoyment, so selection decisions that are detrimental to players' enjoyment should be avoided. It will however, not be possible to accommodate everyone's wishes all the time, so players must be willing to accept some compromise.

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Participation

With participation a major goal of the program, managers should ensure that all players receive adequate playing time, and opportunities to play. Substitution interchange allows this to be managed during a game, and there should be the opportunity for all players to play at least 45 minutes in most circumstances.

If the situation arises that there are more than 15 squad members, meaning one player cannot play each week, then that position should be rotated. A preferable option is to find another TUFC team that can accommodate extra players.

If players from another grade are helping out with numbers by playing an extra game, their participation should not be at the expense of regular players, for whom it is their only game of the weekend.

Movement During the Season

During the first 2-3 weeks, the selection process undertaken during pre-season may continue to 'fine tune' the squads. The same principles described above will apply.

Circumstances may mean that movement between grades is desired. This may be due to numbers (injuries, absences etc) or personal preference. In this situation, the managers of both teams should discuss with the player/s concerned, the options. Any movement between grades after the first 3 weeks of the season should be with the agreement of the individual player. Players may not be moved against their will without consulting the Management Committee. The MC will only consider such movements for critical numbers, disciplinary reasons or exceptional circumstances.

Movement Between PL and Divisional Grades

When a player is dropped from the PL teams, whether permanently or week to week, the highest divisional team should make all effort to accommodate that player. The manager of this team should stay in close contact with his/her Premier league counterparts to manage the team's numbers. All effort should be made for players to receive at least some game time each week.

When the Premier League squad requires players from TUFC divisional teams, the divisional team manager/coach should be informed of any request. That manager must not unreasonably discourage promotion, but negotiation based on numbers is acceptable. Divisional player have not made the same commitments as PL players, and therefore their inclusion in the PL squad, either permanently or week to week, remains voluntary. The final decision is with the player themselves.

If Divisional teams require PL squad players, the appropriate PL coach must be informed and agree to the arrangement. All such movements must comply with Capital Football rules for eligible players. The PL player's participation must not be at the

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expense of regular team players' participation. Any PL players not selected in a PL squad that week, must be included ahead of a player playing a second game.