

POLICY DOCUMENT



Policy Name: Junior Selection/Grading Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy relates to the grading of players in TUFC's junior programs:

- U12-13s Pathways teams; and
- U10-18s Community teams (aka Skill Acquisition Program, SAP).

TUFC's approach to these teams is to provide development opportunities over maximizing winning.

2. Principles Governing Junior Grading

TUFC is governed by the following principles:

- Grading is friendship-based, i.e. TUFC does not grade individuals based on skill level. Instead, grading focuses on placing groups of friends on the same team and then registering that team at an appropriate level that adequately supports their development.
- The Technical Director, Junior Program Manager(s), and the officer responsible for ground bookings, will liaise and agree on a grading calendar – dates, times, location, and number of sessions.
- The sessions will be advertised, at a minimum, on the Club's social channels and directly to those who played in the program in the previous season.
- When advertising grading sessions, TUFC's approach to grading, that it is based on friendships and providing development opportunities over maximizing winning, is to be communicated.
- The Technical Director and Junior Program Manager(s) should recruit volunteers, including possible coaches, to assist with grading.
- While Pathways players are looking to progress to NPL/CPL, if TUFC feels that staying in a friendship-based team would be detrimental to their development, a conversation would be had with parents/guardians about moving them to a team more matched to their skill and potential. This decision is left to the parents/guardians and player.