

TEAM SELECTION POLICY– 2018 SEASON

Scope	This procedure/policy applies to all age groups and teams playing for Croydon Junior Football Club (CJFC) in season 2018. It is expected that coaches and adhere to this policy and that parents and players respect the requirements of this policy.
Definitions	<i>CJFC – Croydon Junior Football Club</i>
Background	<p>This policy has been produced to clarify the team selection process, and is based on AFL/Football Victoria policy. CJFC supports our coaches in any reasonable decisions they make.</p> <p>These policies are designed to provide a framework for coaches and assist them in their decision-making process. It is also intended to provide clarity to parents and players alike, so that all parties have a common understanding of the CJFC's position regarding team selection.</p> <p>Policies have been separated into three main groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Group Under 8 - Under 11 • Age Group Under 12 – Under 14 • Age Group Under 15 - Under 17 <p>CJFC requires our coaches to adhere to the following policies as far as practicable. A mid-season review will be conducted with all coaches.</p> <p>CJFC also request that when parents have an issue or suggestions with these rules they contact the football department in the first instance or any member of the committee to resolve or clarify any issues.</p> <p>CJFC also request that parents not approach the coach during game time or immediately after the game to air any grievances. This should be done at a training night when more time is available and the emotion has settled down.</p> <p>CJFC encourages parents to speak to coaches in a constructive manner so that improvements can be made rather than issues remain unresolved. Members are also free to contact the football department or any committee member if they are not satisfied with the response provided by the coach.</p>

Details**Age Group - Under 8 - Under 11*****Introduction***

In these age groups, the primary emphasis is placed on participation & enjoyment. Additional goals are the acquisition of football skills, the nurturing of physical and emotional development, and general well-being of being involved in team based sports with a group of friends. Every effort will be made to place children in friendship groups.

The EFL prohibits scoring (U8-U10) and does not have ladders or finals for these age groups. Whilst everyone knows who has scored the most at the end of a game the emphasis must be a player development rather than winning. It is important that players are exposed to as many positions on the field as is possible so that they are not classed into one position at this stage of their development.

Registration

Player numbers will be capped at 20 for Under 8's and 24 per team for Under 9's – Under 11's. *Refer to CJFC Registration Policy*

Player Development & Opportunity

CJFC encourages the children to be split into different groups during parts of the training sessions so that their development can be tailored to focus on areas of need.

During the course of the home and away season each player is to be rotated through all positions so that they can gain experience and an opportunity to develop their football skills (i.e. Forwards, Backs, & On Ball). No player is allowed to start on the interchange bench in two or more consecutive weeks. In the spirit of the game, players are encouraged and offered to the opposing teams in order that both teams have an equal number of players.

Match day selection

Players who attend training during the week prior to the game should be the first selected.

Exceptions to this rule could include:

1. Illness;
2. The player is not home from school in time for training however, is participating in other training; or
3. The player has genuine school or family commitments that fall on the same night as our organised training night.

All exceptions must be made known by the Coach to the team when it is announced so that all players, officials and parents are made fully aware of the situation.

CJFC is to provide an equal opportunity for all boys and girls to participate in competition football.

Minimum Game Time Per Player

CJFC requires that all players be permitted to play an equal amount of game time per week as far as practicable in the home and away season. There will be time when a coach does not satisfy this rule and this will be generally due to an oversight due to the difficulty of managing player boards. In these cases the parent concerned should speak to the coach at the following training night, not immediately after the game.

For U11's where a final series applies the above policy must be applied with a minimum of ½ a game per player per final. Players playing in milestone games (i.e. 50, 100,150) will be guaranteed a full game.

Two or more sides in the same age group

Where two or more sides are formed in the same age group, regardless of their divisional standing, it is the policy of CJFC that even numbered sides will be selected at the discretion of the committee on the fairest basis, considering friendships, school environments, previous seasons and lastly overall ability. An independent panel will select the sides with input from coaches.

Age Group - Under 12 – Under 14

Introduction

CJFC aspires to provide players the opportunity to play in the highest level within the league. At this age emphasis is still on skill development and overall enjoyment however CJFC now also places an emphasis upon team performances.

Registration

Player numbers will be capped at 24 per team for all these age groups. *Refer to CJFC Registration Policy.*

Player Development & Opportunity

CJFC encourages the children to be split into different groups during parts of the training sessions so that their development can be tailored to focus on areas of need. At this level rotating of players is still required however rotation may be limited. Rather than a weekly rotation required in the

younger age groups players may be rotated through positions over the course of the season. Coaches are required to ensure players are provided the opportunity to be played in all positions during the course of the season.

Match day selection

Players who attend training during the week prior to the game should be the first selected.

Exceptions to this rule could include:

1. Illness;
2. The player is not home from school in time for training however, is participating in other training; or
3. The player has genuine school or family commitments that fall on the same night as our organised training night.

All exceptions must be made known by the Coach to the team when it is announced so that all players, officials and parents are made fully aware of the situation.

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Minimum Game Time Per Player

CJFC requires that all players be permitted to play an equal amount of time over the period of the home and away season and where possible a minimum of ½ a game per week as far as practicable (excluding finals – refer to *Finals Policy*). This must be the aim of all coaches in these age groups.

Coaches must endeavor to provide the maximum number of players an opportunity to participate. Players playing in milestone games (i.e. 50, 100,150) will be guaranteed a full game, excluding finals - finals policy takes preference.

Two or more sides in the same age group

Where two or more sides are formed in the same age group and in different divisions, CJFC will appoint an independent selector/selection committee to select teams based on the grades imposed upon the club by the EFL. Player ability is the primary focus of selection at this age, but consideration will be taken to ensure team balance and, where possible, friendship groups.

Finals

When participating in Finals, the Coach will select the side to take the field. A minimum of ½ a game per player per final must apply. Common sense should

prevail at all times in finals with effort made to provide players with reasonable game time. The Coach must select the maximum number of allowed players in the case of a team making a Grand Final.

Age Group - Under 15 – Under 17

Introduction

CJFC aspires to provide players the opportunity to play in the highest level within the league. These age groups are considered to be transitional age groups for seniors and as such the below policies reflect this. A greater emphasis is placed upon team performances at these age groups.

Registration

Player numbers will be capped at 24 per team for Under 15 and 28 for Under 17. Refer Registration Policy

Player Development & Opportunity

CJFC encourages the children to be split into different groups during parts of the training sessions so that their development can be tailored to focus on areas of need or game day drills.

Player rotation will be at the full discretion of the coach.

Match day selection

Players who attend training during the week prior to the game should be the first selected.

Exceptions to this rule could include:

1. Illness;
2. The player is not home from school in time for training however, is participating in other training; or
3. The player is in training with a combined team such as the Eastern Ranges or a League Representative Squad; or
4. Has genuine school or family commitments that fall on the same night as our organised training night.

All exceptions must be made known by the Coach to the team when it is announced so that all players, officials and parents are made fully aware of the situation.

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Minimum Game Time Per Player

CJFC requires the coaches to play players a minimum of ½ per game as far as practicable (excluding finals – refer to *Finals Policy*). This must be the aim of all coaches in these age groups.

Players playing in milestone games (i.e. 50, 100, 150) will be guaranteed a full game, excluding finals - finals policy takes preference.

Two or more sides in the same age group

Where two or more sides are formed in the same age group and in different divisions, CJFC will appoint an independent selector/selection committee to select teams based on the grades imposed upon the club by the EFL.

Finals

When participating in Finals, the Coach will select the side to take the field. There is no minimum game time in finals - coaches have full discretion. If a team has more than 24 players some players will miss finals games. In this case those players rostered off during the first week of finals will be rostered on during the second week. Common sense should prevail at all times in finals with effort made to provide players with reasonable game time. The Coach must select the maximum number of allowed players in the case of a team making a Grand Final.

Further Information

Contact CJFC committee via croydonjnr@efl.org.au should you require clarification or further information regarding this policy