



### **Maiden Gully Junior Football Club Selection Guidelines**

The Maiden Gully Junior Football Club aims to develop our player's skills and knowledge of the game as they progress through the junior ranks. We recognise that players come in all shapes and sizes and with differing skill levels and ability, however we aim to develop each of them to maximise their ability and love of the game.

We have multiple teams in some age groups and the aim of this document is to outline the selection guidelines for these teams to ensure that all members (including parents, players and coaches) are aware of the guidelines.

Players wishing to play in a higher age group than they are eligible for (i.e. U10 playing wanting to play U12's) can do so only if there are available spots in the higher age group and it does not leave the age group they are eligible for short. If multiple under age players want to play in a higher age group but there are limited vacancies the selection of these players into these teams will be done using the criteria outlined below with the Selection Committee responsible for selecting those players who would benefit most from playing in the higher age group.

#### **Under 9 and 10's**

The purpose of the of the Under 9 and 10 teams is to introduce players to the game and develop their skills and knowledge to a level that they can progress through the higher, more competitive age groups. There is no scoring at these age levels and the ground is split into zones to ensure that all players get experience in each area of the ground. The main objective is to ensure that the players enjoy the game.

- Select teams that are equal in ability
- Have a mix of first year and experience players in each team
- The club takes into account families with multiple children participating to ensure siblings/family members are aligned together where possible
- In order to maximise enjoyment of the game where possible players will be selected in a team with friends
- The Selection Committee will consist of at least 3 members including the Coaches of the relevant sides and the Coaching Coordinator

#### **Under 12 and older age groups**

From Under 12 level the game gets more competitive with the use of the full ground (no zones), scoring and finals introduced. The BJFL requires us to enter teams into different divisions (i.e. "B" and "D" grades) therefore we need to split teams into multiple teams. The main objectives of each team remains to develop the player's skill and knowledge whilst ensuring that they maintain their enjoyment of the game.

- The side in the highest division will be made up primarily of second year, experienced players with inclusion of first year players that coaches believe will benefit their development
- The side in the lower divisions will be selected primarily of first year players with inclusion of second year players where the coaches believe it will benefit their development
- Where two players of equal ability are competing for the same place in the same team, preference will be given to the second year player over the first year player
- The club takes into account families with multiple children participating to ensure siblings/family members are aligned together where possible
- The Selection Committee will consist of at least 3 members including the Coaches of the relevant sides and the Coaching Coordinator