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GRADING

Easts Junior Beasties RUFC
Eastern Suburbs District Junior RU

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Introduction

At the beginning of each new Rugby season, SJRU Competition teams (U10 – U16) are graded into different divisions based on ability level and previous season results. As such, where a Club age group has more than one team, an internal grading process occurs to give all players the opportunity to demonstrate their talents to a variety of independent selectors, giving all them (irrespective of the team they played with in the previous season) a chance to play in a team and division that suits their ability.

Objective

Grading is designed to address a number of player and club needs. The fundamentals of grading are designed to ensure that:

- A clear process for the grading of all players is provided each year
- The possibility of bias is minimised by using selectors that have no direct affiliation with a player in the age group they are selecting
- All players are afforded the opportunity to play in a competitive environment, appropriate to their skill and ability
- The club can field competitive teams in each division based on their ability

Grading Committee

Shall be determined by the Easts Junior Beasties Board.

It will be made up of independent selectors with no affiliation (child) to the age group they are selecting. Independent coaches (no child in the age group) will assist with the grading process.

Process and Timetable

Grading is compulsory for all Junior players and is held according to age group over a variety of internal matches (where possible). The grading process shall commence as soon as training begins. Grading will occur during both training sessions and also on the grading day(s), details for these will be published on WhatsApp and Team App. Assessment not only takes into account skill, but also attitude and work ethic.

If a player does not attend internal grading, they will automatically be graded into the lowest-ranked age group team and will be observed during training and games after the initial grading process has concluded for potential re-grading.

All players must be graded and play in the age group in which they are registered. The only exceptions are where a child's ability, stature or physical condition is such that they are given permission by the SJRU to compete in the age group below or above their actual age.

If you feel your child needs an exemption please contact the Registrar and the Head of Rugby if you have not already done so.

- Registrar: registrar@eastsjuniorbeasties.com.au
- Head of Rugby: rugby@eastsjuniorbeasties.com.au

At the conclusion of the grading process, the Grading Committee (Head Coach and independent selectors) shall meet to review and discuss the formation and allocation of individual players to each team. **At no stage will Easts Junior Beasties provide a guarantee to any individual player or parent to place children in a team that they believe would be best for their own personal gain.** The club philosophy is to grade players through the club system via an experienced panel. This panel will ensure all players receive fair and equal opportunity.

Should players or parents be unhappy with grading decisions, they can go through the Easts Junior Beasties dispute resolution process where a review will occur to investigate any player or parent dissatisfaction. Upon confirmation of teams from our selection panel players or parents have 48-hrs notice to lodge a complaint should there be any disputes. A written letter addressed to the Easts Junior Beasties committee is required, which will be reviewed and responded to within 7 working days. Please email this letter to:

- President: president@eastsjuniorbeasties.com.au
- Head of Rugby: rugby@eastsjuniorbeasties.com.au

Re-Grading

During their first four rounds of the Competition, players may be re-graded up or down based on training and match performance. This will be communicated to players and parents as the need arises.

Team Grading

For the age groups U11s – U16s, all teams will be graded into a Division based on their performance in the previous year's competition and after the 2 SJRU Grading Gala Days. SJRU has a general policy where, based on the points table at the end of the season (not based on the SF and GF results), the top 2 teams in a division will be moved up and the bottom 2 will be moved down.

Teams are moved either up or down division(s) depending on the early results of the competition (rounds 1-4), with potential for minor moves after that. These moves are the responsibility of the SJRU – the clubs (and teams) in question have no say in the matter.