



## **Willoughby Wildcats Team Selection Policy Junior/Youth Football**

### *Selection Policy of the Club and its ramifications to players*

At the start of the season no player has a lock on a position in any team. Due to numbers of players, we field graded teams and team selections can be made week to week. A series of factors are taken into consideration when our coaches select their weekly teams including; performance, attitude to training and games, attendance at training and games, injuries to current players.

Our team selections can change in a competitive environment. This gives players in lower divisions the chance to be rewarded for their achievements and gain promotion. If players are not performing in higher teams an opportunity to be moved to gain confidence and work on the feedback of the coaches will be available. Our coaching group will always endeavour to give feedback to our players when team changes are made to help the players understand where they need to improve if they aspire to play in a higher division.

### **Playing Up**

For players wishing to play in higher age groups factors taken into consideration include the player's level of physical maturity, stage of development and/or level of talent.

Players will not be forced to play up and parents will always be consulted. The request is to be signed off by the Age Group Coordinator, the Director of Operations/Director of Coaching and the parents.

### **Restricted Player List (RPL)**

Each team is required to submit an RPL.

1. Players on the RPL cannot play down in their lower division team or any age group under any circumstances unless agreed otherwise by the AFL Competition Management Committee (CMC)
2. Players on the RPL cannot play across teams where the Club has more than one team in the same division or any lower age group under any circumstances unless determined otherwise by the CMC.
3. Should we have teams in more than two divisions, the RPL only applies to the top division.

We understand that players may not always agree with selection decisions. While coaches will always be available to provide further feedback if required, we do ask that parents support decisions that are made.

Our club philosophy is to provide a safe and inclusive playing environment where our players improve their skills, play their role in a team and have fun.