

# TEAM FORMATION POLICY

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The purpose of this document is to outline the process for re-registration in a team and new registrations at various stages of the season.

## Registration Period (from 1st Sun – 2nd Sun of Feb\*)

\* Online registration may be available prior to the commencement of the Registration Period for returning players

1. Returning players will have first preference to be placed in the same team as they played in the prior year, except where there is a Division One team that has been through a selection process in a prior season and more than 14-15 players request to be in a Division One team in the following year.

2. Target number of players in teams will be

	Players on Field	Max # of Subs	Target # players
U6 & U7	4	2	6
U8 & U9	7	3	10
U10 & U11	9	3	12
U12-U18	11	5	14-15
U21 & AA Women	11	5	16

3. If there are spaces in existing teams, requests to change to a different team will be accommodated taking into account;
  - No of players in each team of an age division – eg we won't have two U12 teams with vary uneven player numbers. For example – one with 12 players and the other with 16 would not be OK.
  - No of players in lower divisions – eg we won't move a player up an age division if a player wants to play in a higher age group to make a team of 15 but that would mean the team in their age group only has 12
4. Every effort will be made to place all players who register during the Registration Period in a team
5. Where we have enough players to form 2 or more teams in an age division and more than 14-15 players indicate interest in being in a Division One team, trials will be held during mid February. In those age groups that had a Division One team in a prior season, all positions would be open for selection. Note that placement of a team in Division One is subject to approval by CDSFA's grading committee.



## Team Formation Period

After the registration period closes and prior to holding the team "Meet & Greet" session (mid to late Feb), the Selection Committee comprising:

- Registrar(s)
- President and/or Vice President and/or delegate
- Juniors Coordinator
- Seniors Coordinator

will determine if there are places in teams based on the same criteria as outlined for the Registration Period except that returning players aren't guaranteed a place in the same team as the prior year.

For example, if 10 players from last season's U10 team register plus 2 new U11's – the team would be full and a returning player who registers late would not be placed in the same team unless a suitable team can be found for the new players – eg in an U12 team. Note also that if after consultation, the new player still wants to play in U11 (for example because they prefer to play in their own age group), the returning player will miss out on that team.

**MORAL: RETURNING PLAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THE CLUB HAS THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS AND MOBILE PHONE NUMBER SO THEY GET REMINDERS AND DON'T MISS OUT.....**

## Pre-season

Once the teams have been formed, the team has met & coaches have been appointed, placement of additional players in teams will be done in consultation with the team coach / manager.

Broadly speaking, the registrar will find out from each coach at the meet & great session whether they have enough players or are looking for more. This allows for a 'horses for courses' approach. Some teams are happy with two subs, others want five. The coach and/or manager will know if they have players who will be absent for a number of games or are carrying an injury – both of which may incline them to have a larger player roster.

Where a team agrees to accept players in addition to the target number above it will be on the understanding that the player(s) that take numbers over that target will be first in line to sit out a game if there are too many players for the match sheet.

The exception to this would be if a player already in the team is absent for five or more matches for any reason, they will be in the mix to be asked to sit out. [The reason for this is that a team may take on an extra player knowing they need to cover for extended absences for one or more players already in the team.]



## During the season

Late registration queries may come in via Juniors/Seniors Coordinator, Registrar, Club email address or from a team. Players can be registered with CDSFA up to close of business on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

The process to confirm a registration is a team is as follows:

1. Confirm with the coach/manager that there is space in the team
2. Player (or their guardian) to complete the online registration in full, including photo
3. Registrar will order the card
4. Player to pay fees via online credit card payment facility. Alternatively payment can be made by internet transfer or over the counter deposit at a Westpac branch and email advice to Treasurer
5. Once the Treasurer has confirmed payment has been received, Registrar will issue the card to the coach or manager

Some points to note:

- The deadline for getting a card from CDSFA for Sunday's game is by COB Wednesday but the Registrar has a family, a job and a life – so registration requests need to be in the system by midday Tuesday if the player wants to play the following weekend
- No pay, no play – RLWSC had too many bad debts in 2011 from players registering late but not following through.

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