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INTRODUCTION

Rosebud Heart Junior Soccer Club Inc. ('the Club') is a community club that aims to give all players a fair go, the opportunity to play to the best of their ability and to be good sports.

The aim of the Club's Assessment Policy is to place players in a team and division best suited to their ability. In doing so, all children have the opportunity to learn and play the game, in a nurturing and structured environment. Through ongoing assessment players will have the opportunity to progress in the future. Playing a competitive team sport teaches children lessons which they can use throughout all aspects of their life including persistence, team play, friendship and fair play. Playing and belonging to a club environment provides the opportunity for players to extend their friendship circle and meet others within the local community brought together by their love of the game.

POLICY

It is a policy of Rosebud Heart Junior Soccer Club that Junior Teams 12's and above be assessed and placed into teams and divisions according to their ability.

Football Victoria (FV) Competitions

FV competitions for Sub-Juniors (U8 to U11) and Juniors (U12) consist of three different categories:

1. Kangaroos
2. Wallabies
3. Joeys

NB: Sub-Juniors **DO NOT** play for points and there is **NO** ladder – teams are placed in FV categories according to ability.

FV competitions from U12's and above are graded competitions with a ladder playing for points. In order to provide critical preparation for the upcoming season, assessments will be conducted at the earliest possible time to provide coaches and players ample preparation before the season begins to secure the team.

The placement of teams into FV categories is at the discretion of the Technical Director**.

**** In lieu of a Technical Director, the Committee will make decisions along with an independent, suitably qualified coach not affiliated with the club.**

Team Selection for Sub-Juniors 11 and under

All new and existing players for sub junior teams (11 years of age and under) must attend pre-season training sessions. All players new and existing will join their relevant age group squad and be assessed before being placed into their relevant teams. Ongoing assessments will be conducted during the first 4 weeks of pre-season training. This allows the players to be assessed in a nurturing environment without undue stress or pressure and provides equal opportunity for all players.

The Technical Director along with the Coaches in each age group will designate their team players; In lieu of a Technical Director an independent Coach/Committee will make the decision.



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Composition of Teams

Each team is composed of field players + 2 substitute players. Additional substitutes are at the Technical Director and coach's discretion.

Procedure for Age Group 12 and Above

All new and existing players competing in the ladder competitions (12's and above) must attend pre-season training sessions. Ongoing assessments will be conducted during the first 4 weeks of pre-season training. All players will be assessed and then placed into their relevant teams and FV graded divisions. This allows the players to be assessed in a nurturing environment without undue stress or pressure and provides equal opportunity for all players

The Coaches for each age group will run the pre-season training sessions overseen by the Technical Director. This provides equal opportunity for both new and existing players to be placed in a team based on their abilities.

Teams will be chosen by the Technical Director (or independent Coach/Committee) in consultation with the age group Coaches, according to competition division.

Finalised team selection will immediately be submitted to the Committee to be published.

NB: FV assesses all ladder competitions and may re-evaluate and regrade teams as they deem required.

Composition of Teams

Under 12

Each team is composed of field players + 2 substitute players. Additional substitutes are at the coach's discretion.

Under 13 & above

Each team is composed of field players + 3 substitute players. Additional substitutes are at the coach's discretion.

Sub-Junior & Junior Players Playing Up

Any player wishing to play in an older age group will be provided the opportunity to do so provided the player displays the necessary skill level, maturity and ability to play in that age group. Players will be encouraged first to play up in their age group level to the highest level before moving up an age group.

The player will attend the ongoing assessment sessions for that older age group. If the player is unsuccessful in displaying the necessary skill level, maturity and ability to play in the older age group they will return to their own age group.



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Sub-Junior & Junior Players Playing Down

It is a requirement by the FV that all players must play in their own age group or above. Please refer to the FV policy for dispensation rules¹.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSESSMENT POLICY

Prior to pre-season assessment sessions, a meeting with the Technical Director (or independent Coach/Committee) and all Coaches and Team Managers will be arranged to discuss the Assessment Policy and its implementation as below:

- During the first 4 weeks of pre-season training, assessment sessions will be arranged for each age group;
- The Technical Director (or independent Coach/Committee) will give the Coaches a list of skills they want to observe during the assessment sessions;
- Coaches of each age group will run the assessment sessions incorporating the skills given by the Technical Director (or independent Coach/Committee);
- The Technical Director (or independent Coach/Committee) will compile a list of players for each team in each age group after the first 4 weeks of pre-season training. The lists will be discussed with Coaches and a final team list for each team in each age group will be produced
- Finalised team selection will immediately be submitted to the Committee to be published.

¹ 2019 Football Victoria Rules of Competition – Schedule 3 2019 Metropolitan Junior Competition Regulations 20.1.16-18