



CRAIGIEBURN CITY FC

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Miniros and Junior Teams Grading Policy

Our Commitment

We aim to create an inclusive, fun environment for kids to grow their love for soccer. Our focus is on player development and participation, ensuring each child enjoys their soccer journey. We support all levels, from those aspiring to higher competition to those playing socially, while promoting fair team placement based on skill and age. We recognize that positive experiences in junior competitions play a pivotal role in nurturing a lifelong passion for football among children. Our team selection policy has been crafted to empower junior players to aspire to higher levels of play if they so desire, while also catering to those who simply wish to enjoy the sport socially.

Grading Levels

Football Victoria team entry for each age group is graded as follows:

U7-U11 teams are graded as Kangaroos, Wallabies, or Joeys

U12-U18 are graded A, B, C or D.

Sessions:

Grading sessions are held at the end of the season with at least two sessions per age group. Details will be communicated via email, the club's website and social media pages.

Criteria:

Players will be assessed on technical, tactical skills, and attitude. Squad selections are based on coaching panel assessments, with input from age-group coaches and Technical/Grading Directors.

Attendance:

Players are expected to attend all grading sessions. If unable to attend, written notification is required.

Team Selection:

- Players are placed in age-appropriate squads based on grading results, Behaviour, and attitude on the field towards the game and other players, coaching staff availability, past performance, and history with the club.

- Selections are determined by skill, attitude, and team fit, with the final decisions communicated via email.



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- Mini Roos teams prioritize returning and new players based on grading and club history.
- Junior teams have limited spots, and selections depend on skill and availability, with U12-U13 capped at 14 positions per age group/team and U14-U18 capped at 17 positions per age group/team.

Offers to Players

Players selected after grading will receive an offer via email and must secure their spot by paying a deposit within 14 days. Final squads will be announced in March before the season begins.

Important Considerations

Grading ensures players are placed in teams suited to their ability. While social relationships are valued, team placement is primarily skill-based.

Training schedules depend on coach availability and facility limits.

If the club receives more enrolments than they have coaches, players will be put on a waiting list. Only when a coach is allocated will a further team be opened.

All our coaches are supported by Football Victoria CC Coordinator program and by the club, which has paid the silver package of the program for all club coaching courses.

Notes for Parents:

Team selection is not an exact science. It's important for parents to understand that grading players is a means to ensure they have the best possible experience by playing alongside peers with similar skills. At the heart of our approach, especially in the younger age groups, lies the emphasis on fun and nurturing a profound love for the game. This balance between skill development and enjoyment is key to our club's success in achieving its goals.

Please help us by fostering your child's resilience. Any short-term disappointment arising from their placement in any given team will, over time, be replaced by the joy of playing the game at a standard which is appropriate to them.