

JUNIOR SELECTION POLICY



Junior Selection Process

Initial grading for all 7/8's through to 11/12's will be based on performance at training and selection sessions. This process may be used as a guide for the 5/6 year group.

Selection criteria

- Basic Skills - players who can consistently demonstrate basic skills.
- Understanding of position play - players who clearly understand the attacking and defensive requirements of the positions they play.
- Team Skills - players who communicate and support their team mates
- Attitude - willingness to learn
- Potential
- Athleticism
- Commitment - regular attendance and attentiveness at training and games.

Selection panel will consist of; coach of the first side (if more than one side in a year group), coach of the second side and an independent selector. Junior Coordinator will advise selection panel of how many players can be selected for each team prior to selections. Selections are considered final for that round but players may be offered the opportunity to play up a grade when the opportunity presents itself. Relevant coaches will consult between themselves on player movement both up and down through the grades and shall only be considered if within the confines of HWA junior league rules. Player evaluation throughout the playing season is an important part of the coaches' role and player development shall be constantly reassessed based on our selection principals.

Considerations are made where players request to play together for example siblings in the same year groups. Higher grades are selected on merit – therefore where children are graded differently, both would be required to play in the lower grade.

Playing out of age group

A player may only play above their age group where the following situations occur:

- Players are offered the occasional game in a development capacity outside their regular game
- Players have a HWA permit to play in the older competition as well as their own on a regular basis. Permits to play in two junior teams are usually applied for where extra players are required to compete in the higher year group team.
- Players from the higher age group are not displaced as a result of the younger players' inclusion and the player numbers in the lower age group shall not be compromised in that player's absence.

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Players can only play above their year group with parent/guardians approval.

*Where any junior requests a younger year group than they are eligible for; the SRHC must apply in writing to HWA for a permit – this is usually only granted for players with *special needs*.

The SRHC Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Junior Selection Policy is adhered to at all times.

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