MEREWETHER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB gRADING pOLICY 2019

# Our commitment

The Newcastle Football competition constitutes a competitive competition which is structured by age group and division. The structure is designed to:

* provide all players with appropriate levels of competition;
* try and ensure that all players participate principally for fun and fitness and in a division appropriate to the skill level so that they can compete on equal terms; and at the same time provide a competition for players who wish to take their participation in football to a more competitive level.

Newcastle Football Regulations require the Club to "as far as practicable grade each Player according to his/her ability". The club is duty bound to make every endeavour to ensure that teams are entered into an appropriate division, having regard to player’s ability. This also allows players the freedom to develop their skills free from the pressure of trying to meeting expectations that not appropriate to their skill level.

# Who will be Graded?

* The grading process applies to all players in the Under 12’s to Seniors participating in the Newcastle Football competitions for Merewether United Football Club
* All players must be graded in order to ensure that the division that a player competes in is not detrimental to that player’s development and enjoyment of football.
* Players grading may change from year to year depending on changes to number in an age group and the addition of newer players and increase/ decrease player numbers.

# Purpose

* provide a consistent approach to placement of players into teams;
* place players in a team consistent with their skill level.

# Method

Player grading includes consideration of:

* Previous coaching assessment
* Skills Assessment
* Game play.

# Previous coaching assessment

Where available, this involves evaluation forms to be filled out by the coach from the previous season to ascertain

* Skill
* Speed
* Attitude to training
* Team sense

# Skills Assessment

This consists of assessment of a number of skill areas including:

* Dribbling;
* Tackling;
* Passing and control;
* Shooting; and
* Throw ins and heading;
* Attitude and commitment.

# Game Play and Positional Assessment

This involves assessment of a number of game and positional abilities including;

* Ability to read the play;
* Positional play;
* Team play; and
* Control.

# Exceptions to the grading session assessment

* + when player’s sign-on after the assessment has been completed. These players may be invited to trial with a team and the player is then assessed by the coaching staff for that age group and a recommendation is made as to the player’s ability;   
      
    and
  + the position of goal keeper. Players for this position may be assigned different tasks and assessed separately from the other players.
* Detailed documentation of grading results will not necessarily be kept and the Club is not obliged to make any such information publicly available.

# Graders

* The Age Group Registrar will coordinate the grading and appoint a grading panel for each age group.
* Where ever possible a grading panel will be formed consisting of three independent and suitably knowledgeable people (i.e. excludes parents of children in the age group being graded).

# Failure to Attend Grading Assessment

* Players that are unable to be assessed at the session time will be assigned a grading at the discretion of the Club Registrar and coaching co-ordinator.

# Assessment Appeal

* Refer to the Club's Registration Policy for information on appeals.

# Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.