|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |

MEREWETHER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Skills Assessment Policy

(ssf u/10 & u/11)

**Introduction**

Small Sided Football (SSF) covers the age groups from U/6 to U/11 in the Newcastle Football zone. The games are non competitive and scores are not kept. However to ensure the appropriate development of all SSF players, teams in the U/10 and U/11 age groups are “skills matched” in some areas to provide an even scope of ability amongst teams who have developed at different levels. The skill levels are ranked (1) lowest to (6) highest. Skills which will be taken into include:

* concentration,
* willingness to participate,
* overall abilities, and
* potential to improve.

**Skill assessment, Ranking and Team Formation**

* All teams in the u10 and u11 age groups will be skills assessed.
* Players in the u10 and u11 age groups will be invited to attend a skills assessment session prior to team placement
* The skills assessment session will follow the grading policy.
* The highest skilled players from this session will be placed in a team to be the highest skilled team.
* A second team may be formed depending on numbers.
* All other players will be placed in teams based on ‘play with’ requests and prior year teams.
* A ‘skills ranking’ is then set for each team in the U/10 and U11 divisions which will be submitted to Newcastle Football to assist in allocating teams to play against other local teams.

**Failure to Attend Assessment Session**

* There is no requirement for any player in the U/10 and U/11 age groups to attend a skills assessment session.

**Assessment Appeal**

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