Merewether United Football Club Registration Policy

# Our commitment

The registration process and team allocations will be undertaken effectively with families given information and support to understand the Club’s registration process particularly where teams have either excessive or insufficient player numbers.

# What we will do

## Complete registration to ensure eligibility

* Any person eligible to play in an FFA accepted competition is eligible to register to play for the club.
* However that registration is not completed until that player has paid their registration fees and been advised by a Club Registrar that the player has been **placed in a team**

## Place in Team

* The Club Registrars place each player into a team based on their grading (refer Club Grading Policy) and positional balance of the teams (i.e. teams need a mix of players willing and able to play forward, midfield, back & in goals). Where players are graded equally, 'play with' requests submitted with the players' registrations will be considered.

note: Grading only applies to the U/12’s and Seniors.
* If any team has too many players the following priority applies until a team is formed:
1. Players who played for the club in the prior year
2. Players who registered and paid prior to the Club's closing date for registrations.
3. Players to be from the relevant age group (i.e. not "playing up").
4. Players who completed and paid their registration fees first

**Team Sizes**

* Competition teams will be normally 14 players.
* For team sizes other than this the Registrar will consult with the coach and manager (if identified) prior to a decision being made whether a team will be registered or the size of the team to be registered.
* The decision on whether to register a competition team with other than 14 players lies solely with the Clubs' Executive Committee.
* Typically additional players will only be accepted if all the first 14 players agree to the inclusion of the extra players.
* Teams of 8 players or less will not be registered.
* If a team has too few players, the players will be advised as soon as possible and allowed, subject to the agreement of the Executive Committee, until four weeks prior to the competition commencement to find and register sufficient additional players.
* If sufficient players cannot be registered in this time the team's registration will be withdrawn by the club.
* The team coach and team manager are advised of which players are in their team on organisation day. The coach or the manager of that team will be nominated by the team or appointed to the position by the Merewether Executive.

**Assessment Appeal**

* Appeals are to be lodged in writing to the Club Secretary stating the basis for the appeal and the outcome desired.
* Appeals will only be considered if received more than four weeks prior to the competition commencement.