



Monday, 23 January 2012

I'd like to formally welcome all new and past players and parents to the Gap Football Club for the new season ahead. To assist in your understanding of the team selection processes for the Gap Football Club for 2012 the following information has been extracted from the club's handbook to assist in explaining how we function as a club and organise our teams both in non-premiership Small Sided Football (Under 6 – Under 11) and Competition age brackets Under 12 (Born 2000) – Under 17 (Born 1995).

As stated at last year's sign on, players in 2012 must compete within their respective age groups, I have included wording from Football Brisbane / Football Queensland outlining this policy.

If you have any questions concerning these guidelines please feel free to contact me directly by e-mail at hpm@gapfootball.org.au

Yours In Football

Mark Boyd

Gap Football Club – High Performance Manager

4.2 Competition Team Selection

All players will participate in their respective age groups, determined by their year of birth. In competition teams, selections will be made selection process devised at the discretion of the High Performance Manager:

As per Football Brisbane / Football Queensland guidelines: Memo 10/11/2011

Players must play in their designated age group as determined by date of birth unless exceptional circumstances apply. Exceptional circumstances are defined as identified players who participate at State or National level competitions.

4.2.1 Competition Team Squad Numbers

In all competitive age teams minimum and maximum squad numbers are as follows:

Recreational Competition Teams (Boys & Girls)

- a) Minimum Squad numbers 12 (Twelve)
- b) Maximum Squad Numbers 15 (Fifteen)

Junior High Performance Teams

- a) Minimum Squad numbers 14 (Fourteen)
- b) Maximum Squad Numbers 15 (Fifteen)

NB: the preference is for High Performance Squads to have a full compliment of 15 Players

4.3 Small-Sided Football Selection:

Children are encouraged to play with their friends in non-premiership football (SSF). However, in the older SSF age brackets players (Under 11) will be allocated positions into squads, (Identified by Gap Football Club Coaching Personnel) so that **teams** are of ability levels competent with participating in Football Brisbane's organized non premiership fixtures. (Geckos, Goannas & Komodo Dragons)

NB: SSF teams will be allocated by the club, in consultation with parents. However, these allocations will be based on the age group squad maximum numbers, and the club's decisions on team placements are final.

Under 6 (Born 2007 & 2006) – Under 7 (Born 2005) SSF (4 v 4):

- a) All teams in these age groups play "In House" at the Gap Football Club every week
- b) This allows them to participate in an organized structured game environment
- c) Organised games are not for competition points and no tables or competition ladders are recorded.
- d) Players are encouraged to join teams with their friends rather than a formal selection process.
- e) Teams will be assessed to ensure they are grouped into playing groups of "Like Ability"
- f) To enable this process to occur we invite the teams in to play some games in an Open Day prior to the season commencement. (Dates to be advised)

Under 8 (Born 2004) – Under 9 (Born 2003) SSF (7 v 7):

- a) Teams in the Under 8 age groups play "In House" matches
- b) Teams in the Under 9 age groups play home and away on alternate weeks.
- c) This allows them to participate in an organized structured game environment
- d) Organised games are not for competition points and no tables or competition ladders are recorded.
- e) Players are encouraged to join teams with their friends rather than a formal selection process.
- f) Teams will be assessed to ensure they are grouped into playing groups of "Like Ability"
- g) To enable this process to occur we invite the teams in to play some games in an Open Day prior to the season commencement. (Dates to be advised)
- h) The "Teams" ability level is assessed (Not individual players) to comply with Football Brisbane's team assessment, for match compliance.

Under 10 (Born 2002) – Under 11 (Born 2001) SSF (9 v 9):

- a) Teams in these age groups play home and away matches in alternate weeks
- b) This allows them to participate in an organized structured game environment
- c) Organised games are not for competition points and no tables or competition ladders are recorded.
- d) In under 10's players are encouraged to join teams with their friends rather than a formal selection process.
- e) Teams will be assessed to ensure they are grouped into playing groups of "Like Ability"
- f) To enable this process to occur we invite the teams in to play some games in an Open Day prior to the season commencement. (Dates to be advised)
- g) The "Teams" ability level is assessed (Not individual players) to comply with Football Brisbane's team assessment, for match compliance.
- h) In Under 11's SSF teams will be graded to prepare them for competitive football. This process will be as per competitive age groups.
- i) This process is supported by a development program after the mid year point called TARGET 11 to assist with the transition to 11 a side football the following year.

4.3.1 Small Sided Football Squad Numbers

In all non-competitive (non-premiership) age teams minimum and maximum squad numbers are as follows:

Under 6 – 7 SSF Teams (In house 4 v 4)

- a) Minimum Squad numbers 4 (Four)
- b) Maximum Squad Numbers 6 (Six)

Under 8 SSF Teams (In House 7 v 7)

- a) Minimum Squad numbers 7 (Seven)
- b) Maximum Squad Numbers 10 (Ten)

Under 9 SSF teams (Home and Away 7 v 7)

- a) Minimum Squad numbers 8 (Eight)
- b) Maximum Squad Numbers 10 (Ten)

Under 10 – 11 SSF Teams (Home and Away 9 v 9)

- a) Minimum Squad numbers 10 (Ten)
- b) Maximum Squad Numbers 12 (Twelve)