



## Team Selection Policy

The model for the Mooroolbark Junior Football Club is to provide equal opportunity for all boys and girls to participate in competition football.

**However, if players have not Completed the EFL online registration, paid Insurance component and Paid Club Registration fees by Round 1 or are not on an agreed payment plan (by round 1 and paid by round 4) then such player/s will be excluded from team selection until committee approval is given. If players do not meet their payment plan obligations then notice will be given to the player's parent/s and coach by the Junior President regarding non-selection until fees are received.**

When numbers are in excess of the required 24 players the following rules should apply when selecting teams:

Players who attend training during the week prior to the game should be the first selected. The only exceptions to this rule is when a player is unable to attend training due to one of the following reasons:

- Illness and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly;
- The player has genuine school commitments (camp, exams etc) and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly; or
- The player is in training with a representative team such as the Eastern Ranges Football Club or an EFL Representative Squad and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly;
- All exceptions must be made known to the team when it is announced so that all players, officials and parents are made fully aware of the situation.
- An accurate record of training attendance must be maintained by team management and be available upon request from the Junior President or Coaching Director.
- **It is preferred that players compete at their allocated age level but final determination will be made on a player by player basis taking into account respective team numbers. The final decision will be made by the Junior President and Coaching Director.**
- Players will be rostered off equally during the course of the season. To assist families with planning a weekend away etc, agreement between the coach and parents will be sought, ideally PRIOR to the season commencing where possible.
- In games where players have been 'rostered off', players should ALWAYS be encouraged to attend where possible, in case of a late illness – and to support team spirit and/or perform support roles (e.g. water carrier, scoreboard).
- If a player rostered to play does 'miss' a game due to a 'late' illness or injury then the coach MAY be able to swap their rostered game.



In Conclusion, the Football Manager along with the Junior Club President (in consultation with relevant coaches/players/parents) can exercise discretion and nominate and allocate a player to play in a team when the situation that does not specifically comply with club policy to facilitate specific unique family/player circumstances. It is preferred that this discretionary measure only be addressed on a case by case basis and will only apply in what might be considered extenuating circumstances.