



Team Allocation Policy

Purpose

When allocating players to teams, the Canning Vale Junior Football Club is committed to achieving fairness and equality to all members and teams. All requests for a specific team allocations will be given due consideration in accordance with this allocation policy.

Definitions

CVJFC – Canning Vale Junior Football Club Committee

District – East Fremantle Sharks District Officials

Conference – Fremantle Conference Officials

Restrictions within the Policy

The East Fremantle District Sharks and Fremantle Conference, at their discretion, has the authority to direct the club to re-allocate players should they feel that it is in the best interest of maintaining the Spirit of the Game.

Returning Members

All members returning to Canning Vale Junior Football Club from the previous season will be given priority within teams over new members, provided that their registration is completed, and payment of fees are received on or before the cut-off date as determined by CVJFC.

CVJFC will endeavour to keep teams together from season to season providing that numbers are fairly distributed between teams within an age group.

Returning players changing teams (multiple teams in age group)

Existing players that wish to change teams from the previous season are asked to submit their request, in writing, at the time of registration. All requests for changes will be considered, however the club can only affect a change if team numbers permit, and valid reasons are given.

New members will be allocated to teams based on team numbers with a view to maintain an even balance between teams within an age group. When allocating new members in age groups with multiple teams, or moving existing players moving teams, the discrepancy of player numbers between teams will be limited to 2 players provided all teams have a minimum number of players equal to the on-field player requirements (eg 15 players for Y3 to Y10 and 18 players for Y11/12)



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New Players

New members may submit a team allocation request, in writing, at the time of registration. These requests will be considered and the CVJFC Executive will endeavour to grant the request should team numbers permit.

Where teams within an age group are determined to be at capacity with registrations from returning members, new members requesting placement will be advised as soon as possible. The District and Conference encourages clubs in this situation to notify them of surplus players and attempt to find a placement for these players and assist clubs that are in need of further registrations to meet ideal team numbers within a particular age group. CVJFC will assist players where possible to relocate to a club that can accommodate an additional player.

Auskick and Year 3 Competition Placements

The criteria in selecting team placements for Auskick (PP-Year 2) and the Year 3 Junior Competition takes the following points into consideration:

1. School peer groups
2. Auskick team placements from the previous season
3. Team balance and numbers
4. Appointment of coaches

All requests will be considered when forming teams. Completed registrations and payment of fees submitted on or before the nominated cut - off date will be given priority over late registrations.

Playing Outside Correct Age Group

CVJFC in conjunction with the East Fremantle District / Fremantle Conference strongly encourages players to play within their rightful age group, based on date of birth. The WAFC does allow for players to play a maximum of 1 year above their age group and with this in mind, CVJFC will consider requests for players to play up.

Please note that players wishing to play outside their correct age group will not be granted approval at the expense of a correctly aged player.

Play-ups - Players may play up a grade on a match by match basis provided-

- A parent or guardian approves of the play up and signs the "Play Up" form (managers to submit form to the registrar)
- Team numbers including "play up" players are to be in alignment with District / Conference rules.
- A player may not play up a grade for the same team on more than 4 occasions during a season unless direct written approval is granted by CVJFC. This number may be reduced in seasons where District / Conference rules change regarding "play up" players ability to remain in their original age group.
- Any player wishing to play below their age group must apply to the CVJFC who may then submit the application to the District / Conference. Applications will only be considered if the player meets the size/height/weight or disability play down criteria as set by District / Conference. Requests for information on playing up or down should be directed to the CVJFC Registrar for the relevant age group. Requests for play down must be made at the time of registration to enable paperwork to be completed and submitted to the District / Conference.



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Merging Teams / Team reductions in Age Groups

In seasons where we may face a reduction in player numbers in an age group that requires the merging or reduction of teams from the previous season, the CVJFC will determine the requirement for a merge or reduction in teams as soon as possible based on player registration numbers. In these cases, the CVJFC will advise parents of registered players in the affected age group and may allow team allocation requests to be submitted. In situations where there will be two or more teams remaining, the CVJFC will determine player allocations in a manner that ensure all teams are able to be competitive in the grade in which they play. CVJFC committee members with children playing in the affected age groups may have some input into team allocation but will be excluded from the final decision-making process.