

**SOUTHS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB INC.**

# **Junior Policy**



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# **SOUTHS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB INC.**

## **JUNIOR POLICY**

### **GENERAL**

#### **AIMS:**

To promote and foster the game of football through participation and involvement in a safe and supportive environment.

To provide the best possible facilities for members and players alike.

To provide the best coaching possible encouraging junior players to reach their own full potential.

To provide coaching support to enable coaches to improve and achieve accreditation.

To provide an environment for the junior player to enjoy the game of football.

#### **JUNIOR TEAMS:**

The Club will endeavour to, as much as possible, place a team in all age groups: Under 6 to Under 16.

The Club recognises the jurisdiction and rules of Football Brisbane Inc (FB) and where applicable, Football Queensland (FQ), and will abide by them.

*For players aged 3-5, refer to the Squirts Program document which is supplementary to this policy*

#### **PLAYERS PROMOTED TO A HIGHER AGE GROUP:**

The promotion of a player to a higher age group may occur:

- On recommendation from a FB representative coach in writing to the Club. Joint assessment will take place between the Club's Junior Director of Coaching and the representative coach.
- On instigation from either the Junior Director of Coaching or the Managing Football Director.
- If combining numbers in two adjoining age groups will allow the formation of a team where without this would mean refusing a number of players the right to play football.
- According to Football Federation Australia's position regarding players in the MiniRoos Age Groups, it is envisaged that players of these age groups will play in their respective age groups.

The promotion of a player will be solely on ability and be for the player's and Club's benefit. This promotion will be reviewed on an annual basis. Approval for the promotion must be gained from the Management Committee.

**Under no circumstances will it be instigated on a parents'/guardians' request**

## **AVAILABILITY OF COACHES & COACHES' EDUCATION:**

The Club's policy is to have suitably qualified coaches for all teams. The Club has appointed a Managing Football Director (MFD) to oversee the Club's implementation of the FFA's National Curriculum. The Club will also appoint a Junior Director of Coaching (JDOC) to oversee the practical elements within each team/age group from Under 11 to Under 16 (including junior all-girls' teams) and, may appoint a MiniRoos Director of Coaching (MDOC) to oversee the player and coaching development for U6 – U11.

Parents of both genders are invited to apply especially in the Under 6 – 8 age groups.

All MiniRoos Team and Group Leaders are **required** to attend a pre-season meeting with the MFD. Date and time will be advised at sign-on or in the survey sent by email after player has registered. All MiniRoos Team and Group Leaders are **expected** to complete the Grassroots Certificate Course. The Club will endeavour to hold this course early in the season. The date and time will be advised at sign-on or via email/website.

It is **expected** that all MiniRoos Team and Group Leaders will make an effort to attend the in-house coaching seminars conducted by the MFD.

## **DEVELOPMENT CARNIVALS:**

The Club encourages teams to participate in key cup competitions throughout the season, including but not limited to, Souths United hosted cups/carnivals, the Gold Coast Champions Cup and Logan City Cup. The Club is proposing to field a development team from the Under 9 through to Under 11 age groups, depending on competition criteria and player availability. Participating in training sessions and the Gold Coast Champions Cup and/or the Logan City Cup and/or Souths United hosted cup events will be on a user pays basis. Additional information will be provided as soon as possible at start of Development Squad training blocks.

Development squads may participate in other carnivals throughout the season (Term 2 and Term 3).

## **CARNIVALS:**

The Club recognises the value of carnivals and encourages participation. Information will be provided to teams via Age Co-Ordinators (Under 6 – Under 11) and Team Managers (Under 12 – Under 16). Those teams participating at any carnival must notify the relevant Junior Vice President and/or the Club Administrator. Participation at carnivals is not to conflict with reserved Development Carnival commitments or at their detriment where it may cause any player/parent distress should a player be part of the said Development Squad and MiniRoos Club Team wishing to participate at a stated carnival.

Team selections can be made across the age group's teams (with proper consultation with existing team members/parents). Team selections and borrowed players must conform to the Carnival's rules. Costs related to participation in any of these carnivals will be borne by the team concerned.

## **DISCIPLINE/PROBLEM PROCEDURES:**

The Club requires all members and players to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the positive image of Souths United Football Club Inc.

Members or players breaking the Club's accepted Codes of Fair Play, the Club's Constitution or Club's various Policies will be required to address the Junior Committee or Management Committee. For further details, refer to the Behaviour Management Policy.

This will be instigated via a letter to the offending party and all involvement at the Club will be suspended until the outcome of the meeting.

The Codes of Fair Play are detailed in the Club's Behaviour Management Policy and the Club Handbook.

## **POLICY ALTERATIONS:**

The Junior Policy will be made available to all members at sign-on and changes to the content can be made at a General Meeting, Junior Committee Meeting or Management Committee Meeting or as determined in the Club's Constitution.

## **MINIROOS AGE GROUPS**

All aspects of this policy will be explained to new parents/guardians at a pre-season meeting. Any significant changes will be advised in a timely fashion in writing to returning parents/guardians

### **GENERAL:**

The Club encourages players to play with their friends. The Club endeavours to cater for each player's requests however no guarantee can be made.

The philosophy of MiniRoos is that players enjoy playing and learn new skills in a safe and non-competitive environment. As such, commitment to both training and fixtures is to be viewed in balance with family life.

**Training:** Players are expected to attend the majority of training sessions. Training will be held once a week. Training is where skills are taught and team co-ordination and cohesion is developed.

**Fixtures:** Players and parents are to be mindful that football is a team sport. Players are to participate in the vast majority of fixtures.

Parents are to notify either the team leader or manager if the player is unable to attend either training or fixtures. Notification before the event is appreciated.

During this early stage of player development, as much as possible, an equal amount of field time and rotation through all positions including goalkeeper (where applicable) will be given to each team member.

Refer also the Junior Development Plan which is supplementary to this Policy.

### **Under 6 – Under 7 Age Groups:**

All teams within an age group will train at the same time on the same day of each week (where possible).

Each team leader will be involved in each training session. Team Leaders will liaise with the MFD regarding the overall direction for the age group. Team Leaders, as required, will meet on a regular basis with the MFD. Team Leaders in this age group are **required** to complete the Grassroots Certificate Course. Team Leaders are to be aware and work toward the principals of the associated internal club Development Plan for these age groups.

### **Under 8 Age Group:**

All teams within this age group will train at the same time on the same day of each week (where possible). Each team will have a Team Leader to perform coaching activities and will be supported by coaching peers and direction from the MFD. Team Leaders in this age group are encouraged to undertake formal coaching courses and gain junior coaching qualifications that will assist development and progression through the junior divisional ranks.

It is envisaged that Football Brisbane will conduct a Development Program in line with FFA's National Curriculum. Assessment of all players will be conducted at the first training night. When details are made available to the club regarding a Development Program, identified players will be invited to attend. Team Leaders are to be aware and work toward the principals of the associated internal club Development Plan for this age group.

### **Under 9 to Under 11 Age Groups:**

All teams within these age groups will train at the same time on the same day of each week (where possible). Each team will have a Team Leader to perform coaching activities and will be supported by coaching peers and direction from the MFD. Team Leaders in these age groups are encouraged to undertake formal coaching courses and gain junior coaching qualifications that will assist development and progression through the junior divisional ranks.

The Club will offer the opportunity for players in these age groups to be assessed. This gives the players an opportunity to play with similar ability players against teams of similar ability on a weekly basis.

It is envisaged that Football Brisbane will conduct a Development Program/s in line with FFA's National Curriculum. When details are made available to the club regarding a Development Program, identified players will be invited to attend. Team Leaders are to be aware and work toward the principals of the associated internal club Development Plan for these age groups.

**Refer to the Club's Junior Development Plan for more details relating to player assessments for Under 9 – Under 11.**

### **Development Squads/Teams – Under 9 - Under 11 Age Groups:**

*Refer also the Junior Development Plan which is supplementary to this policy and reflects supplementary development programs delivered in conjunction with Brisbane Strikers Skills Acquisition Program/s (SAP) for male players; and Souths United FC Skills Acquisition Program/s (SAP) for female players.*

#### **Under 9:**

Parents will be offered the opportunity to accept the Club's offer for their child/ren to participate in the designated Development Squad/Program. This squad may also include Under 8 players identified by the MFD. Players will attend extra training sessions on a user pays basis. Players will participate in various Carnivals throughout the year, including but not limited to Souths United hosted cups/carnivals, the Logan City Cup and Gold Coast Cup (depending on criteria). This will be on a user pays basis.

#### **Under 10 – Under 11:**

Parents will be offered the opportunity to accept the Club's offer for their child/ren to participate in the designated Development Squad/Program.. Players will attend extra training sessions on a user pays basis. Final teams will participate in Souths United hosted cups/carnivals, the Gold Coast Champions Cup and Logan City Cup. This again will be on a user pays basis. Details will be made available when they become known. There may also be opportunities to attend other carnivals throughout the season. Again, this would be on a user pays basis.



## **“APPRENTICE REFEREE” PROGRAM:**

Aim: To establish preliminary foundations that will cultivate the development of potential future referees.

The program is ideally suited to players and siblings in the Under 12 – Under 15 age groups. The program will enable participants to adopt the role of a ‘referee in training’ and officiate at Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 home games. The “Apprentice Referee” will undertake a short course instructing them on the basics required to referee MiniRoos games. They will be paid a small fee for each game they officiate. Ongoing support/instruction will be provided, as necessary, from experienced/more senior referees within the Souths community. While this program will give participants experience for the future, it will also free up parents to enjoy the game and watch their children and enable Team Leaders/Coaches and Managers to focus on performing their coaching and management activities.

## **INDIVIDUAL AGE GROUPS:**

*Refer the Junior Development Plan which is supplementary to this policy.*

### **UNDER 6:**

#### **TEAM SELECTIONS**

It is most desirable that an in-house competition should be initiated if there are sufficient numbers of registrations to meet the FB requirements. The small sided football format forms part of FFA’s National Football Development Plan.

The balance of these teams is critical to produce even games and transfers may occur during the season to achieve this aim. Friendship groups are considered when selecting teams.

It will be paramount that all parents and guardians see the Under 6 in-house competition as a whole body not on an individual team basis. Parents and guardians must be mindful that the development of each player is equally important. Parents and guardians need to set a good example and encourage all players (own team and opposition team), applaud good play by any player and display good sportsmanship and a sense of fair play towards everyone. Exuberant and excessive displays of celebration are to be avoided. Parents need to remember that all players are playing to their best ability and are worthy of praise and encouragement.

If registered numbers prohibit an in-house competition, then teams will be entered into an in-house combined Under 6 / Under 7 competition or into the Football Brisbane Under 6 competition.

#### **TEAM SIZES**

Teams will consist of five or six players – no goalkeeper - Four field players and one or two reserves (to be evenly rotated during the game).

## COACHING

All teams will train at the same time and on the same day of each week. Each team leader will assist with each training session. Team Leader will liaise with the MFD.

### **UNDER 7:**

#### TEAM SELECTIONS

It is most desirable that an in-house competition should be initiated if there are sufficient numbers of registrations to meet the FB requirements. The small sided football format forms part of FFA's National Football Development Plan.

The balance of these teams is critical to produce even games and transfers may occur during the season to achieve this aim. Friendship groups are considered when selecting teams.

It will be paramount that all parents and guardians see the Under 7 in-house competition as a whole body not on an individual team basis. Parents and guardians must be mindful that the development of each player is equally important. Parents and guardians need to set a good example and encourage all players (own team and opposition team), applaud good play by any player and display good sportsmanship and a sense of fair play towards everyone. Exuberant and excessive displays of celebration are to be avoided. Parents need to remember that all players are playing to their best ability and are worthy of praise and encouragement.

If registered numbers prohibit an in-house competition, then teams are to be entered into the FB Under 7 competition.

#### TEAM SIZES

Teams will consist of five or six players – no goalkeeper – Four field players and one or two reserves (to be evenly rotated during the game).

## COACHING

All teams will train at the same time and on the same day of each week. Each team leader will assist with each training session. Team Leaders will liaise with the MFD.

### **UNDER 8:**

#### TEAM SELECTIONS

It is most desirable that an in-house competition should be initiated if there are sufficient numbers of registrations to meet the FB requirements. The small sided football format forms part of FFA's National Football Development Plan.

The competition now dictates 7 players take to the field. The Under 7 teams will be pooled and new teams will be formed. Considerations will be made to harmony, balance and friendship groups.

No testing will be conducted at the end of the season however a broad view of players' ability will aid in the formation of the Under 9 squads. All Under 9 players will undergo assessment prior to the season and will receive a Letter at sign-on.

### TEAM SIZES

Teams will consist of eight or nine players – Six field players, one goalkeeper (rotated each week) and one or two reserves (to be evenly rotated during the game).

### COACHING

All teams will train at the same time and on the same day of each week (where possible). Each team leader will assist with each training session. Team Leaders will liaise with the MFD.

## **UNDER 9:**

### TEAM SELECTIONS

The small sided football format forms part of FFA's National Football Development Plan.

Wherever possible, the unity and harmony built in Under 8's flows over into the Under 9 age group. The balance of these teams is critical to produce even games and transfers may occur during the season to achieve this aim. Friendship groups are considered when selecting teams.

Assessment of player's abilities to form a team of similar capabilities and potential will be provided. These teams will then be placed in a competition suitable to their skill level. Non-assessed players, while enabling them to remain in a team with their friends, will not preclude them from being able to play in a stronger competition. Consideration will be given in both cases to ensure that teams are in a competition appropriate to their team capability to ensure balance and fair play.

Players selected in Komodo Dragon (KD) level competition teams must acknowledge the level of intensity and commitment needed and execute accordingly during training and games. Players selected for the KD team in each age group will pay an additional Player (KD) Development Levy. Information will be provided to the parents of players selected in these teams after completion of the registration process and prior to season commencement.

At the end of the season, the MFD, with the assistance of the Team Leaders if requested, *may* assess the ability of the players entering the Under 10 age group the following season.

### TEAM SIZES

Teams will consist of eight or nine players – Six field players, one goalkeeper (rotated every week) and one or two reserves (to be evenly rotated during the game).

### COACHING

The team leader's appointment may require an application and interview process. The attendance at coaching seminars is now part of the coaching requirements. Team Leaders are encouraged to attain their Junior Certificate.

## **UNDER 10:**

### **TEAM SELECTIONS**

The small sided football format forms part of FFA's National Football Development Plan.

The Club will endeavour to continue with the balanced nature of the Under 9's however, the competition now dictates 9 players take to the field. The Under 9 teams will be pooled and new teams will be formed. Considerations will be made to harmony, balance and friendship groups. The emphasis will continue to be on individual player development.

Assessment of player's abilities to form a team of similar capabilities and potential will be provided under the guidance of the MFD. These teams will then be placed in a competition suitable to their skill level. Non-assessed players, while enabling them to remain in a team with their friends, will not preclude them from being able to play in a stronger competition, if skills and ability of the team support this level of competition. Consideration will be given in both cases to ensure that teams are in a competition appropriate to their team capability to ensure balance and fair play.

Players selected in Komodo Dragon (KD) level competition teams must acknowledge the level of intensity and commitment needed and execute accordingly during training and games. Players selected for the KD team in each age group will pay an additional Player (KD) Development Levy. Information will be provided to the parents of players selected in these teams after completion of the registration process and prior to season commencement.

At the end of the season, the MFD, with the assistance of the Team Leaders if requested, *may* assess the ability of the players entering the Under 11 age group the following season.

### **TEAM SIZES**

Teams will consist of ten or eleven players – eight field players, one goalkeeper (rotated each week) and one or two reserves (to be evenly rotated during the game).

### **COACHING**

The team leader's appointment may require an interview/application process and the appointment is desirable to continue into the Under 11 phase. The team leader will attend all coaching seminars and be in the process of gaining accreditation via Football Federation Australia's License courses.

## **UNDER 11:**

### **TEAM SELECTIONS**

The small sided football format forms part of FFA's National Football Development Plan.

Wherever possible, the unity and harmony built in Under 10's flows over into the Under 11 age group. The balance of these teams is critical to provide even games and transfers may occur during the season to achieve this aim. Considerations will be made to harmony, balance and friendship groups. The emphasis will continue to be on individual player development.

Optional assessment of player's abilities to form a team of similar capabilities and potential will be provided under the guidance of the MFD. These teams will then be placed in a competition suitable to their skill level. Non-assessed players, while enabling them to remain in a team with their friends, will not preclude them from being able to play in a stronger competition, if skills and ability of the team support this level of competition. Consideration will be given in both cases to ensure that teams are in a competition appropriate to their team capability to ensure balance and fair play.

Souths United FC will always endeavor to field a team in the Komodo Dragon – Cross River Competition each season, to ensure eligibility to participate in the U12 Super Youth League (SYL) qualifying competition. By the competition nature and objective, equal playing time may not apply during qualifying games. The rules of the qualifying tournament are defined by Football Brisbane.

Players selected in Komodo Dragon (KD) level competition teams must acknowledge the level of intensity and commitment needed and execute accordingly during training and games. Players selected for the KD team in each age group will pay an additional Player (KD) Development Levy. Information will be provided to the parents of players selected in these teams after completion of the registration process and prior to season commencement.

At the end of the season, the MFD, with the assistance of the team leaders if requested, *may* assess the ability of the players entering the Under 12 age group the following season and; consider appropriate competition level applicable to suit capabilities.

#### TEAM SIZES

Teams will consist of ten or eleven players – eight field players, one goalkeeper (rotated each week) and one or two reserves (to be evenly rotated during the game).

#### COACHING

The team leader's appointment may require an interview/application process and the appointment is desirable to continue into the Under 12 phase. The team leaders will attend all coaching seminars and be in the process of gaining accreditation via Football Federation Australia's License courses.

## **DIVISIONAL AGE GROUPS – FOOTBALL BRISBANE COMPETITIONS**

### **GENERAL:**

The Club will endeavour to field at least one team in each age group. This team will be in the highest possible division taking into account the ability of the players registered.

Other teams will be entered into the competition if a working number of players are registered at the Club.

Teams will consist of, wherever possible, three more players than on field conditions determine i.e. fourteen players and up to a maximum of sixteen players. The exceptions are the Under 15 to Under 16 age groups which may have up to 5 or 6 reserves per team.

Players and parents are to make a commitment to the team for the entire season. There are only a few weekends throughout the season when teams do not play. Some fixtures may also be scheduled for midweek, Friday nights and/or both Saturday/Sunday and Monday of the May and June long weekends.

Players are to notify either the team coach or assistant coach/manager if he/she is unable to attend training or fixtures.

Individual team coaches may also have their own agreements covering issues pertaining to that team. These could include times for training, when to arrive at fixtures, procedure for notification of illness etc.

Players and parents must acknowledge that football is a **team** sport. Any absence from either training or games will disrupt the harmony of the team.

### **ASSESSMENTS (GRADINGS):**

Under 12 to Under 16 players will, when required, undergo an assessment/grading at the end and start of each season. Players are required to attend every pre-season grading session. Non-attendance may affect a player's grading. All players will be re-graded every year.

Twins/triplets etc will be graded individually on their own ability. No guarantee will be given by the Club that these players will be graded into the same division.

The Club will provide a structure that will allow the football player to develop and play at the highest division commensurate with his/her abilities.

The Club aims to provide football for all interested people. In the event that sign-on numbers in any age group exceed the numbers required to fill teams in that age group eg 13 – 14 players for Under 12 to Under 16 age groups, the Club will make all endeavours to accommodate all players. This may necessitate:

- Asking players to seek other players from amongst their friends
- Making a composite team in a higher age group (if numbers allow)
- Any other methods open to the Club.

If these options fail to gain the necessary number of players, players will be selected on the following basis:

- Individual abilities
- Positions played
- Composition of the team.

For the Under 15 to Under 16 age groups, reference to the chronological order of registration will play no part in team selection. Where the Club is unable to provide a team for a player, any sign-on fees paid will be refunded in full.

The Club recognises the pressure that the young football player may feel during the grading process and a caring and supportive atmosphere will be provided.

The MFD will set the tests and be in charge of conducting them and finalising teams in consultation with the Vice-President – Juniors: Divisional. Refer to the Club's Junior Development Plan for more details relating to player assessments for Under 12 – Under 16.

### **HIGHER DIVISIONS (SYL, Division 1 and Division 2):**

The higher division teams will allow the player who is looking to progress in his/her football to play within an atmosphere requiring a high level of technique and skill. Team commitment is paramount and training and playing will have competition to gain places within the team however development will not be neglected.

Players must acknowledge the level of intensity and commitment needed for these divisions. Players selected for the highest division in each age group will pay an additional Player Development Levy. Information will be provided to the parents of players selected in these teams after preliminary gradings/selections have been announced.

The aim of these divisions is to improve individual and team skills. Players should enjoy their sport but must acknowledge a strong commitment to both training and fixtures.

- Training: Training is where skills/moves are taught. Players are expected to attend training even if they cannot participate.
- Fixtures: Skills/moves taught at training are put into practice in fixtures. Attendance by players is expected even if the player cannot participate.

Players who have infectious/contagious illnesses are NOT to attend training or fixtures but are expected to inform the coach or assistant coach/manager prior to the scheduled time or as soon as possible afterwards.

### **Playing Time**

From Under 11 onwards, a competition element must be introduced into the higher divisions. This encourages the emerging football player to progress to higher levels. When placed within the higher divisions, the developing player must appreciate that ability and dedication to the game will determine initial team make-up. It is envisaged that players will receive roughly equal game time over the season. Exception applies to those competing in the SYL competition where promotion/relegation rules apply and the coach may employ a level of discretion of playing time management to maximize SYL competition inclusion.

## Home Games

The Club will endeavour to have all SYL home games played on Premier Field (2) and the majority of home games for Division 1 and Division 2 teams played on Premier Field (2). Largely this will depend on fixture scheduling times set by Football Brisbane.

## Coaching

The Club will always seek to appoint suitably qualified coaches for each team. These coaches will be supported by the club in their endeavours to continue their ongoing development.

The coach's appointment may require an interview/application process and the appointment is desirable to continue into the next age group phase.

## Dress Code

SYL and Division 1 and/or 2 players (inclusive of Junior Divisional Girls) and team officials are expected to adhere to a strict dress code for matches. This will include players wearing long black pants, black socks and black shoes to and from all fixtures and as advised, to official Club events. The Club's training shirt is the preferred uniform for training. For more details relating to the dress code, refer to the Club's Dress Code Policy - Juniors.

## **LOWER DIVISIONS (Division 3 – Division 9):**

The Club's policy on teams in lower divisions is to provide an enjoyable atmosphere that allows players an opportunity to reach their potential. The Club also recognises that the social and sheer enjoyment of playing the game should not be neglected in these divisions.

The aim of these divisions is to improve individual and team skill levels. Players should enjoy their sport.

**Training:** Training is where skills/moves are taught. Players are encouraged to attend training even if they cannot participate.

**Fixtures:** Skills/moves taught at training are put into practice in fixtures. Attendance by players is encouraged even if the player cannot participate.

Players who have infectious/contagious illnesses are NOT to attend training or fixtures but are expected to inform the coach or assistant coach/manager prior to the scheduled time or as soon as possible afterwards.

## Playing Time

Wherever possible, it is expected that field players will receive equal game time over the season.

## Home Games

The Club will endeavour to have some games for these divisions played on Premier Field (2). This will depend largely on the times fixtures are scheduled by Football Brisbane.



## Coaching

The coach's appointment may require an interview/application process and the appointment is desirable to continue into the next age group phase. The Club encourages coaches to attend in-house seminars and be in the process of attending Football Federation Australia's License courses.

## Dress Code

Divisions 3 – 9 players and team officials are expected to adhere to a minimum dress code for matches. This will include players wearing the club's polo shirt to and from all fixtures and as advised, to official Club events.

Players may enhance their dress standard by wearing black dress shorts or long black pants, black socks and black shoes to and from all fixtures / official club events, though is not mandatory at this time. The Club's training shirt is the preferred uniform for training but not compulsory. For more details relating to the dress code, refer to the Club's Dress Code Policy - Juniors.

## **FINALS:**

The Club recognises that the Finals Series is a different competition and relies on the coach's judgment to field the best possible team to win the competition. Team selection and game time for individual players are at the coach's discretion. Utmost use of the interchange rule should be adopted.

## **BORROWING OF PLAYERS:**

During the season, teams may require to borrow from lower division teams/younger age groups. This is encouraged and gives the borrowed player added experience. Coaches should encourage players to take the opportunity to play for higher divisions/age groups. The appropriate form must be completed by the parent BEFORE the player may be borrowed.

There should be proper consultation with the team coach. An appropriate time frame must be considered where possible. No approach should be made directly to the player or players involved.

The Club encourages the borrowing of players. If a team is unable to field eleven players, the borrowed player(s) may be part of the initial side that starts the game. If a team has eleven of their own players and wishes to borrow a player(s), these borrowed players must start the game on the bench. Borrowed players are not to be used ahead of members of the borrowing team. Exception to this will be in the instance of a Goal Keeper where existing team cannot confidently field a player for this position.

**FB and/or FQ RULES MUST BE ADHERED TO THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.**