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Team Allocation and Grading Policy

Player safety is to be the first consideration with respect to allocating players to teams.

Players in the Super 8, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 age groups will not be formally assessed or graded but will be generally allocated to teams with roughly the same skill level, primarily to maximize enjoyment. Players will be allocated to teams by the Club to ensure an equal distribution of players to make up full teams. Teams in this age group will contain a mix of skills and genders. Maximizing participation and enjoyment by the players and learning skills and sportsmanship is the primary focus of these age groups.

Players in the Under 13 to Under 16 age groups will be informally assessed by the club coaches during pre-season training. The coaches will recommend team allocations to the Club Management Committee for endorsement. The coaching panel will allocate players to a team to ensure balanced teams in terms of wicket keepers, batsmen, spin bowlers, pace bowlers, etc; roughly equal skill levels and roughly equal numbers and full teams.

Teams may contain a mix of skills depending on the circumstances in regard to available players per age group. The Club will try, where possible, to accommodate individual players' preferences (e.g. to play with a sibling or friend) or family circumstances (e.g. travel arrangements) however this may not always be possible. Teams will not be allocated based on school group. The maximum number in a team is 12 except in exceptional circumstances and with approval of the club management committee.

Once players are allocated to teams, the teams will be nominated by the Club to the Brisbane Metropolitan South West Junior Cricket Association (MSW) as division 1, 2 or 3. The Club will endeavour to nominate teams to the division most appropriate to the skill level of the overall team, however grade allocation is at the discretion of MSW, and depends on such things as the number of teams in the competition. There may be situations where teams will be asked to play up or down an age group to balance numbers in the competition draw.

South's policy is that players should not play more than 1 year above their eligible age group, except in exceptional circumstances and with approval of the club management committee. Players may play down an age group where skill level is comparable with approval of the club management committee and MSW. Girls may play 2 years below their age group. Players playing up or down an age group must always be in accordance with MSW rules. Player safety will be a primary consideration. Any concerns with team allocation are to be referred to the Club Management Committee.

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