



PLAYER AGE GROUP POLICY

The South Belgrave Junior Football Club is built upon the community spirit which includes building interaction among families as well as players being able to play with their friends.

The South Belgrave Junior Football Club does support that players may play above their age group to be with their friends. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The club may also find the need to move players to a higher age group if numbers in those groups are less than what is required to field a team.

However, first and foremost this policy will be in accordance with the current EFL rules and by laws pertaining to playing out of age group.

Process

Requests must be in writing with relevant reasons why they would like to play above their age group to the Football Manager and ensuring that the parents / guardians fully endorse the request.

After receipt in writing each case will be discussed amongst the members of the committee at a subsequent committee meeting.

Prior to a decision being made the committee will take into consideration the following:

- Has the age group that the player should be registered to play in have enough players to field a full team each and every week.
- If the player has played at SBJFC in the past, does the previous coach feel that the player has the ability to play above their age group. This will be based around ensuring that the player will get a fair go, not sit on the bench each week, as well as any OH&S risk.
- What year level is the player in at school? Is the player in the same year level as the majority of the other players in the requested team?

If the player is approved by the committee to play at a higher level the player will be assessed by the new coach after two games to ensure that they are competent at that level. If the coach is satisfied, then that player will be able to play in the higher age group. This process will be carried out each year due to the fact that maturity and competent levels are achieved at various stages in each individual's life.

If the coach feels that the player is not at a competent level then they will be required to return to the playing level that they should be playing at. At this point the decision is final.

The most important priority is that we are able to field full teams in all age groups that are registered.

Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant to the club, this policy will be reviewed tri-annually by the committee.

Next review date: June 2019

Approved SBJFC Exec: 28/6/16

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