

Selection of A & B teams U11 and above only

When there are sufficient players to field 2 teams playing in the same age group from U11 - U15 there will be A & B teams. The selection process will be determined by the Committee in conjunction with the coaches.

The following steps will be taken in determining whether a player is placed into the A team or B team:

- A trial process will be conducted over a minimum of 3 weeks. This process may involve trial matches against other clubs but this is not mandatory
- The Football Subcommittee (FSC) will allocate a member of the Committee to attend the training sessions for a specific age group to monitor the training and selection process. This Committee member does not participate in the decision-making process but may provide feedback to coaches on the process and be used as a sounding board for coaches. The Committee member should not have a child in the group to ensure independence.
- The Coach/Coaches for the trial process will submit a recommendation for the A and B team to the FSC. The FSC will advise if they have any concerns with the proposed selections.
- Once the FSC has reviewed and advised that it is comfortable with the proposed selections the Coach will advise the parents

Coaches should be mindful that children and parents may be sensitive to their team selection or have a preference for selection in a team. It is important that the child's welfare and self-esteem are managed, and positive communication is encouraged.

This policy mirrors SANFL policy that where a club has registered two teams for competition, the general split will be one team in High Division and one team in a suitable lower division.

SANFL rules currently allow for some movement between groups in early rounds however it is not WJFC policy to allow this once selection has been finalised.

Should there be too many players for the club to field a second side, then a similar selection process will occur. The Coach will base selection on the players ability to safely and successfully play at the level/ Division that the team will play in. This selection process will occur prior to the commencement of the season so that players not selected can find another club. Whilst SANFL Rules allow for maximum squad numbers, the Football Sub Committee and Coach can agree on a smaller squad.