

Team Selection and rotation policy summary

This document outlines briefly the team selection policy guidelines at Edithvale Aspendale Junior Football Club (EAJFC), for a more comprehensive outline of Team Selection and rotation policy please refer to detailed policy on club website or [link here](#).

EAJFC places a high emphasis on player participation, player development and most importantly player enjoyment from U8's through to U18's. The Club, will always, endeavour to provide for the health, welfare and wellbeing of its members.

Team Selection Guidelines

The Club's Team Formation Policy is bound by the rules of FDJFL and AFLSE. It should be noted that the FDJFL does NOT operate or authorise a player grading system for U8's to U14 age groups.

Team allocation will consider factors such as team played in previous years, school attended, team numbers, and where considered appropriate, player skill and abilities to aid team competitiveness for their respective playing division. There are no guarantees of a player to be in a certain team, or to always remain in a certain team.

AFLSE & FDJFL by-laws state that:

- **U8-U12** - *"In U8 – U12 age groups once a team is formed players will remain in that team from season to season unless a request is made to change teams for reasons such as player welfare and wellbeing."* **EAJFC CANNOT move players between teams without written approval from AFLSE**
- **U13 and U14:-** *"Clubs can move up to three (3) players without League approval. Clubs must apply to their relevant League to transfer from one team to another over the three (3) player limit."*
- **U15 to U18:-** *"To ensure that the League can offer competitive competitions, clubs are able to move players from one team to another without restriction to ensure that players are allocated to a team that best suits their skills and ability."*

Multiple teams:- If EAJFC is required to reduce the number of teams it fields in a particular age group in U8 to U14 age groups, EAJFC will endeavour to fairly allocate the players to create balanced competitive teams.

New players:- If a new player joins the club, they will be bound by the same team selection policy as outlined for their age group.

Playing time and rotations

- All players are expected to get fair game time every week and play ¾ of the game where practicable, including finals.
- Top up players should not be given game time ahead of any player of the regular team, unless required through injury, send off or other circumstance. Similar to a medical sub in AFL.
- During the course of the home and away season each player is to be rotated through positions so that they can gain experience and learn how to play different positions (i.e. Forwards, Backs, & Midfield).

Coaches and Team Managers Responsibilities for Team Selection

Coaches are appointed club officials and must act in the best interests of the club, not only one team. Team Managers are also expected to uphold this directive.

St Kilda Next Generation and Interleague Selection

AFLSE and FDJFL talent identification staff attempt to capture all talent in the region and to ensure there is a cross section of the competition included. St Kilda Football Club and FDJFL Talent ID staff monitor players throughout each season for U12 to U15 age groups, players selection is based on their observations, talent search and come & try days. AFLSE will consult with clubs to help identify talent at the U12 boys and U15 girls level.

