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The St George Dragons JRFLC grading policy has been formally ratified by the executive board and committee. It is important for all parents, players, coaches, and new members to familiarise themselves with this document. The policy has been developed to guarantee transparency and consistency in the grading process for all eligible players, covering both tackle and tag formats. By registering your son or daughter, you acknowledge and accept this policy.

AIM

The primary objective of our club is to cultivate skills, sportsmanship, leadership, and lasting friendships among all players and members. The grading policy serves as a systematic approach to placing players in groups that will most effectively facilitate their development and realisation of potential. In consideration of our duty of care, we are dedicated to assigning players to grades that reflect their abilities while simultaneously nurturing their growth.

PLAYER PHILOSOPHY

Throughout the Mini years, the club focuses to deliver an enjoyable environment to learn the fundamentals of rugby league and the development of relationships, skills and teamwork. Moving through the Mod and International age groups, where necessary, a grading process will come into effect, where players will be placed according to their commitment to training, abilities, attitude and skill level (CAAS). The grading process gives all players the opportunity to demonstrate their talent (irrespective of the team they played for in the previous season). Thus, a chance to play at the highest division, based on CAAS.





GRADING PROCESS

1. Total number of registered players will determine the number of teams that will make up an individual age group.
 - a) If a certain age group exceeds the number of players capped for that age group, but falls short of forming a second team, grading will take place.
 - b) If numbers of registered players are apparent, that more than one team can be formed in an age group, grading process will take place.
 - c) To avoid late reconstruction of teams and allow a balance, players not wishing to play in the top division (in the case where 2 teams can be formed), parents **MUST NOTIFY THE EXECUTIVES IN WRITING**, before the commencement of trials.
2. Throughout preseason, all players will be offered the same level of training within their age group. Commitment and attitude during training should be noted by staff in their respective age groups.
3. Trials set up through the club will afford players the opportunity to showcase their abilities and skills, with all players receiving an appropriate amount of game time.
4. Team selection will be at the discretion of the provisional coach, with the Executive team only getting involved upon request.
5. The executive team may appoint an abled body to help certain age groups throughout the preseason, trial and selection stages to ensure that the grading process is being adhered to and to make a fair assessment.
6. In the case where there are multiple teams in an age group, based off previous season, coaches may agree to train with their own squads or as a group during the preseason and trial stages to fully grasp the weight of the age group.
7. Division 1 coaches will have priority in the team selection process.
8. Players wishing to play above their age group will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Executives. However, players of age should be given first priority in their natural age group.
9. In the case of a player not showing strong CAAS (in a team that is not exceeding number of players), as a duty of care, the provisional coach may opt to deem the player unsafe to play and seek advice from the Executive team (i.e. a player who has never played before and is wanting to join their age group that only fields a division 1 side and has space on their team)
10. Coaches for International teams (U13+), with teams exceeding numbers but short of a second team, will be afforded 2 rounds of team cuts, at their discretion.
 - a) Halfway through the trial stage
 - b) Final team selection
11. A final team selection will be delivered by the provisional coach, at their discretion, no more than 2 weeks before competition officially begins. The earlier the better, as it gives time for players to seek other opportunities if they do not make the team.
12. Once team selections are made, coaches must inform the executive team of their selections for admin purposes.



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13. Once selections have been handed down, **TEAMS ARE SET & FINAL** – there will be no players switching teams during the season.
14. Once a player has been graded he/she will be identified as displaying CAAS at that respective division/level.
15. If any parent feels that there has been an oversight or an error in grading, they can make a written submission (no later than 5 days after final selection), outlining the reasons they feel there has been an oversight/error. A member of the executive team will review the grading and may request more information or evidence. Outcome will be at the discretion of the executive.
16. A player who wishes to join after the grading process will be dealt with by the provisional coach and the executive team on a case by case basis.
17. Grading process **WILL APPLY** to age groups U9-U16 including girls league tag.

