



Brunswick Junior Football Club Inc
Affiliated with Yarra Junior Football League

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Club Policy No. 3 – Age Group

It is the mission of the BJFC to provide all registered players with a safe and caring environment so they can gain maximum enjoyment and development, whilst participating in both routine training and game day matches. The Club's policy with this regard can be summarised as follows:

Playing within age group:

BJFC cannot allow registered players to play outside their age group as defined by the rules of the Yarra Junior Football League. Rule 6.3.1 of the League By Laws identifies that *a Player may not play more than two [2] years out of his/her respective age group. i.e. an Under 10 may not play in an Under 13 Match.*

The Club recognises that in the first instance this policy may not suit some players and parents as it may prevent a player from playing with his/her friends by virtue of age difference. Teams are capped at 27 players and 24 can take to the field, so there will be times where to enable players to play most weeks, players will be rotated through other age groups or may have to miss a game. Usually this does not occur given that not all players are available every week (i.e. family, school, religious events, or sickness)

Placement of players within a team:

BJFC retains sole responsibility for the placement of players within a particular team within the player's correct age group. In doing so the coaches will be asked to select evenly matched teams to enable all players' equal opportunities.

Preference is also given to players that registered with BJFC the prior year.

The Club applies the Policy without exception for very sound reasons:

- Health and safety of its players;
- In recognition that football development experts consider it is desirable from a player development perspective;
- It is the preferred position of the Yarra Junior Football League;
- It is non-discriminatory as it applies to all;
- It provides clarity and certainty for players and parents; and
- It is administratively sound.

Adopted 2010 and amended 2012