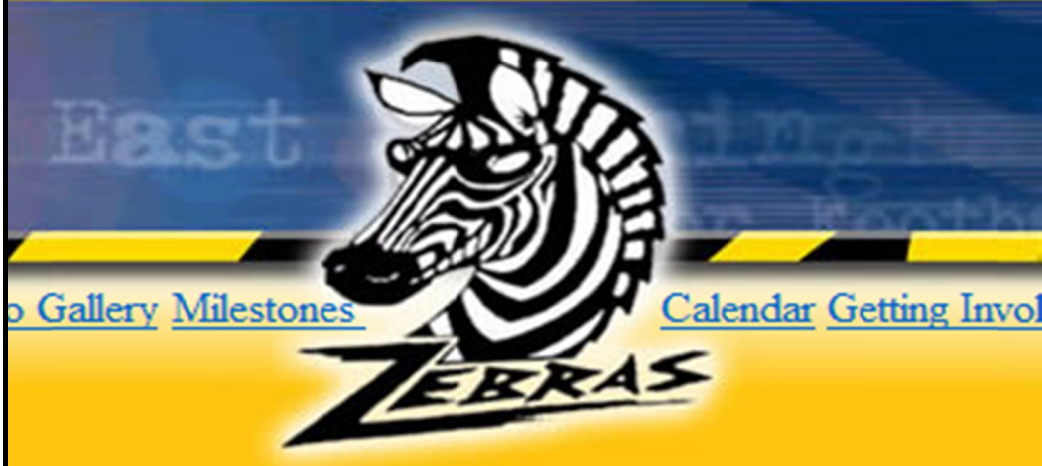


**East Sandringham Junior Football Club**



# ***GRADING POLICY***

**CLUB POLICY & GUIDELINES**

This document outline the Grading Policy for the East Sandringham Junior Football Club (ESJFC)

### **GRADING POLICY – Feb 2010**

“Under 9 to Under 12 age groups inclusive, the club encourages all players to play with friends and schoolmates, subject to ensuring adequate numbers on all team lists

Under 13 to Under 17 age groups inclusive, the club reserves the right to organise teams and players to the best of its ability to provide an environment in which players can be both competitive and continue to develop their football skills”

#### **Under 9 to Under 12 Age Groups**

In these age groups, the emphasis is placed on participation with friends and enjoyment. Additional goals are the acquisition of football skills and playing in a team environment.

Where there are two or more sides in the same age group the sides will be spread out through the MSJFL divisions (East / West / North / South). The clubs Football Department will assist the Coaches in selecting the appropriate division.

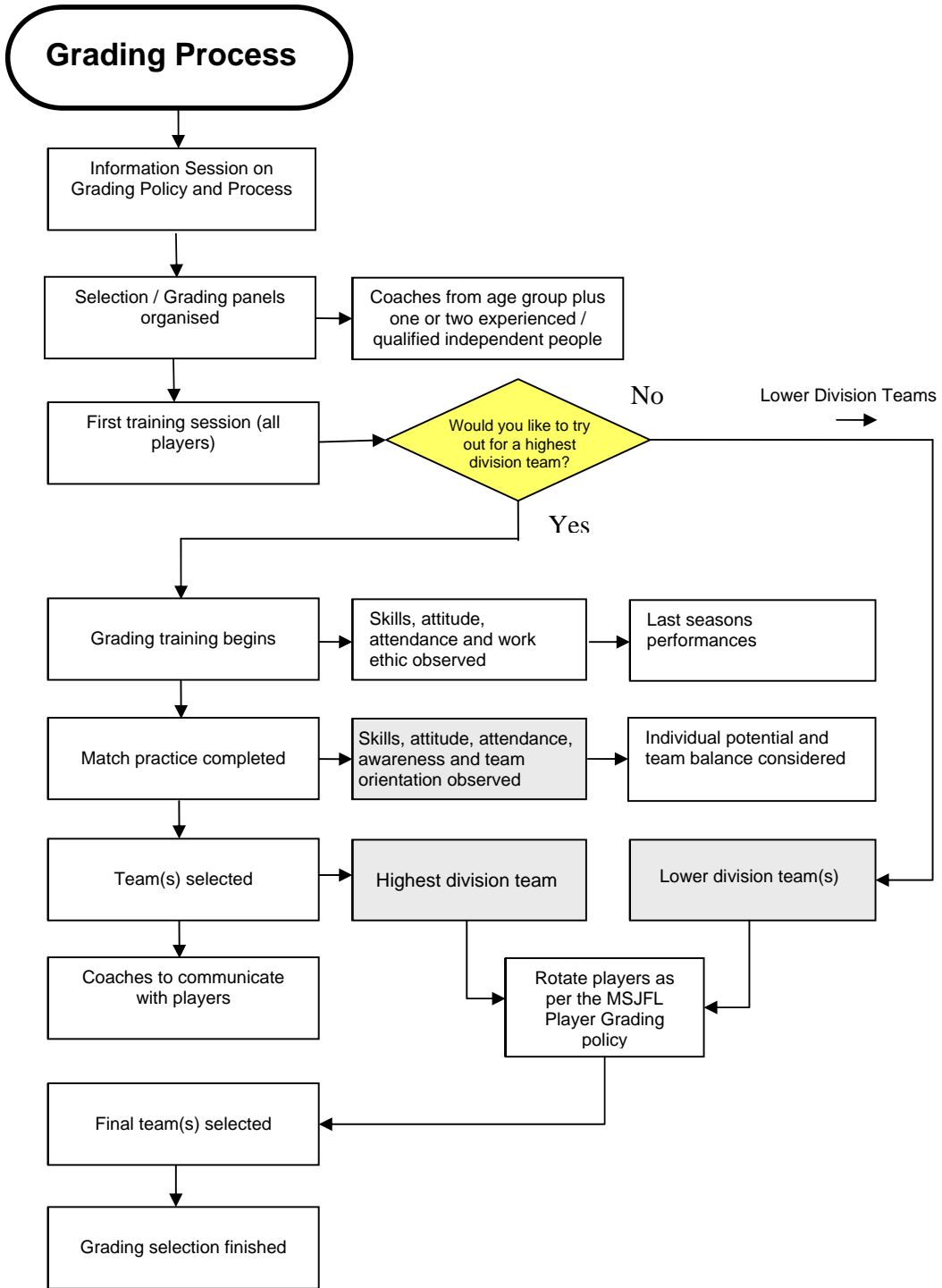
#### **Under 13 to Under 17 Age Groups**

The ESJFC will provide all players from Under 13 to Under 17 the opportunity to develop their football skills and play in the highest level within the MSJFL. They will do this by grading players and teams to ensure they play at the most appropriate level.

A greater emphasis is placed upon individual and team performances.

Where there is a single side in any age group selection of the side is the responsibility of the appointed coach. The clubs Football Department will assist in placing the team in the most appropriate division within the MSJFL.

Where two sides are formed in the same age group there should be even numbers selected for these teams. Team selection will be based on the ESJFC Grading Process. Whilst one team may have a more advanced list of players the Club will endeavour to ensure that both teams will be as competitive as possible in their respective divisions.



## **GRADING PROCESS**

The Grading process includes:-

- Information sessions
- Selection panel
- Training sessions
- Match practice
- Initial Team selection
- Communication to players
- Player movement
- Final Team Selection

### **Information Session**

Information session for players and parents will be conducted at the start of each season to clarify both the ESJFC Grading Policy and Grading Process. This is important for the Under 13 teams as it will be their first year of grading.

### **Selection Panel**

A selection panel will be formed for each year level from Under 13 to Under 16. The panel will consist of team coaches plus one or two experienced / qualified persons that are independent from the team. A person can be on more than one Selection panel.

### **Training Sessions**

Training sessions will be made available for players who wish to be considered for selection to higher level teams. The selection panel will observe and assess areas such as football skills, attitude, work ethic, attendance to training sessions along with the player's performances during the previous season. Other criteria may be used as required.

### **Match Practice**

Match practice will be used to assess and observe the players football skills, ability to read the play, work ethic, ability to follow instructions and playing within a team. Players will be played in a variety of positions to determine the best options for both player and team. Other criteria may be used as required.

### **Initial Team Selection**

The initial Team selection will be made after consideration to the player's performance at the training sessions and practice matches. The selection panel may also use other information that will assist selection like previous years performances.

### **Communication to Players**

Players will be formally advised in writing or via a meeting which team they have been selected in.

If a player is unhappy with the selection process they can raise the issue in writing to the clubs Football Department.

### **Movement of Players**

Players can be rotated between sides in the same age group for up to the first 4 rounds of each season. Note this is a rule that the MSJFL has promoted to ensure players have the opportunity to play at the most appropriate level within the competition. Please refer to the MSJFL Player Grading Policy.

### **Final Team Selection**

After week four in the season all teams are finalised and no further changes can take place.

The Club appreciates that there may be extenuating circumstances, and that some players may wish to be in a particular side. Such requests should be made in writing to the appropriate selection panel or to the clubs Football Department.