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1. Purpose and Scope

The Burnside Heights Football Club Inc (BHFC) believes that junior sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport. The BHFC takes the view that all players should play in the correct age group for their age barring any extenuating circumstances. The BHFC also believes that when there are multiple teams in each age group we must ensure we assist in the development and competitiveness of players by ensuring we play them in grades and divisions which they can be competitive, develop and enjoy their footy.

2. Policy

BHFC team selection policy promotes the welfare and development of all players and the clubs teams.

Team Selection and Match Day

- Teams are capped at a maximum of 24 players with a preferred minimum of 22 players.
- Barring injury or suspension all junior divisions 1 to 3 are to be given a minimum of 2 quarters per match with the preference of being given equal game time throughout the season where possible and practical. All junior player's in division 4 and below are to be given equal game time where practical and possible throughout the season.
- Where possible and practical junior players are to be rotated in different areas on the field throughout the course of the season to aid in the development of each player.
- When Multiple junior teams exist, teams will be selected based on strongest possible side across all ages being in the highest division. Selections will be conducted by the highest division coach in conjunction with other age group coaches, the clubs coaching co-ordinator and club President or appointed committee member. Over the first 6 Rounds players can be promoted or demoted between teams on the coaches discretion provided finals eligibility will not be jeopardised. The players best interest and enjoyment must take priority.
- Australian Rules Football is a competitive sport and there will be times that coach's must make decision in the best interests of the team, player and game.
- Should any team(s) compete in finals the club understand that coaches must have certain discretion to assist the team perform at its best during finals game. Whilst all players can expect to receive actual game time the amount will be determined by the team coach.

Siblings

- Where siblings are playing in the same age group below the age of 14 (boys and youth girls) level the club will endeavour to keep all players on the same team. Team selection will be made in conjunction with the parents and coaches, coaching co-ordinator and club President or appropriate committee member however the younger or lesser player's needs will have the greater consideration.

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Appeal Process

Should any parent wish to lodge an appeal against the team their child has been placed in they can do so via the following process:

- Provide the club a written letter outlining their concerns and why they believe their child should be in another team.
- The club will conduct a full review seeking feedback from the age group coaches and the age group co-ordinator.
- A meeting will be held with coaches, the players parent(s) and a minimum of three committee members in which a final decision will be made.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

**President
Vice President**