

Port Noarlunga Football Club – Under 14 and 16 Girls 2019 - Team Selection Policy 12.05.2019

Objectives of the team selection process

- To provide players every possible opportunity to reach their maximum potential.
- To ensure that the selection policy applies equally to all players.
- To aim for continuous improvement of all players and teams.
- To maintain open lines of communication and co-operation between coaches, players, parents and committee.
- To meet the objectives of the Southern Football League and AFL Junior Match Policy
- To provide an environment that instils pride in our club and demonstrates respect of our opponents, the community in general.
- To have in place a suitable process to handle issues arising from the team selection process.

The Club requires all appointed Coaches and players to adhere to the following guidelines as far as practicable.

Standard Player Rules

In addition to the club's code of conduct policies and specific training and team rules set out by individual team coaches, the following criteria forms the basis upon which team selection will apply. Players are expected to:

- Regularly attend training sessions and advise the coach when they are unable to do so.
- Display a disciplined and respectful attitude:
 - At training
 - Prior, during and after a game
 - During events and functions
- Endeavour to always do their best
- Be financial and have registration fees paid by 30 March each year

Playing Lists

In order to maximise player participation and to ensure adequate playing time, the club places a limit of 20 players per team for these 2 age groups. Any increase to this number must be made via a request to the committee outlining any extenuating circumstances. Any excess of players over the limit can still be involved in training to improve their skills and game knowledge if they choose to but cannot be guaranteed any game time.

Players who participated in the previously completed season will receive preference as to their availability for the coming season.

Team Selection Guidelines

Many variables exist that make it inappropriate for the club to set 'strict' guidelines for individual age groups. These include player siblings, family, friendship and other considerations. Whilst recognising these are important factors, personal preferences, although taken into account, may not always be accommodated.

Our coaches also vary in their approach and ideas and every group of players have a different range of skill depth, size and numbers.

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The following guidelines will assist the coaches in applying the strategy the club has adopted, whilst allowing them to maintain their individual styles and to add value to player and team development processes. It is the policy of the Port Noarlunga Football Club to support our coaches in all reasonable decisions they make.

In these age group levels, the club aspires to provide players the greatest opportunity to perform to their highest level. It is also generally accepted that players place a greater emphasis on individual and team performance as competitiveness levels are enhanced.

The club's primary emphasis in this age group level is to maintain competition levels that keep advanced players developing and interested in the game and provide less experienced players with an environment that maximises contributions and opportunities to develop.

The club encourages coaches at these age levels to maximise player involvement and expose players to different positions to aid in their skill development and knowledge of the game. Coaches are expected to provide players with individual development plans as required.

The SFL Junior competition in 2019 is a 12 a side competition which allows 4 reserve players to be selected for each standard game. Coaches will need to select in advance of a game a team of 16 players and 1 emergency player. It is the expectation that players not selected attend games bring playing kit (boots, shorts, mouthguard etc) and assist coach and team manager with team duties, which may include runner, water, warm up etc. In consultation with opposing clubs, numbers on the field may increase or decrease depending on availability of players for both teams.

Teams may need to provide players to opposition clubs with low numbers of available players from time to time. Players provided to opposition clubs will need to be permitted and assigned for the entire game. Players permitted to opposition teams must be rotated through each team playing list to ensure fairness throughout the season. All players should be encouraged to play for the opposition if required, but the decision will ultimately be up to the individual player to agree.

This policy is applicable for the 2019 season and will be "season by season" arrangement depending on changes to S.F.L. guide lines regarding team sizes as the competition expands.