



TEAM SELECTION POLICY

The concept of the Preston Bullants Junior Football Club is to provide an equal opportunity for all boys and girls to participate in competition football.

The Club registers up to the following maximum of players:

- U8 – 18 Players
- U9 – 22 Players
- U10 to U14 – 28 Players
- U15 to Colts/Youth Girls – 26 Players

Coaches and Team Managers do not have the authority to set the maximum number of players per team.

Only the Executive Committee can authorise the maximum number of registrations per team.

During the home & away season YJFL rules dictate that no more than 24 players per team can play in any given game.

During Finals, all registered players in the team may play. (Subject to clause 5 below).

The following rules should apply when selecting teams:

1. Players who attend training during the week prior to the game should be the first selected. The only exception to this rule is when a player is unable to attend training due to one of the following reasons:

- a) Illness and the Coach or Team Manager is advised accordingly
- b) The player is not home from school in time for training
- c) The player is participating in other training. This can include training with a combined team such as the YJFL League Representative Squad or has genuine school or other sporting commitments that fall on the same night as our organised training night.
- d) At the discretion of the football sub-committee players can be excused from training for reasons such as family circumstances, distance or other compelling factors

As a guide for coaches, legitimate considerations to vary from these rules may include:

- o poor player behaviour (not behaving appropriately or with respect);
- o being rude to the coach, other team members or players of another team;
- o not attending regular training, without notice to coach or manager;
- o not respecting the umpire during a match;
- o the safety of the player concerned

Any exceptions should be managed and communicated in accordance with the Positive Playing Environment Policy.

2. Attendance and conduct at training sessions may be taken into consideration, subject to an understanding of personal circumstances which may be affecting any particular player's ability to attend.

3. Excess players will be rostered off equally during the course of the season. To assist families with planning a weekend away etc, agreement between the Coach & Parents will be sought. The roster will nominate which home and away round each player is to be rostered off.

If a player is called up to play when rostered off due to shortage of players that player is still deemed to have taken their turn of being rostered off unless a swap sanctioned by the Coach/Team Manager is agreed between the players and their parents/guardians.

Coaches are to also encourage rostered players to attend the game and if practicable, participate in game day off field duties (i.e., Take stats, fill water bottles)

4. Players rostered off will, if practicable, be offered a game in a higher age group. Coaches must consult with each other as soon as they become aware of the shortfall in player numbers. The Football Sub-Committee must be consulted prior to any decisions being made in playing younger aged players up.

5. At all times the club, coaches and its representatives must abide by the YJFL bi-laws in relation to top up and rotation of players.

Where a player from a lower group tops up in a higher age group the lower group player should not take the field in place of player of the higher age group (i.e., the lower age group player must start the game on the bench and will be interchanged during the game for injured players or as part of game day rotations.

Initial inquiries regarding team selection should be directed in the first instance to the age group coaches or Team Managers, and secondly to the relevant Coaching Co Coordinator.