

# Team Breakdown Policy

Over the course of the next few weeks, all age groups within the club will be split into teams. This time of year is difficult for all parents and coaches involved. In some age groups this year we will be fielding teams in A, B & C division. The following policy will be followed to determine the make-up of the teams.

The IJRL have advised that all Rep players from 2007 are required to play in the A division, unless exceptional circumstances exist (Father is coach of 2<sup>nd</sup> division, player numbers etc). We will then use the method of position specific allocation to determine who plays in which divisions and or teams.

How does this work?

## **Under 7-9years**

We don't need to worry about positions for these age groups the main focus for us when we split teams in these age groups is to ensure all teams are even in numbers as well as a good mix of new and existing players. The purpose of trial games in these age groups is to assess the abilities and skills of all players. Upon completion of all the trial games the coaches will meet with their respective age co-ordinators, where teams will be selected based on the individual player ratings, parents and coaches' requests will also be considered.

The Age co-ordinators and Coaches will then meet with the Coaching Director, where all teams will be finalised. This process will ensure the selection of the most even teams possible, to maximise the technique and skill development of all players, whilst promoting fun and enjoyment which is the main priority for these age groups.

All parents are requested to submit any team requests to their respective Age co-ordinators.

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## **Under 10-14years**

Coaches in these age groups have a fair idea of all players and take into consideration, physical make up, preferred and suitable positions, Front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> row, locks, halves, centres and wing-f/backs etc, we are not trying to pigeon whole players into positions as both you and I know players develop at different rates. This is why we reassess players every year, for trial games players are asked to list two preferred positions, the purpose of this is to see players in different roles and situations to better help coaches with team selections and allocations.

If three halfbacks are identified, one will be allocated to each division, the same process will then be applied to all other positions. The result will mean that the B &

C division sides will not be destroyed to create a dominant A division side, by placing all the ball players in the A side. This will also provide an opportunity for players to change positions (A division wing to B halfback) if the player has been identified with potential.

The coaches will then meet with their respective Age co-ordinators, where teams will be selected based on the above process and all requests will be considered. The Age co-ordinators and coaches will then meet with the Coaching Director where all teams will be finalised.

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The clubs focus is to develop ALL players, not just the A division sides. The A division sides will also be kept at a minimum providing number permit. In age groups that have 13 players on the field, 15 children will be selected as a part of the permanent team. The B & C divisions would then hold the remainder of the players this will allow an upward movement throughout the year for children that have been identified for development at a higher level. This could mean that a child could start in the C division, work they way into the B side and possibly end the season in A division.

The reasoning behind this process is simple. The mission statement of this club is to foster, develop and promote our Junior Players to their highest level attainable.

We do not count premierships, but numbers of children that have returned from the previous year.

All parents are requested to submit any team requests to their respective Age co-ordinators.

The season starts on April 18, we are working hard to ensure that all is ready, but we still need more help. We still require more 1<sup>st</sup> aiders; referee's for 7's to 10's at home games and duty officials. Please contact the committee if you can assist.

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