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# JUNIOR GRADING POLICY

#### **Background**

Umina United Soccer Club (UUSC) recognises that junior players have a broad variety of motives to play soccer, and possess differing levels of talent dependent on experience, age and other factors. UUSC considers these factors when grading players and forming teams.

However, the primary driver for UUSC in this process is the development of players in concert with their overall playing ability, which comprises skill level, fitness and attitude.

## **Team Allocation & Grading Process**

Any player wishing to be graded must be registered with UUSC.

Players must register in their own age group. Any players wishing to move up an age group will need approval from the Director Junior Football.

Each pre-season the Executive Committee of the Club will appoint a Grading Committee to conduct junior grading, which will consist of the Director Youth Development and/or the Director Junior Football, in conjunction with the Non-Comp Representatives plus any other Committee members as required.

UUSC welcomes players from all Districts & Clubs, and will not discriminate against any player wishing to move from another Club.

UUSC will not accept team nominations from any other Club for any age division U8's and above.

Each player will be assessed as to their individual overall ability: skill level, fitness and attitude.

#### Under 5 - Under 7 Team Allocation

As per Central Coast Football (CCF) regulations these games are non-competition, so no grading will take place. Players will be placed in balanced teams and where requested if possible, player friendships will be taken into account.

No consideration will be given to player's skill level. In the event that there are not enough places within a certain team, preference will be given to those who played in the same team in the previous year.

Special consideration will be given to female players that wish to play in an all-girls team.

## Under 8 – Under 11 Grading and Team Allocation

Whilst still being non-competition divisions, these players will be graded into teams with other players of similar overall playing ability, in accordance with CCF regulations.



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Players will be graded by the Grading Committee, in conjunction with the feedback received from the previous season's coaches.

Special consideration will be given to female players that wish to play in an all-girls team.

### Under 12 - Under 16 Grading and Team Allocation

As per CCF regulations, players will be grouped into teams of like overall playing ability.

Players will be graded by the Grading Committee, in conjunction with the feedback received from the previous season's coaches.

Special consideration will be given to female players that wish to play in an all-girls team.

## All Teams

Players, parents & coaches are advised that players may be changed to another team during and/or after trial games have been completed.

Selection of the final teams will be made by the Director Junior Football and announced prior to the beginning of the season.

#### **Grievance Process**

In the event that a player (or player's parent/caregiver) feels that a player has been graded incorrectly, they may seek feedback from the Club.

Any major concerns about the grading process/decisions should be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary. Only written submissions will be addressed by the Club.

After all concerns have been discussed, the Junior Football Director's decision on all matters is final.