



Melville Junior Football Club Policy

Player Registration and Management Guidelines

This Policy has been ratified by the Melville Junior Football Club Management Committee (MJFC) on **4 August 2014**. The Player Registration and Management Guidelines are intended to assist MJFC in the registration of players and management of players during the season.

These guidelines may be revised and amended from time to time as required by the MJFC Management Committee.

MJFC Objects and Purposes

The Objects of the Melville Junior Football Club are, in accordance with Clause 3 of the Constitution, to:

- (a) conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer the playing of Australian Rules Football by the Members of the Melville Junior Football Club;
- (b) act, at all times, on behalf of and in the interest of the Members and the game of Australian Rules Football in the local area;
- (c) affiliate and otherwise liaise with the Junior Council of which the Melville Junior Football Club is a Member and adopt their rule and policy frameworks to further these Objects;
- (d) abide by, promulgate, enforce and secure uniformity in the application of the rules of Australian Rules Football as may be determined from time to time by Junior Council or as may be necessary for the management and control of Australian Rules Football and related activities in Western Australia;
- (e) advance the operations and activities of the Melville Junior Football Club throughout the local area;
- (f) have regard to the public interest in its operations;
- (g) to promote healthy social activities that are appropriate for Members;
- (h) to provide an environment free from any form of harassment or, discrimination on any grounds against any person or any group; and
- (i) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects.

Registration of Players

Registration of players is managed by the MJFC Committee. The MJFC Registrar is the principle point of contact for all player registration enquiries.

Registration of players will be managed under the following guidelines:

From the Beginning of Season 2015, all registered junior players (excluding Auskick) may be offered the opportunity to pre-register for the coming season prior to new registrations being taken.



Players will be notified by the MJFC at the appropriate time prior to pre- registration or normal registration and will be informed how long the pre-registration period will be available.

Players will be notified at the email address last registered with the MJFC. It is the Player's responsibility to update the email contact details if they change at any time. While the MJFC will take all reasonable steps to contact players from the previous season, it will not take responsibility if for some reason a player is not notified.

This option will only be available to players who are registered in the current season for the following season. Players who leave the MJFC will not be given the pre-registration option and must wait for general registrations to open.

In some special circumstances, for example where the player retired from the season injured and is returning the following season, the Registrar and President/Vice President may approve pre-registration.

After the pre-registration period is complete, registrations will be open for new players. Once the pre-registration period has ended, registrations will be taken on a first come basis (including any player who has not pre-registered) until a team is declared full.

Any registrations received after a team is declared full will be refunded and/or returned and the player notified to seek a place at another club. Players are invited to attempt to register the following year if they wish to.

A junior team will be declared full by the Registrar in consultation with the President/Vice President. The team Coach may also be consulted.

As a general rule, teams in the:

- Year 4 – 5 age group will be declared full when a total of 20 registrations are reached;
- Year 6 age group will be declared full when a total of 23 registrations are reached;
- Year 7 – 8 age group will be declared full when a total of 27 registrations are reached;
- Year 9 – 12 age group will be declared full when a total of 28 registrations are reached.

In exceptional circumstances the MJFC may vary these numbers (having regard also to East Fremantle Junior Football Council Protocols) if required and approved by the Registrar, President/Vice President. The Team Coach and/or Coaching Coordinator may also be consulted.



Grand Finals

Where a team reaches the grand final and has more than the regulation number of players that can be listed in a grand final the Coach, in consultation with the team's Assistant Coaches and the MJFC Coaches Co-ordinator, will decide which players will not be included on the list.

Factors which may be taken into consideration in making this decision include, but are not limited to, attitude, attendance at training and injury.

Player and Team Management During the Season

The philosophy of the MJFC is to build strong teams that will stay together, as much as possible, during their junior playing careers. For this reason the following guidelines will apply to all registered players.

Each player, once allocated to a team **will play and train with their own team** for the duration of the season.

No player will train with another grade or another team in the same grade. This is partly due to duty of care and insurance reasons and also to support the team spirit and commitment of players to their team.

No player will play with another team of a higher, lower or in the same grade without approval from the Registrar and both Team Managers.

“Play Ups”

Where a team is short of players and requires younger players to “play up,” this will be managed on a rotational basis by the Team Managers in consultation with the Registrar and Coaches (so as to give all interested younger players the opportunity to “play up” if they wish to).

The Coach wishing to bring in players from a lower grade **MUST** contact the Registrar and put in place a system for managing “play ups”. This will generally include requesting permission from the younger player's parents and offering the places on a rotational basis, as needed. For clarity - this means that the same lower grade players – **MUST NOT** be repeatedly invited to play in higher grades to the exclusion of other players. “Play ups” must not be done on an ad-hoc or private basis and **MUST** have the approval of the Registrar and each team's Manager.

Where there are two or more younger grade teams who can provide players to a higher grade team, then the rotation will include all teams (excluding Auskick).

At all times the safety of players will be paramount and if the higher grade team Coach is concerned that the safety of a younger player may be put at risk by “playing up” then the Coach of the higher grade team, in consultation with the Registrar, Team Manager and player's parents may request that the younger player either wait until later in the season, or not “play up” at all. In the case of a decision being made not to allow a younger player to “play up” on game day – parents and players must understand that the Coach's decision will be final.



Any disputes regarding “play ups” should be notified to the MJFC Registrar and will be decided by the Registrar/President/Vice President.

In addition, all teams and players MUST abide by the by laws and other East Fremantle District and WA Football Commission, rules, guidelines and by-laws for play ups that apply to the current season.

50th and 100th Milestone Games

Players will celebrate their 50th and 100th games at a 'home game' in the season that they reach each milestone. Milestone games are calculated on games played from Years 4 – 12 and does not include games played in Auskick.

The celebration game may be combined with other players and may not always fall on the actual date of the milestone game.

Players and parents will be notified by the team manager and/or MJC Registrar of when their milestone game will be celebrated and a certificate will be awarded at the club trophy presentation day at the end of the season.

Note - If a player has moved to MJFC from another club, they will be entitled to celebrate their milestone game along with other players. The MJFC registrar will confirm with team managers when a new player also is approaching a milestone game.

Merv McCoy Award

The Merv McCoy Award is one of the most valued of the MJFC player Awards, recognising player loyalty throughout their junior football career. MJFC players who are registered and play junior football from Auskick to 17's/Yr 12 with the MJFC will receive the Merv McCoy Award at the end of their final 17's/Yr 12 season.

The MJFC Committee may award the Merv McCoy Award to a player who may not have been registered with or played for MJFC for every season of their junior career in exceptional circumstances, and will be determined by the MJFC Committee on a case by case basis. Exceptional circumstances may include, missing seasons due to player injury or where a team has not been fielded in a particular age group and the player has, through no fault of their own had to play at another club, but the player has then returned to the MJFC at a later time to play in a reformed team.