

Eltham Redbacks Team Selection Procedure

Small Sided Football U8-U11

Grading trials will be held in February of each year. Dates will be advertised on the club website. It is the player's responsibility to check the website for these dates.

Grading trials will be conducted at the club grounds.

The coaches and the technical director will conduct grading trials. More than one assessor will assess each child.

There will be more than one grading trial for each age level.

Players will trial & play in their respective age range. Exemptions are only permitted upon application to the technical director in writing. It is the club policy that players will only play above their age range if their football skill level is assessed as high.

Attendance at **all** grading trials is recommended to enable the player to be placed in the most appropriate team for their level of skill.

All players attending grading **must be registered with myfootballclub** with a **current** email address or they will not receive any correspondence from the club. Details of how to register with myfootballclub are on the club website.

At the conclusion of the grading trials, training squads will be emailed to all registered participants with a training squad coach and time. This group will train together until the final teams are selected. This enables coaches to make final adjustments to the squads.

At a nominated date (advertised on the website) prior to the season commencement, final team squads will be emailed to **registered and paid** players. **A player will not be placed in a team if they are not registered on myfootballclub and fully paid.**

Points for Consideration:

Friends will **not necessarily** be placed in the same team. Grading is done on ability. It is not in a player's best interest to be playing with children of greatly differing ability. Making new friends is one of life's skills and a team sport is a great way to practise this.

Proposed training times for the season will be advertised on the website. Every attempt is made to keep these as accurate as possible but training times also depend on coach's availability (they all work as well as coach), pitch availability and the number of teams the club fields. Training times **cannot be changed to suit** individual players.

If a player does not attend **any** grading trials then they are unlikely to be placed in one of the higher level (Kangaroo) sides. While the club will endeavour to place that child in a team that suits them there, is unlikely to be much flexibility for movement between teams.

If the club receives more enrolments than they have coaches, players will be put on a waiting list and a parent asked to volunteer for a coaching position. Only when a coach is allocated will a further team be opened. All our coaches are supported by the technical director and by the club, which will pay for any coaching courses, completed by coach volunteers.