



Summary

Kellyville United FC's grading policy aims to place players in teams with others of similar ability to support both skill development and enjoyment of football. Players aged U8 to U16 are graded annually, while younger players (U5 to U7) participate in social football rather than grading. Hills Football Incorporated assigns each team a grade based on their football level. The policy is designed to help all players, from beginners to advanced, maximise their involvement and growth in the game, with an emphasis on trust in the club's selection process.

Kellyville United FC Grading Policy

Grading Policy Outline

The following guidelines have been developed for players, parents and coaches to inform them of the grading policies of the club upon registration. We hope this information will help explain the sometimes difficult task of grading players.

Our mission at Kellyville United Football Club is to provide players with an environment where they can enjoy the game of football and develop their skills to allow them to compete to the best of their abilities. Our club takes pride in providing a pathway for talented junior players to pursue further avenues of the game we all love.

We believe that players will develop their football skills and gain more enjoyment from the game if they are playing and training with others of similar ability.

Players from U8 to U16 will therefore be graded each year so that they are placed into a team with players of similar football ability.

With a focus on more social development mixed with Discovery Phase Training per Football Australia's Curriculum, U5 to U7 players will not be graded, but will instead participate in a social Muster Event prior to season commencement.

Each team will then be placed into a grade with teams of similar football level by Hills Football Incorporated (HFI).

This policy allows players who are new to the game or still developing their skills to have more involvement in games, such as more touches on the ball, helping improve ball skills and confidence. Players with more advanced skills will find playing with and against players of similar ability more challenging and enjoyable.

We ask that you trust the ability and honesty of the club in making selections.



Grading Process

Players from U8 to U16 will be assessed by the Grading Committee on the technical skills appropriate to their age group, known as the Four Core Skills as set out in the Football Australia Curriculum.

The Four Core Skills are:

- First touch
- Running with the ball
- 1 v 1
- Striking the ball

Players will also be assessed on Game Skills during grading games, including:

- Decision making – what football action the player decides to perform
- Execution – the quality of the football action executed
- Perception – how the player perceives football situations
- Positioning – understanding their role and performing it
- Communication – verbal communication with team-mates

Personal attributes assessed include:

- Determination
- Responsibility
- Leadership
- Attitude
- Behaviour and sportsmanship with respect for others

Assessment Process

Members of the Grading Committee will observe players based on the Four Core Skills, Game Skills and Personal Attributes through in-house trials conducted over two or more sessions.

Teams are not finalised at the conclusion of grading. Due to unavoidable player movements after grading, further fine-tuning and changes may occur during trial matches.

Grading Regulations

Unregistered players at grading day sessions will not be considered for grading at that time. No exceptions.

Players who do not attend grading day will be graded at the discretion of the club. Refer to the Grading Appeals Process.

Players wishing to play up an age group will be graded in that age group.



No player may play more than two age groups above their current age. Players seeking to play up an age group will be assessed after grading day. The decision by Kellyville United Football Club will be based on player ability and existing team compositions and will be final.

Players wishing to play with friends or siblings must inform the club a minimum of 48 hours prior to grading day via a Grading Exemption Form available on the KUFC website. The form must be completed and submitted by all parties involved.

Full teams, including reserves, coach and manager, may be accepted at the discretion of the club. Requests must be submitted at least seven days prior to grading day via a Grading Exemption Form available on the KUFC website and emailed to clubcoach@kellyvilleunitedfc.com.au by all parties involved. If accepted, grading will occur as a team.

Once graded, a player will not be re-graded except where a written appeal is lodged within seven days of grading notification.

Division One graded players will not be regraded to play lower than Division Two, regardless of friends or siblings, except through the formal appeal process.

Grading Committee

The Grading Committee consists of independent and experienced coaches and/or players approved by the Kellyville United Football Club Committee.

Coaches, managers and age coordinators cannot grade the age group in which their child is playing or that they are expected to coach during the season.

At the end of each season, coaches and managers are required to complete a player evaluation sheet for each player, commencing September or October of the prior season. These evaluations assist the Grading Committee by providing insight into player skills, attributes and performance. All grading assessment sheets and player evaluation sheets are confidential property of Kellyville United Football Club.

Players Unable to Attend Grading Days

Where a player is unable to attend grading days, the club must be informed beforehand in writing via email to clubcoach@kellyvilleunitedfc.com.au.

The Grading Committee will consider the team and division the player competed in during the previous season, along with the confidential assessment made by the player's previous coach.



If this information is not available, the player will most likely be placed in the lowest division. Progression to a higher grade may occur by recommendation from the relevant coach. It is easier for a player to move up divisions after the season begins than to move down. This is subject to team numbers permitting. The Grading Committee has discretion in these circumstances.

Final Team Placement

Once initial grading is completed, players will be allocated to teams according to ranking and available numbers. Kellyville United Football Club endeavours to make the grading process as fair and equitable as possible.

Grading Decisions

Grading is an opinion-based process. Some players will naturally stand out, often due to early physical or personal development.

The club re-grades players each year to ensure every player has the opportunity to progress. Junior players develop at different rates, and parents and players are encouraged to focus on individual development rather than team placement.

Parents are asked to support their children positively through the grading process and avoid placing undue pressure on them.

Grading Appeals Process

Any appeal against the grading process must be lodged in writing by the player, parent or guardian within seven days of grading notification and allocation.

A player's grading results will be made available only to the player or parent or guardian upon written request.

Appeals will be investigated promptly, thoroughly and objectively by the Age, Grading and Club Coach Co-Ordinator. Further information may be requested directly from the parties involved.

All secondary decisions made by the club are final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

In Closing

At Kellyville United Football Club, we stand UNITED.