**Age and Player Placement Policy**

Club Philosophy

The Nar Nar Goon Junior Football club believes that every player has the right to expect and to the best of our ability, be provided with the opportunity to have fun, learn and develop football skills, improve fitness, develop and foster teamwork and team spirit in a friendly, competitive environment.

Club Objectives

* For all players to be given an opportunity to reach their maximum potential
* Identify the individual player’s skill level and as far as is practicable, match the learning experience for that player
* For placement of players to be in their correct age group

Player/Team selection

1. Under 9’s – Under 13’s
	1. Existing teams progress intact from previous age bracket. This ensures a mix of player skills and confidence
	2. Placement of team in a division is the responsibility of the Football Operations Manager
2. Player Team Selection – Panel consists of:
	1. Age group Coach
	2. Football Operations Manager
	3. Appointed Club advisor
	4. Two executive committee members

This panel has autonomy in its decision making and will only refer issues to the Executive committee by exception

Age Registration

* Players will be placed in their age group accordingly, based on their age as of 1st January. Under 8 age group players are required to be 7 prior to April 30th of the playing year
* If a player’s suitability to “play up” from their correct age level is questioned for reasons of safety or similar concerns, the Registrar in conjunction with the Selection Panel will consider all available information and make an informed decision
* For a player to play “up an age group” an application in writing (form as supplied by the Registrar) will be made to the committee and team selection panel. The outcome will be determined on a case by case basis
* Once a decision has been made on a player “playing up”, this decision is final and the player will not be able to apply to change age groups during the season
* Eligibility to “play up” in an age group will be based on vacancies within the age group. If there are no vacancies available the player will NOT be able to play in that age group.

Age / Health Dispensation

* If a player requires an age/health dispensation to be able to play in a lower age group they will need to report this to the Registrar at time of registration
* Parent/Guardian of the player will be required to obtain all information required for application
* South East Junior League will be forwarded the dispensation application. They will meet and make a ruling
* If ruling is “not in favour” there can be a process of appeal made to South East Juniors League, via the Nar Nar Goon Junior Football Committee
* All age dispensations need to be applied for by 15th February, in order for the League to make its ruling prior to season opening