



## **Sydney Rangers FC Grading Policy –Winter Competition**

### **Grading Policy**

Sydney Rangers FC (SRFC) is a community football club that believes in promoting participation, equal opportunity for all players, development of football and team skills, and enjoyment of the beautiful game.

SRFC's Grading Policy attempts to place players in a team that is appropriate to their level of skill development, age and general interest in the game. It allows players to play at a level appropriate to their ability and aspirations, to ensure they gain maximum enjoyment and development as a team player and as an individual.

The Club encourages all players to take part in the team selection process, especially new, invited and returning players who wish to trial for a team in a higher division. We encourage all players to attend as many of the grading trial games as possible to be considered for selection in a team as the greatest emphasis for grading players will be on the pre-season performance, fitness and attitude. While the Club will generally endeavour to maintain continuity within squads, returning players are not guaranteed to play in the same team as previous years.

### **What goes into selecting players and when?**

Players with all skill levels will play alongside each other in the trial games to give them the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities with players they are perhaps not used to playing with.

Players of similar skills, assigned to their correct age and competitive division, will contribute more to their own and their team's development adding to their overall enjoyment of the game. Players must enjoy football to have the right motivation to learn and remain interested in the game.

New players will be invited to play for SRFC for the Winter Competition during and at the completion of the Grading Sessions.

### **Selection**

The Selection Committee will include representatives for each team (generally each team's coach) to conduct the grading process for each team with assistance and input from the SRFC Committee and an independent adjudicator.

### **How are Players Selected?**

There are a number of criteria that form the basis of our evaluation to match players to the right SRFC team:

- 1) Technical ability;
- 2) Fitness;
- 3) Attitude; and
- 4) Training commitment.



### **How are squads selected?**

SRFC will endeavour to create a balance between attack and defence in each of our teams and not simply put the top 16 players in the first team. This means that some players may end up in a lower team than their skill/ability might at first suggest, because there are players ahead of them in their preferred position.

Players will be notified which team they are in at the completion of the Grading Sessions. If there are any requests for changes or disputes these will be considered by the Committee and Selection Committee before a final decision is made.

### **Training commitment**

Players in our top division AA squad are expected to have the highest commitment to training. In order to qualify to play for the As you are expected to attend a minimum of 60% of training sessions. There are no exemptions for this.

Our lowest tier all age team players are suggested to attend a minimum of 50% training sessions.

In order to qualify for our other all age teams, you are expected to attend a minimum of 50% of training sessions, however exemptions are allowed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis and need to be agreed prior to the start of the season. Failure may result in reduced or no game time.

There are no minimum training requirements for our over 35s and over 45s teams, but training is strongly encouraged and is beneficial to team performance.