



# Teeball Policy

## 1. Background

This policy is written to provide a guide for the effective operation of Teeball at Kalamunda Rangers Inc to facilitate the Four Fs of Teeball Teams

## 2. Team Selection and Player Allocation – In-House Competition

- 2.1. The over-riding principles for player placement will be for players to be registered in their age groups; and to create a fair and even competition for all players. Where possible requests for player placement into specific teams will be considered; however, these will be determined in accordance with the following guidelines and there is no guarantee of meeting player placement requests as these will not take precedent over the principles of creating a fair and even competition for all players.
- 2.2. The Teeball Registrar, assisted by the Assistant Teeball Registrar and in consultation with the Teeball Vice and Assistant Vice President or other person/s as nominated by the Teeball Vice President, has the responsibility to create/delete teams and place players within those teams for the current playing year.
- 2.3. The composition of the competition groups for each season are dependent solely on the number and age distribution of players registered to play in the current season at the completion of the registration period (nominally 31 August each year). A minimum of four teams per age division is required.
- 2.4. The total number of new players to Teeball, where practical, will be spread evenly across all teams within their respective age divisions with the intent of creating teams with a mix of experienced and non-experienced players.
- 2.5. The following guidelines shall be applied by the Selection Committee using any previous knowledge the Club has of each player, team dynamics and Club ethos.
- 2.6. The Selection Committee will use the following guidelines to form teams:
- 2.7. Organise teams that meet the best outcomes for the club.
- 2.8. Place players in teams that will meet the best outcomes for the club and its priorities. Club priorities include, but are not be limited to:
- 2.9. Participation and enjoyment in Teeball.
  - Filling teams with a mix of experience and non experienced players.
  - Supporting parents with siblings and family members in the club,
  - Team development and performance,
  - Player development,
  - Any medical / physical requirements relevant to player placements in teams.
  - Any other extraordinary requirement relevant to player placements in teams.
- 2.10. Age: Each player shall be registered to play their age group calculated at 30 June each year. All options to place players in their age group will be used before playing a player up in another age group (i.e. the Selection Committee will direct players into their age group first, before considering any request to play them in a higher age group). Consideration shall be given by the Executive Committee to placing players in a lower age group where medical/physical requirements exist.
- 2.11. Younger Players: A younger player shall not dislodge an established player playing in their correct age group.

Where there are several younger players with an option to play up an age group, any substantially older player shall have priority. Where no player is substantially older, then the Selection Committee shall use other criteria with placement of players.
- 2.12. Late registrations: A late registration is one that is taken after the last published registration date. Players registering late will be placed into teams that do not have a full subscription of players as determined by the Registrar to ensure equal numbers in all teams where possible.

- 2.13. Over Subscribing Teams: The Selection Committee will not allow a team to be over subscribed if another side of the same age group does not have a full subscription of players unless there is adequate justification (e.g. Players who can only play intermittently due to other commitments, players on extended holiday during season, religious belief, etc.) Every effort will be made to keep Teeball team subscriptions to 11 players in each age group. This will allow for some placement of late registrations for players into already established teams.
- 2.14. Other criteria the Selection Committee shall consider include:
- Players with previous documented history of disciplinary issues;
  - Players with outstanding fees from previous years; and
  - Players who have been selected in previous years to play in Inter-districts Teeball teams;
  - Availability of volunteer Coaches and/or managers
  - School attended by the players
- 2.15. Notwithstanding the obvious social benefits of a team remaining together throughout its journey through the age ranks, the Club offers no guarantee that players from each year will continue in that team during the next season. This is based on:
- Skill advancement of players in grade (not age group);
  - Need to ensure each and every junior team is competitive within their respective age division;
  - The benefits of placing players into teams with various levels of experience to assist in the overall development of the team; and
  - The ability for experienced players to take on a leadership/mentoring role with more inexperienced players;
- 2.16. In the event of teams being reformed due to poor player turn out, the Selection Committee will use his/her discretion to form teams that are competitive across affected age groups.

### **3. Interdistrict Teams**

Each year the Club shall provide the opportunity for players to represent the Club at the Teeball State Championships and other Interdistrict Team competitions. Every player in the Club is encouraged to nominate their interest in participating in the Teeball State Championships and other Interdistrict Team competitions with regard to the following criteria:

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- 3.1. Qualification for each age division offered at State Championships shall be calculated based on the player's age as at 30<sup>th</sup> June at the end of each season. The age divisions offered at the Teeball State Championships are Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12 and Under 13, numbers permitting. Players may be required, where necessary to ensure that the integrity of teams is maintained, to play one year above their age group.
- 3.2. Players wishing to nominate for the Teeball State Championships must complete the Interdistrict Team Nomination form, obtain signed parental consent and agreement to the Terms and Conditions of Interdistrict Team Participation. All Nomination forms, consents and agreements must be completed and received by the State Championships Coordinator prior to the first tryout session.
- 3.3. Players wishing to nominate for the Teeball State Championships must attend two tryout sessions where their skills and abilities will be assessed by a 'selection panel'. Players may be required to attend a third session, at the discretion of the 'selection panel'. It is important for all nominees to attend both tryout sessions to allow the selection panel the opportunity to obtain a fair assessment of players' abilities. If a player is unable to attend both trial sessions due to exceptional circumstances, alternative arrangements may be made with, and at the discretion of, the Club. The Club shall provide at least two weeks' notice to all members of the Club advising the dates for the tryout sessions. Notice shall be provided by noticeboard signs, fliers and website/Facebook postings as well as via Team Coaches.
- 3.4. The 'selection panel' shall comprise of the Teeball Vice-President, State Championships Coordinator, Chief Coach and any other person(s) as determined by the Committee. It shall be the sole responsibility of the 'selection panel' to assess the skills and abilities along with the approach to the game of the interested players over the two tryout sessions and select the team(s) to represent the Club at the Teeball State. Team selection is often done in consultation with the Team Coach; however, the final decision shall be made by the 'selection panel'.
- 3.5. All teams will be selected with consideration to the following:
- Age
  - Speed

- Skill
- Throwing Ability
- Catching Ability
- Fielding ability
- Batting ability
- Understanding of the game
- Personal attitude
- Likely team dynamics

The needs of the team will always be considered ahead of the individual

3.6. The Club shall make available:

- Standardised assessment sheets for all trials to the selection panel.
- A copy of the Parent & Player Information Sheet along with Nomination forms and Terms and Conditions.

3.7. The teams selected by the 'selection panel' to represent the Club at the Teeball State Championships will remain confidential until the team lists are made available to the coaching staff and no discussions shall be entered into.

3.8. All players selected for the Kalamunda Rangers Inc. Interdistrict Teams shall play in all games at any Pre-State and State Championships Carnivals in accordance with the TBAWA State Championships Bylaws, unless other issues (e.g. illness/injury) prevent this. Note: Players do not need to be rotated through all positions, nor every player take a turn on the bench. However, all players must be listed in the batting line up and take the field at least every second innings in every game; players should be placed on the field to maximise the individual and team performance.

#### **4. Accredited Games**

Players will be accredited games as follows:

- 4.1. One game per player per day for allocated teams.
- 4.2. One additional game if playing in the next age group. Players may only play up a grade if there are less than nine (9) players in that team – in line with Local Club Rule 9.
- 4.3. One game for each TBAWA "State Championship" game or Pre-State Championships Carnival game.
- 4.4. One game for any other game of 45+ minutes game, one half-game for any game less than 45 minutes, as long as that game is scored and the relevant score slips are forwarded to the Teeball Registrar.

#### **5. Dispute Process**

The decision of the Selection Committees is final. However, if the Selection Committee chooses to have their decision reviewed it shall be by the following process:

Step 1 - Full particulars of the dispute shall be lodged at a General Club Meeting for the review and advice of the Executive Committee;

Step 2 - Full particulars of the dispute shall then be discussed and a formal decision made. The decision made will be final and binding.

If players, coaches, managers or any person disagree with any aspect of this policy then this matter should be raised, in writing, with the Executive Committee of Kalamunda Rangers Inc. so that the matter can be heard and determined in a fair and reasonable manner.