



MAJURA FC GRADING POLICY

The Majura Football Club grading policy is designed to give all players and parents an understanding of the club's grading and trialling process. Grading of Majura FC players caters for all children with different backgrounds and different skill levels. The main purpose of grading is to place players in a team which is best suited to their ability. Majura FC will endeavour to give each player the opportunity to develop their skills and gain maximum enjoyment from the game of football.

WHO IS GRADED AT MAJURA?

Grading by Majura FC is for players in the Under 10 – 18 age groups competing in Capital Football Miniroos, Junior League, Capital Premier League Boys (CPLB) and National Premier League Girls (NPLG). No grading takes place in Pee Wees to U9. Grading is not compulsory and only players who wish to be graded into the stronger divisions need participate.

Majura FC will grade and select players on technical ability, general attitude, coachability and historical compliance with the club's code of conduct. The club places equal weight on all aspects and encourages the selection of holistic players with values aligned to the club's overall vision and philosophy.

HOW PLAYERS ARE GRADED AT MAJURA FC

All grading at Majura FC is completed under the direction of the Technical Director (the President has the authority to delegate this to an appropriately qualified person if this position is vacant). Trials are held at the beginning of each season, the timing of which will be advertised in newsletters, published on the club's website and Facebook page.

Majura FC Selectors and Technical Director will also seek an assessment from coaches and appropriately qualified observers from the previous season. Mid-season player assessments conducted during the previous season and submitted to the Technical Director will also be considered when grading and selecting players. If a player has not undergone any assessment and provides good reason, such as being newly arrived at the club, this player will need to be assessed by the Technical Director or delegate prior to placement in a team.

Trials for U10 – U18 junior league teams will take place after registration opens and before the season begins (usually in February). Majura FC conducts trials for players who wish to be graded into the stronger divisions, the Division 1 or 2 teams for U10 to U16. Trials for U18 teams are generally not conducted at Majura as players are assessed at preseason training and the team is graded rather than the individuals however this may vary. Players not wanting to trial are automatically placed into lower division and more social teams in their age group. It is possible for a whole team to be graded if players want to play together socially however this team grading will exclude entry into division 1 competitions.

Trials are an important part of the grading process at Majura. Trials enable selectors to see and compare the range of technical skills and game skills across the entire age group and they allow newcomers to the club to be assessed. Players wanting to be Goal Keepers should trial with their age group and will also be assessed by a specialise goal keeping selector.

Trials for Capital Premier League Boys (CPLB) and National Premier League Girls (NPLG) generally take place in October. Notice will be published when these trials are to take place. Trial dates,

times and selectors are organised by the Technical Director for each age group with the help of the Age Group Coordinators. There will be at least two selectors for each age group and no selector will be a selector for their own child. Selectors will be asked to notify the Technical Director of any conflict of interest. Generally, there are two trials for each age group and players are expected to attend all trials. Majura has an information sheet for trials which we recommend players and parents read [here](#)

Once trials are complete, the selectors will convene to determine a ranking of players and to make recommendations about players, team/s and divisions. Capital Football provides a framework for team grading so it is possible that in any age group Majura FC could have 1, 2 or no teams in each division. The recommendations are then passed onto the Technical Director who may take into consideration a previous coach's assessments before finalising the team lists. In some cases, coaches for the forthcoming season will be consulted about final team make up.

The coach's assessment is a skill assessment and an assessment of reliability, attitude, and work ethic. Majura FC recognises that these aspects of a player are an important consideration particularly where players are ranked equally on skill by selectors. If a player is considered exceptional by their coach, then they will be referred to the Technical Director and age group selectors for further assessment and consideration of their development needs. The results of all assessments are confidential.

GRADING FOR PREMIER LEAGUE AND PREMIER LEAGUE PATHWAY TEAMS

In 2022 the Premier League teams are Capital Premier League Boys (formerly known as NPLY2), Under 13, 14, 16 and 18. Majura players wishing to play Premier League must attend trials carried out by Majura FC. It should be noted that female players are encouraged to trial for the CPLB competition and Majura FC will seek exemption for the player to join this competition.

The trials are usually conducted in October and November. Majura FC has expressed its intent to participate in the National Premier League Girls competition (NPLG) which is based on promotion and relegation from Junior League Girls Division 1. Majura FC may conduct early trials for the selection of players into the Junior League Girls Division 1 competition.

TRIALING IN A HIGHER AGE GROUP

Majura FC recommends that all players trial and play in their own age group. However, in line with Capital Football's Junior League Rules players may trial in an age group up to two (2) chronological years above his/her actual age group. Girls playing in open or mixed gender teams may trial for a team in an age group that is one chronological year below their actual age group.

If a player decides to trial in a higher age group, they should let the Age Group Coordinator know when they attend trials that they are trialling up. If a player trials in a higher age group, they should not assume they will be graded in the higher age group and should also attend the grading for their own age group.

GRADING DISPUTES

If a player or parent is unhappy about a player grading, then they must complete a grading dispute form available from the club or on the club's website [here](#) and send it to the Technical Director. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, the club will support the selectors' assessments.