

GRADING PROCESS -FAQ'S

Does the Gladesville Ravens have a Grading Policy?

Yes we do.

Are all players in all divisions graded?

Not all teams are subject to grading by the Club.

Only players wishing to play in a junior team (U9 to U19's inclusive) and Premier League players are graded by the Club.

We do not grade U8 players but the Committee may recommend the creation of a "Blue" team that will play against higher level opposition.

The Club does NOT grade players in All Age and O35 and O45 teams. The Coaches and Managers of those teams make teams selections in these divisions.

Why do we grade players?

We are a club that welcomes and encourages players are all ages and skill levels and we also recognise the importance of the friendships and role models that our boys and girls make when playing in teams. But we also recognise that skill levels vary within teams and that often becomes more profound as players get older so it is important that we as a Club give our boys and girls the best opportunity to improve their football skills by playing them in teams that will best encourage this.

Who conducts the Grading?

An Independent Grading Committee ("the Committee") made up of Selectors make all the grading decisions.

How are the decisions made?

The decisions are made in accordance with the grading policy that test a variety of aspects of a players technical level, his/her intelligence for the game, enthusiasm, athleticism and overall suitability to a particular grade or team.

On the grading day, we get all the players to do a number of drills and play a short game.

What role does the coach or parents have in this process?

Team coaches or parents are not permitted to act as Selectors for those teams. However, the Selectors are required to consult with any Coach or Manager that attends the grading sessions. If a team cannot agree on a Coach or Manager for

that particular year, then this must be brought to the attention of the Committee before the grading date.

Can I try out for more than one team?

Players may try out for no more than 2 teams that they are eligible to play in. Please note that there are strict age requirements for certain grades. Please see the GHFA Bylaws for details.

Will the process be fair?

The Club is committed to ensuring this process is conducted in a fair and respectful manner and would ask the same of everyone else. All grading decisions are final, however, grievances may be made in Board in writing.

Do I need to attend?

If you want to play in a team that is subject to grading, you must attend grading to be certain of selection. If you are ill or cannot attend for a legitimate reason please let your Coach and Age Co-ordinator know.

Can we just stay with the same team and coach?

Grading is not about breaking up existing teams. Losing or gaining players will depend on the team and other players within that age group. Coaches are encouraged to discuss with their Age Co-ordinator and help us get the grading right whilst maintaining the value of keeping the teams together.

Where and When?

All grading will take place at Peel **Park** in early February. Please see the website for you age group time and date.

When will I know the selections?

All grading notifications will issue by 18 February to the Coach of each team.