



# **CARINA JUNIORS**

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### **Team Allocation & Player Grading Policy**

The Carina Juniors Rugby League Football Club aims to field at least one team in each age group of the Greater Brisbane Junior Rugby League Competition. Wherever possible, more than one team will be entered into an age group. The club will finalise and advise players and parents of the number of teams it will be expecting to field at each age group level in the upcoming season at presentation day of the previous season.

#### **Two or More Teams in an Age Group**

Where two or more teams are entered into a particular age group, the following will apply with regard to the allocation of players to teams:

#### **Age Groups Under 6's through Under 12's**

Players in these age groups will be allocated to teams on the basis of:

- U6 - Equal number of players per team allocated by Carina Junior Registrar as players register to play.
- U7 – U9 – Equal number of players per team allocated, players will be rotated from the previous years playing groups to ensure all players learn to play to the best of their ability within the age group, new players will be distributed evenly over all teams, coaches from previous year will be able to notify one (1) child that each child wishes to play with in the next season. Every effort will be made to attempt to place these two (2) children together but this will not always be possible. Teams will be allocated by the Carina Juniors Registrar who will not take requests for team allocation.
- U10 – U12 – Equal number of players per team allocated, ability grading to occur to ensure teams are evenly matched with team balance across all teams taking into account player stages of development. Teams do not play competition and players may be required to swap between teams during the year as necessary. The team allocation process will be undertaken by the respective age group coaches under the guidance of the coaching director and will be passed to the Executive Committee for approval before teams are split and announced.

#### **Age Groups Under 13's through Under 17's**

U13 age group and up is graded competition based on the previous year team performance and requests from clubs. Carina Juniors Rugby League Football Club will submit grading requests to Rugby League Brisbane considering the ability of the playing group of each team.

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The team allocation and player grading and selection process will be undertaken by the respective age group head coach and the coaching director. The recommendation of this panel will then be passed to the Executive Committee for approval before teams are split.

At these age groups where players will be graded and allocated to a team based on ability, a selection process based on the following criteria outlined below will be implemented. These criteria are designed to balance the key elements of player performance and development, safety, enjoyment and team competitiveness:

- Previous playing performance and demonstrated ability
- Knowledge and understanding of the game
- Pre-season training, practice match form and, if required, early season game performance
- Overall attitude and level of commitment including training attendance

## **Movement of Players between Teams**

Movement of players between teams in the same age group will be allowed where there is a shortage of numbers for a game in the age groups U6 – U12. Teams aged U13 and above should refer to the Rugby League Brisbane Operational Manual in relation to “core” and “non-core” players before any player takes the field for a team that is not their own.

Coaches should not be blocking any eligible Carina Junior player from playing in another Carina Team unless this directly impacts the players ability to attend their own scheduled game. Carina players sign up to play for Carina Juniors Rugby League Football Club and all players, parents and coaches should be encouraged to remember this throughout the season.

## **Training Arrangements for Age Groups with Two or More Teams**

Where two or more teams are fielded in the same age group the following training arrangements will need to be implemented by team coaches:

- Teams in the non-competitive age groups U6 – U7 will train together as a single squad one session per month. Coaches will need to organise this together and organise stations of activities or mini games. The idea being players mix with other players in the age group, not that a whole team rotates between stations.
- Teams in the non-competitive age groups U8 – U12 will train together as a single squad one session per fortnight. Coaches will need to organise this together and organise stations of activities or mini games. The idea being players mix with other players in the age group, not that a whole team rotates between stations.
- Teams in the competition age groups U13 – U17 should train together as a single squad for at least a portion of their training time once per fortnight – the more time together the better.

Teams could look at potentially undertaking a warm-up, cool down or some skill development drills together before splitting into their respective teams for individual team development. Other alternative arrangements that are in keeping with this philosophy can be implemented by the age group coaches after discussing with and receiving approval from the coaching director.

## **Age Groups**

The Carina Juniors Rugby League Football Club believes that all junior players are best served by playing in their own age group in order to allow for the sequential and progressive development of their football skills and understanding of the game. Our Team Allocation & Grading Policy is also aimed to leave no player behind and allow all players to grow and develop together. Playing in your own age group also helps to ensure the health and safety of the players.

At the discretion of the Executive Committee, a player may play in a different age group, but this needs to be approved via one of the channels listed below and is not a given.

Players playing down an age group under the 18-month rule need to apply online when registering through SportsTG and this approval is determined by the Brisbane Rugby League. Carina Juniors Rugby League Football Club have no influence in this decision. If Brisbane Rugby League deny this request players will need to play in their own age group.

Players wishing to play up an age group need to place their request in writing to “The Secretary” and this will be assessed each year. Factors taken into account to determine this approval may consist of, but are not limited to, the number of players in an age group or family circumstances.