



Frequently Asked Questions - Team Formation Policy

Q: What is the main priority when forming junior teams?

A: The happiness, well-being, and development of junior players is our primary focus when forming teams.

Q: How are players assigned to teams?

A: Players are assigned based on multiple factors including:

- Age and skill level assessments
- Past performance
- Coach feedback
- DBC team formation sessions (where applicable)
- Positional requirements
- Social connections

Q: What safety measures are considered?

A: We ensure players compete in environments appropriate to their physical and skill levels to minimise injury risks.

Q: How do you manage skill development within teams?

A: Teams are balanced to provide:

- Equal opportunities for ball handling and participation
- Prevention of player dominance
- Comparable skill levels among teammates
- Appropriate practice sessions that benefit the whole team

Q: Are friendship groups considered in team formation?

A: We acknowledge the importance of friendships and social connections and these will be considered where possible in forming teams.

Q: What role do coaches play in team formation?

A: Coaches provide valuable input based on their observations of players from previous seasons to help inform placement decisions.



Q: How do you determine the appropriate competition level?

A: Teams are placed in FDBA divisions that provide:

- A challenging yet achievable level of competition
- Opportunities for player enjoyment
- Room for skill growth and development
- FDBA will grade teams over the first four rounds of every season
 - o please refer to the FDBA domestic competition grading policy

Q: What factors are considered for team dynamics?

A: We evaluate:

- Previous playing history
- Player attitude
- Commitment levels
- Teamwork capabilities
- Social interactions

Q: Which teams will undergo team formation?

A: Top age Under 8's moving into bottom age Under 10's. This happens at the Summer to Winter crossover, typically in the March of each year for that cohort.

All other teams will be invited via a surveyed expression of interest which will guide the committee to address that cohort.

