



CARSS PARK FOOTBALL CLUB GRADING POLICY

Please read the following information carefully and ensure that prior to commencement and completion of the club's grading process, you are fully aware of the club's policy regarding the grading of players in line with the philosophy and vision of both the Technical Director (Head Coach) and Carss Park Football Club collectively.

Philosophy/Vision

Carss Park Football Club believes in a holistic and dynamic approach to the education and development of its footballers. To achieve this, the club believes that combining players of similar ability across the varied skill levels (beginner/intermediate/advanced) grades is required across all non-competition teams from **Under 8's** and **for all competition based teams**.

The club and its Technical Director will work collaboratively with all coaches across the varied age groups in any possible capacity to ensure that the appropriate techniques and education is provided to both coaches and players alike, in line with the National Curriculum provided by the Football Federation Australia (FFA), relevant curriculums provided by Football NSW (FNSW) and in line with the philosophy of the St George Football Association (SGFA) and its Technical Director.

Why do players need to be graded?

Grading of players is essential in ensuring that all players are able to develop in an environment where they are **involved as much as possible**. Grading also ensures that players that are grouped together based on similar ability are able to **continue growing a passion for the game**.

For example, a player of lesser ability or one who requires further development at a 'beginner' grade is less likely to benefit playing in an 'advanced' grade team as the probability of them being able to immerse themselves in the game and be involved as much as possible is quite low. However, should this player be graded based on ability, this will ensure that the player obtains the attention and appropriate coaching needed to increase development and skill level.

What happens if my child's ability improves dramatically within the season?

If any player's ability improves markedly throughout the season, the club will encourage these players to participate in games for higher graded teams as a way of monitoring your child's progress and development. This is not compulsory, but is highly recommended and is at the discretion of coaches, the club and its Technical Director, as well as being in consultation with relevant parents/guardians.

Questions/Concerns/Complaints

The club understands that for some, the grading process may seem unreasonable and that not everyone will agree with the club's position regarding grading.

Should you have any questions, concerns or complaints, please contact the club's Technical Director via the email link on the club's website.

Please do not intervene or approach any of the grading officials or the Technical Director on the allocated grading days. Issues, concerns or complaints will not be addressed unless forwarded in writing.

Carss Park Football Club thanks you for your understanding and co-operation and we hope you are looking forward to a successful and productive season ahead.