



BALCATTÀ FC Grading Guidelines U6 to U8 & U9 to U12

The word 'grading' is used in reference to:

- Placement of players in "liked skilled" groups where they are comfortable to play.
- Registering BALCATTÀ FC teams into divisions with FootballWest — our governing body, where they can compete at a level of enjoyment and also be competitive.

Grading takes place over a period of approximately two to three sessions. It is important to attend all grading sessions if possible, this will give the player the best possible chance of making the right team for them.

U6-U8 – At Balcatta these age groups are not graded. Coaching is delivered to ensure equal playing time for all, making new friends, and always providing a safe environment.

U9-U12 – Please read below

The Grading process will commence on the handover of grounds from the City of Stirling.

Please help by encouraging players and their friends to register during registration days or online as close as possible to the official registration dates. Registration can take place online prior to the official days as determined by FFA and FootballWest.

The following guidelines have been developed for players, parents and coaches to inform them of the grading policies of the Club.

We hope this information will help explain the sometimes-hard task the coaches and administrators have.

1. Skill level – the 4 key skills (1v1, running with the ball, 1st touch and striking the ball)
2. What the player does when they have the ball.
3. What the player does when their teammates have the ball.
4. What the player does when the opposition have the ball.
5. How the player behaves and responds to coaching instructions
6. Players Attitude and willingness to learn and participate.

GRADING DECISIONS

It is club policy to grade players every year to ensure that all Junior Players have the opportunity to progress. The club encourages players and parents not to focus on which team a player is selected into, but rather, on the players own development during the season. It is important that parents are supportive of their children during the grading process.

Once BALCATTÀ FC grading is complete, all players will be allocated a team. However, we will continue to fine tune team selections leading up to the commencement of the season. This will be to ensure they are playing at the correct levels. Our Technical Director, in consultation with the team's coaches has the authority to change players during these Grading sessions and up to a further 2 weeks into the season if necessary.

The Technical Director in consultation with the team coach also has the authority to drop players into a lower division team anytime during the season where a player is deemed to be disruptive to the coach and the team.

Grading is done by a panel of experienced coaches under the guidance of our Technical Director.