



## COMPETITION GRADING FOR DIVISION ONE TEAMS.

### GRADING OBJECTIVE.

The grading policy has been designed to ensure and achieve, as best possible, the following:

- All players have the opportunity to play in a competitive environment, appropriate to their skill, in a division best suited to their ability.
- Players learn from their peers and develop an appreciation and love of the game.
- Player, coaches and parents alike have fun, enjoy the season and return to the club year after year.

### GRADING OVERVIEW.

Macarthur Football Association (MFA) requires its member clubs to nominate teams for graded competitions from under 12's and up into divisions according to their ability. This is done at the beginning of each season by members of the committee in consultation with coaches and managers.

The club committee will, wherever possible, appoint the team coach prior to the commencement of the grading process.

In grading, a number of factors are to be considered:

- Previous year's performance.
- Experience and skill level of players within the team.
- Requests and information from team coaches and managers.

The grades requested/nominated by HUFC may not always match the actual grade determined by MFA. Many factors influence the final grading of teams, some of which are beyond the control and influence of HUFC.

## GRADING PROCESS.

A formal grading process will be held when a sufficient number of players have registered and nominate to play in the highest division available for the relevant age. These formal grading sessions will be held after registration and determined by the grading committee. Dates, times and locations will be available on the registration days. The grading process may also include assessment of performance in preseason trial games.

The following is the process to be followed:

1. All players must be registered as HUFC players before they are eligible to take part in the grading process.
2. To ensure a fair and unbiased process, independent graders shall be appointed by the club committee with the selection of graders comprising a mix of prior coaching and playing experience at varying levels.
3. Players and Parents will be required to sign in on grading night to acknowledge the HUFC grading policy.
4. Players will be required to attend grading sessions plus preseason trials unless otherwise advised by the grading panel.
5. Players shall be graded to play in their appropriate age group. Requests to play outside their age group shall be considered by the grading committee on a case by case basis. Consideration of extenuating factors maybe considered by the committee; these may include but are not limited to family connections, playing ability and balancing teams numerically.
6. In circumstances where players are of similar ability, selection preference will be given to players who played with the club in the previous football season.
7. The grading panel will promptly advise the registrar and club president of which players have been selected, so that other players can be allocated to other teams as necessary.
8. Notification will be given to successful players by email as soon as the selection process is complete by the Club President.
9. It is always our intension to ensure that a player has every opportunity to play, thus any reallocation to other teams is done in consultation with parents.

### PLAYERS WHO WISH TO TRY OUT FOR DIVISION ONE.

The following are conditions that graded players and parents will be required to comply with.

1. Players and parents are required to comply with the Clubs Code of Conduct.
2. Players shall be selected into a team, not a position. A player's position will be determined to suit the needs of the team.
3. Grading may be scheduled more than once. Players are expected to attend all grading sessions.
4. Players are to wear appropriate attire for grading. Boots and shin pads are compulsory. Junior players are to be accompanied by at least one parent/carer at grading's.
5. All players are expected to participate positively at grading and comply with the directions of the graders.
6. If a player continually disrupts a grading session the player may be asked to leave the session. If such disruption recurs on a regular basis, the player will not be selected.
7. The coach is not to be questioned during the grading. The coach may be approached privately after grading has finished.
8. Any disputes regarding either the grading process or unfair treatment of a player during the grading session should be referred to the committee through the clubs disputes process in writing.

### PLAYERS NOT CHOOSING TO TRY-OUT FOR DIVISION ONE.

Players who do not wish to be considered for grading will be placed in teams by the registrar. Where possible the player's wishes regarding which particular team he or she wants to be placed in will be taken into account, subject to team numbers.

### BALANCING OF TEAM NUMBERS.

Balancing of team numbers in the first few weeks after registration is sometimes required due to players dropping out for varying reasons. These circumstances are unfortunate and mostly unavoidable.

## DIVISION ONE TRY-OUTS GRADING CRITERIA.

Player Grading shall be a two stage process consisting of Basic Skills Assessment and Game Play.

### Basic Skill Assessment

The skill assessment trials consist of four basic skill tests:

- Dribbling
- Tackling
- Passing and Control
- Shooting

### Game Play Assessment

Involves players participating in small sided games and being assessed on the following criteria:

- Ability to read the play (game sense + positional play)
- Team play
- Control

Additionally players will be assessed on the following:

- Running with the ball
- Striking the ball (both feet)
- First touch (both feet)
- 1 v 1 (attack and defence)
- Co-ordination and speed
- Game “cleverness”
- “Coach-ability” and perseverance

The player assessment is carried out preferably over two sessions, with players scoring points on a scale for each criterion. Points will be totaled and used as a guide to identify a player’s suitability for the division one team. Exceptions to the grading session assessment may occur when players sign-on after the assessment sessions have been completed. These players may be invited to trial with a team depending on team numbers.

## NOTIFICATION OF TEAM SELECTION

Notification will be given to successful players by email as soon as the selection process is complete by the Club President.

## DISPUTES AND FINAL GRADING DECISIONS.

The Club Committee makes the final decision regarding any grading matter, in accordance with the normal procedures set down in the clubs Policies and Procedures.

In the event that multiple teams occur in an age, this policy MAY be used.