



# MCE FC GRADING AND TRIALS GUIDELINES

The word 'trailing' is used in reference to:

- Placement of players in teams where they are appropriately skilled to play whilst also being challenged to continue developing their skills.
- Registering MCE FC teams into divisions with Football Queensland (our governing body), where they can compete at a level of enjoyment and also be competitive.

The word 'grading' is used in reference to:

- Placement of players in "liked skilled" groups where they are comfortable to play.
- Registering MCE FC teams into divisions with Football Queensland (our governing body), where they can compete firstly at a level of enjoyment and secondly be competitive against their peers.

Grading/Trialling takes place over a period of approximately four sessions.

**It is important to try and attend all grading/trialling sessions to give the player the best possible chance of making the best fit team for them.**

The following guidelines have been developed for players, parents and coaches to inform them of the grading/trialling policies of the Club. We hope this information will help explain the sometimes-hard task the coaches and administrators have. What the Technical Team are looking for during grading/trials:

1. What the player does when they have the ball. (BP)
2. What the player does when their team mates have the ball. (BP)
3. What the player does when the opposition have the ball. (BPO)
4. How the player behaves and responds to coaching instructions
5. Skill level
6. Players Attitude and willingness to learn and participate

## **Grading/Trialling Decisions**

It is club policy to grade players every year to ensure that all Junior Players from ages 8-18 have the opportunity to progress up through the tiers as they develop. However, 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 /trailing process.

Once MCE FC grading/trialling is complete, all players will be allocated a team.

### *For U13 Age Group:*

Football Queensland runs Grading Games at the start of the season for U13 Age group Metro teams. This will be used to fine tune which Division each team will play in.

The Club Technical Director in consultation with the team coaches has the authority to change players during these Grading Games if necessary.

### *For all Age Groups:*

The Club Technical Director in consultation with the team coaches 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.

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Grading/Trialling is done by a panel of experienced coaches under the guidance of the Club Technical Director. This is referred to as the Technical Team.

**NO DISCUSSION WILL BE ENTERED INTO BY THE CLUB WITH RESPECT TO DECISIONS MADE BY THE TECHNICAL TEAM. FEEDBACK WILL BE GIVEN WHERE POSSIBLE AND WITH REGARDS TO PLAYERS DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBLE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE SEASON AHEAD.**