

GTFC Junior Player Age Group Policy

Context

The Grange Thistle Football Club Junior Player Age Group Policy has been formulated to ensure that Grange Thistle complies with the Football Brisbane Junior Rules Of Competition for 2012. The 2012 Rules Of Competition contain some significant changes from previous years with regards to the age groups that junior players can participate in.

GTFC Policy

Players will be assigned to teams in age groups based on their date of birth as per for the following table.

Year Of Birth	Player Age Group
1995	U/17
1996	U/17
1997	U/15
1998	U/14
1999	U/13
2000	U/12
2001	U/11
2002	U/10
2003	U/9
2004	U/8
2005	U/7
2006	U/6
2007	U/6

There will be circumstances where a player will be allowed to play in an older age group. However, permission from the GTFC Junior Committee will be required. Written parental/guardian approval will need to be provided to the GTFC Junior Committee before they can permit a player to go to an older age group.

Key points of the Age Policy from the Football Brisbane Junior Rules Of Competition for 2012.

The key points of the junior age restrictions are:

- Clubs should make every effort to place junior players in their age appropriate teams, as determined by their date of birth.
- Parental/guardian approval must be obtained by the club before a player can be considered to play in an older age group.

The age restrictions are outlined in detail below.

Boys – Junior Divisional Age Groups

All BJL, All U/17, And All Division 1 Teams for U/15, U/14, U/13 And U/12 Competitions

Players must attain the appropriate age for the competition they wish to play in during the Year of Competition.

U/17 Born 1995 or 1996

U/15 Born 1997

U/14 Born 1998

U/13 Born 1999

U/12 Born 2000

Players will not be permitted to play up into these competitions unless they qualify for and have been granted “Special Circumstances” status.

U/15 U/14 U/13 U/12 Division 2 And Below

Players are permitted to play one year up into these competitions, subject to the “composite team” rules, with parental/guardian approval. The Composite Team rules state that the majority of the players should be in the older age level, and the club will need to apply to Football Brisbane for permission to vary from this rule.

Girls – Junior Divisional Age Groups

U/17

Girls may play one year up into this competition, with parental/guardian consent and upon application to, and approval from Football Brisbane.

U/12 to U/15 inclusive

Girls may play one year up into these competitions with parental/guardian approval.

Small Sided Football (U/6 to U/11)

Playing up in SSF will only be permitted within the following bands U/6 to 7, U/8 to 9, U/10 to 11

Players who have not attained the age of 5 years must not be played beyond U/6 SSF