

## **How House League Teams are Determined – Updated June 9/2010**

Players whose parents are coaching or assistant coaching are always placed with their children.

Coaches are not allowed to request specific players for their team, nor do they have control over who gets onto their team.

Frequently a group of coaches stay with us from year to year, hence the coaching staff is placed together year after year and so are their children.

Coaching requests are allowed in special circumstances, and must be sent to the House League Director for approval. For instance a child with special needs may require a coach who has had experience with those needs. Requests for specific coaches are allowed (at the discretion of the Convenor) in the Bantam and Midget Divisions only.

All players are evaluated; occasionally players cannot attend evaluations, in this case the player would be graded as average; if a child misses part of the evaluation the missing grade will be indicated at 2.5. If the child's abilities are known by the convenor, he/she may put a higher or lower grade down for that child. We do our best to ensure we have enough experienced evaluators for these nights; however, we are asking people to volunteer their time and expertise. Ideally we would like two evaluators per station, this is not always possible.

Player requests to play with an individual for transportation purposes are allowed, the specific children concerned are evaluated and their evaluations must fit into a particular team's make up.

We do the best we can to make sure that the teams are balanced, no one wants to win or lose every game... a close game is what we strive to find.

Coaches are the backbone of our organization, we will never ask coaches to coach a team and insist that their children play elsewhere. Logistically it just would not work; a coach and his team at Amberlea and his child at Centennial?

House League is open to everyone; all of our players should have the opportunity to play every position regardless of their skill level. Our House League Rules and Clarification explain expectations regarding player rotation etc. We encourage you to read through the rules and the clarification, if you have any questions, please ask.

Coaches are required to keep a defensive tracking sheet for every game; a member of the Executive can request to see these sheets at any time. All our players must have an equal opportunity to play every position at all house league games.