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(a) **Player Grading Committee**

A Player Grading Committee (PGC) will be formed to determine the Grade of players registering for MWFA competition teams (U12 and above) who were not registered with a MWFA Club in the immediately previous football year.

The PGC will be made up of a chairman, Senior Vice President of MWFA, Deputy Chair, President of MWFA and four Club representatives, voted in by the Council of Clubs.

When assessing the grade of a player, any Club representative from the club which is registering the player may not take part in any discussion or voting.

(b) **Playing History**

Any player who was not registered with a MWFA Club in the immediately previous football year must provide a history of their football participation to the MWFA. This is provided on the MWFA form.

As a minimum this history must be for the previous five years and include the Club, Association/ League and Country for any football team in which they have played.

If a player provides a false Playing History, the player will immediately be deregistered and the EC will determine when the player may be re-registered.

A player will not be registered until their Playing History is provided which contains the minimum required history.

(c) **Player Grades**

For all players required to provide a Playing History, the PGC will determine if a Grade is to be assigned to the player and if so what Grade is assigned.

The following Grades will be used:

Grade 1: Equivalent to A league Standard

Grade 2: Equivalent to NPL1 standard

Grade 3: Equivalent to NPL2 standard

Grade 4: Other standard as suitable for a Grade being applied. (eg FNSW State League 1&2)

The assigned Grade is not solely determined by the Player's team registration in the immediately previous football year and, as a minimum, the previous five years Playing History will be taken into account.

The PGC may take into account the MWFA Club of Origin of the player in determining if a Grade will be assigned. If a player wishes the PGC to take into account evidence of previous Playing History they must provide such evidence.

The PGC may take into account the competition, age group and division into which the player is registering and the last competition, age group and division played.

The PGC will determine the Grade for overseas and interstate players registering in the MWFA and will establish the equivalence of the respective overseas leagues to FNSW competitions.

The Registering Club may make a submission to the PGC for exemption from a Grade being applied and/ or which Grade should apply, if any.

(d) **Retention of Grade:**

The Grade of a player is retained independent of the MWFA Club in which they registered. A player who is initially given a Grade 1 retains that grading for two football years before dropping to Grade 2 for a further two years.

A player who is initially given a Grade 2 retains that grading for two football years before dropping to Grade 3 for the third year.

A player who is initially given a Grade 3 retains that grading for two football years.

This is irrespective of them being registered with the MWFA in intervening football years.

(e) **Grade 1 Club Quota**

Clubs can only register a Grade 1 player with an exemption from the PGC.

(f) **Graded Player Quota**

In any Football Year, any MWFA Club can only register three Graded Players in any MWFA Competition. For the purposes of this clause a single MWFA Competition is constituted by the group of teams in:

- a single age group in Youth or Women's Youth from U12-U18
- Men's Premier League, All Age Men's, O35 Men's and O45 Men's Divisions constitute a single MWFA Competition.
- Women's Premier League, All Age Women's, O35 Women's Divisions constitute a single MWFA Competition.

In addition to this limit, in the three Graded Players in any MWFA Competitions, there can be only one Grade 1 or Grade 2 player and only two Grade 3 players.

(g) **Graded Player Deregistration or Movement**

Once a Graded Player is registered in an MWFA Club the player may not be deregistered or transfer to another MWFA Club without permission of the EC.

Once the quota of three Graded Players has been registered in a MWFA Competition, these Graded Players may not be deregistered or moved to different MWFA Competitions to be replaced by a different Graded Player during the same football year.

(h) **Appeals of PGC Grading**

Any appeals against a PGC decision is to be directed to the MWFA Appeals Committee.

Further appeals will be to Football NSW.