

Likewise we should take no pleasure handing out such losses to other teams as it only reinforces that either team or its players have not been assessed appropriately. It's unproductive for our teams and demoralising for the opposition.

**The Dianella SC Committee desires to achieve a situation where all teams are playing competitive matches and the players within those teams are being challenged, are actively participating, which promotes enjoyment of the game and skill development.**

***That is the goal!***

A full copy of the 'Player Assessment Policy-Small Sided Football' can be downloaded from the Dianella SC website; [www.dianellasoccer.com.au](http://www.dianellasoccer.com.au)

**DIANELLA SOCCER CLUB**



**Dianella Soccer Club Inc.**

*Dianella Soccer Club is a family operated club that focuses on players participating, enjoying and learning the great game that soccer is .*

*Dianella Soccer Club is registered and affiliated with Football West, Western Australia's governing Soccer Association. All the teams play within the Football West leagues. The club encompasses junior teams (under 6 through to under 16).*

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***Player Assessment Policy  
Small Sided Football  
6s-11s***

***Frequently Asked Questions***

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### **(1) What is player assessment?**

Player assessment is the grouping of players with a similar skill level into teams, and then placing those teams into equivalent Football West (FW) leagues.

#### **Note:**

**1-Player assessment is optional.**

**2-All registered players will be allocated to a team.**

### **(2) Why conduct player assessment?**

(i) FW request clubs nominate team skill level to enable placement into an equivalent league. Examples of these leagues include Socceroots, Olyroos, Joeys and in older groups Purple, Red, Orange etc. Dianella Soccer Club is required to nominate team skill level from Under 9.

(ii) The Dianella Soccer Club (Dianella SC) Committee believes placing players in teams and leagues appropriate to their skill level plays a significant role in achieving its objective of player enjoyment, participation and skill development.

### **(3) How will player assessment benefit my child?**

Player assessment provides the opportunity for players to:

(i) Be in (and play against) teams with players of similar ability and attitude.

(ii) Have an equal opportunity to participate.

(ii) Have an equal opportunity to contribute to the team's performance.

**The Dianella SC Committee believes this will provide the best conditions for soccer development, team skills and enjoyment through participation and achievement.**

### **(4) Does my child need to be assessed?**

Player assessment will remain optional.

The Committee recognises individual players have different motivations for playing soccer ranging from social/recreational to highly competitive. Those parents not electing to have their child assessed can nominate for social teams. These teams will be formed on the basis of friendships, school connections etc and will be placed in an appropriate social level league (e.g. Joeys level).

### **(5) Will these assessments place pressure on my child?**

No. Player assessment sessions will NOT place pressure on young players to perform. Assessment sessions need to be communicated to players as group training sessions (particularly younger players). That is, a non-pressure environment where players can enjoy group training, make new friendships which will help them perform better, enjoy the experience and ease their transition into new teams. These friendships will also help build club harmony across the age group.

*Note: Parents placing undue pressure on players to perform will be requested to leave the session by the Player Assessment Coordinator.*

### **(6) How will player assessment help Dianella SC achieve its objectives?**

The Committee believes player assessment will help resolve a number of issues, including;

(i) Players placed within teams and leagues below their capability, therefore dominating matches and not developing team skills.

(ii) Players placed within teams and leagues above their capability therefore not having an involvement in matches, creating dissatisfaction, under achievement and low self esteem.

(iii) Player loss;

- As players seek greater competition and the desire to play with similarly skilled players.
- From a lack of enjoyment or dissatisfaction.

(iv) Loss of teams as non-returning players from previous seasons

may leave teams unable to meet minimum player numbers for team registration with FW.

(v) Teams being established with players of vastly different skill level making it difficult to assess the overall team skill level and an equivalent FW league for that team to participate in. This can lead to teams being placed in FW leagues above or below their level and therefore under achieving or over succeeding.

(vii) Training becomes difficult as the substantial gap in skill level between players makes training exercises difficult for some and easy for others.

(viii) Skill development as the Coach is unable to tailor training sessions appropriate for the entire team.

### **(7) Is this about winning trophies?**

No. Winning can never be guaranteed at any level of competition. Placing the highest assessed team in an equivalent FW league only guarantees healthy competition for that team. They may still finish last.

Alternatively a social team placed in an equivalent FW league against teams of similar skill also promotes healthy competition for that team. They may finish first.

**It's about healthy competition for all Dianella SC players so they can actively participate, achieve, enjoy and develop.**

### **(8) Unpleasant experiences?**

Incorrect player assessment can lead to some unpleasant experiences for players. Significant winning/losing margins demonstrate that either;

(i) A team has been placed in the incorrect FW league; or

(ii) Some players within that team are not playing within the correct FW league.

Many junior teams have experienced significant losses for the above reasons. It's an unpleasant experience for the players.

