
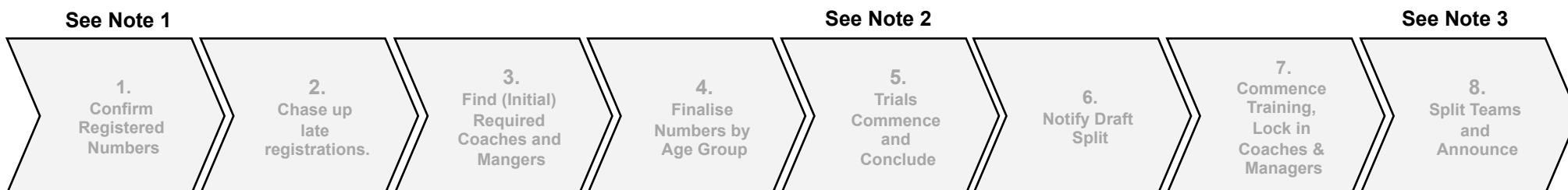




# Agreed Process For Team Creation When > 1 Team Per Age Group Requiring Divisionalisation

 Required to nominate to AFL by 3<sup>rd</sup> week Feb



- Take a look at new registrations in particular
- Determine early estimates of team numbers and confirm two teams likely or possible
- Nominate the proposed Divisions for the two teams
- Always need to chase up
- Email first, and then phone
- Phone by far the most successful
- **CRITICAL** to get as many identified early in season
- Assists in involving all coaches in the process to follow
- Explain to them the process of team allocation
- Managers can come later as required
- Get final numbers by age group
- **Note:** Experienced coach or club official **MUST** re-cast what is on registrations wrt age group, since they'll know certain players will play in age group different to that indicated
- Never fully correct on registrations
- Communicate: Parents told the process, and told that decisions by the club final
- If players do not attend trials, decisions based on last years performance AFTER graders grade on what they see – no guarantees
- Club to ask stronger players from the younger age group to try out – assist with “backup” decisions later
- The teams may still be short or long on players
- May need to ask if players wish to move age groups – any younger players who didn't trial cannot go into A team
- MUST advise parents that no age group moves initiated by parent possible after this point
- Communicate team allocation
- Only special consideration given to changes in divisionalised teams
- Consider point 3., and lock in coaching and management resources
- (Possibly) offer parents a time period for special consideration of the proposed allocation, but again at clubs discretion
- Communicate final teams and allocations
- *Timing: At least 3 weeks before season commences. i.e first week of March*
- Ongoing policy in relation to backup players and process also requires communicating

# Notes On Process

## Note 1: Team Nominations

- Minimum player numbers U12 is 12, up to 15
- If we anticipate having > 28 registrations or willing participants to play U12, we should nominate two teams. If not, we may need to consider moving players from U12 back to U11.
- If we do not have sufficient players for 2 U/11 teams (i.e greater than 26) with the transfer, we should continue to press for 2 U12 and a single U11
- We then need to nominate Divisions: we will not have the benefit of trials; I would recommend we have consultation with last years coaches together with Junior Coordinator to land this. It will either be Div 1 and Div 3, or Div 2 and Div. 3

## Note 2: Trials

- Trials will be conducted for a minimum of 2 and up to 3 weeks from mid Feb to early March
- Trials need to be evaluated independently; at least two club officials and up to one AFL representative not affiliated with the teams will assist in undertaking the evaluation
- Last years coaches will be present, primarily to identify the players for those undertaking the evaluation, and to provide guidance on what to look for amongst the players
- Those undertaking the evaluation will be provided with the previous two years best and fairest, runner up best and fairest and players player awards only to assist in potentially focusing attention over a short period of time on those requiring more scrutiny
- Players will be allocated equally between the two teams. In other words, no team will have more or less than the other – there is no A team first and B team next philosophy
- Players unable to attend the trials will be evaluated on last years formal performance. Last years coaches will be consulted for this purpose
- U11 players nominated by the junior coordinator as potentially capable of “filling in” for the A team will be asked to attend the trials. Evaluators will evaluate these players to determine whether they are stronger candidates to relieve for the A team in the event of shortages
- Those not nominated, or those evaluated as not stronger candidates than B team players will be capable of playing up for the B team but not the A team (see Note 3 about this process throughout the year)

## Note 3: Process During Season

- Both teams should train together at least one evening per week for one hour; one or both teams may elect to train additional nights or for additional time on the one night
- If the A team is short and A and B team playing times clash, they should a) firstly draw on the evaluated U11 capable of playing up, or b) request (not demand) that some B team players play up. In the event that times do not clash, either option is available
- If the B team is short and A and B playing times clash, the B team can draw from all U11 players and eligible (i.e not restricted) A team players in the same method
- If times do not clash, arrangements can be made in the same manner as in season 2011.
- Under no circumstances will preference be given to either the A or B team in this regard; some leeway may be granted in the event that one team is capable of meeting finals and another isn't – later in the season