



## **YOUTH / COLTS POLICY**

This policy has been introduced to provide development, retention and fairness within the playing groups which will provide the best outcome for the future of the Mandurah Mustangs Football Netball Club INC.

- **Colts age Cohort-01-07-2004 to 30-06-2006**
- **Year 11-12 age Cohort 01-07-2006 to 30-06-2008**

### **Purpose.**

1. Maintain, develop, and provide opportunity to 11/12 age groups within the Mandurah Mustangs Football and Netball Club for years to come.
2. To provide support and experience to 11/12's to earn a spot based on performance while managing the player and understanding they are of the 11/12 age group.
3. To provide support to both colts and 11/12's in supporting numbers so that both teams are viable and competitive.

### **Registration.**

It is crucial that the Senior and Junior Registrars have ongoing communication together to reach the guidelines set out in this policy.

Every player eligible to by year of birth and cohort will be registered into the age group of their cohort. E.g. 11/12's will be registered as year 11/12's and placed in the 11/12's team and this is the recognised place they will play by the Mandurah Mustangs Football Netball Club.

Colts' cohort age will be registered as Colts in the senior registration process.

Year 11/12 cohort age will register as a junior.

All players registered into 11/12's will be type 2 permitted from the PDJCC system to the PFNL senior system on request by coaches from the colts and 11/12's then approved by the presidents of the Mandurah Mustangs Senior and Junior Football Clubs.

Parents will also need to be notified on any requests to elevate junior players into the senior system. Year 11/12 players elevated to the senior club are to only play colts. There are exceptions to this- when a year 11/12 is selected in the League squad at the start of the year.

A select few wills be invited to join the senior playing squad if there are adequate numbers in the year 11/12 team.

If junior players are elevated to the colt's squad permanently remuneration will be required from the juniors to the seniors or vice versa.



## **Coaches and Training**

Coaches of both 11/12's and colts will come to an arrangement prior to the season beginning, including preseason where possible to discuss the training situation and to apply this policy to new incoming and Mandurah Mustangs registered players.

It's paramount that the coaches have a working relationship and understand each other's team including the possibilities of injury or promotion into colts or colts into league for the best interest of development and reward for efforts.

## **Selection.**

A process of understanding the 11/12's team composition, meaning understanding who is year 11 is and who is year 12 needs to be clear to encourage the year 12 players to follow into colts and continue playing with the Mandurah Mustangs Football and Netball Club.

Selection will be based on discussion with the 11/12's and Colts coaches, opportunities in scratch matches, the first 3 rounds of the PFNL season are available to the year 11/12 playing group. Possible opportunities for 11/12's in the last 3 rounds of the PFNL season.

From round 3 onwards the opportunities provided to the 11/12's shall be evenly provided to the 11/12's based on two components, firstly training attendance and commitment to the 11/12 team and Mandurah Mustangs Football and Netball Club, secondly on game performance in the youth age group of 11/12's.

The colts coach is recommended to attend games or be provided recommendations by the 11/12's coach on player's performance and commitment to performing.

No colts age player is to be omitted from the colt's team and replaced by a year 11/12 if they have been complying with the clubs training and playing rules.

Approved and endorsed by

President

Mandurah Mustangs JFC.

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President

Mandurah Mustangs FNC

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## **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to Club operations.



**Development Pathway Structure to Senior Football**

