

# CLUB MEMO:

## Changes to under 6 team formation

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BJFC are pleased to announce some exciting changes in 2017, including:

- Upgrades to Lighting, Clubhouse and Storage Sheds
- The formation of a new Technical Committee, here to support and educate coaches
- A six year plan to create a skills focused club, with pathways for talented players, and better support and options for beginner players

One of our first initiatives is to commence **Club based team formation** - which means that our Committee will group teams together internally, rather than holding sorting days or requesting parents to form teams.

This will begin with Under 6 teams in 2017, and phase through over time to include all age groups.

### How will this help?

- BJFC will have an opportunity to monitor and group all players gradually as they play through their early playing years. The committee and coaches will be evaluating players and collecting data so as the children develop we can create teams of like-minded, similar age and skill level players together. By the age of 10, we should be in a position to have similar skilled players grouped together.
- This will help all children by giving kids appropriate level coaching, and ensuring all players get a fair share of time on the ball. Advanced players will have the opportunity to extend themselves, and children at a less experienced level will receive more fundamental skills training and will be more comfortable playing against other teams at the same skill level.
- Grouping by skill levels is recommended by Football South Coast in these agegroups, so we are pleased to have a plan in place to work towards this goal.
- Team selection by the Club will also help reduce the stress and politics involved in forming teams through school or friends each year. This process can lead to kids leaving the sport by being left out of teams etc. In the long run this will make registering your children a much simpler process!

### On a social front...

We will be encouraging U6 and U7 teams to organise combined training sessions, supported by coaches from our Technical committee. This should turn a training session from 4-6 players to 12-18 players. This will improve training through mini games and properly organised drills. It will also allow

kids to mingle with a greater number of players to form additional friendships, and help them stay in contact with existing friends from school.

Teams of 5-6 players will be formed, and we will endeavour to provide children with at least one other child from the same school within a team, to help form new school friendships too.

Many of the other Illawarra football clubs already follow Club based sorting for all age groups, and have had great success in forming wider friendships across a whole age group.

### **Who is the Technical committee?**

The Technical and BJFC Grading committee comprises of long-term, qualified BJFC coaches that have volunteered their time to help new and old coaches. They will be overseeing the data collection and will offer advice and training drills to assist and improve the experience of playing for Balgownie Junior Football Club.

### **How can you be involved?**

BJFC General Committee meetings, and BJFC Technical Meetings are held once a fortnight at the Clubhouse. Dates are advertised on the website and Facebook.

Meetings are welcome to all so come along and get involved!

**Yours in football,**

**The Balgownie Junior Football Club Committee**