

## MWFA Grading Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used in assigning a grade to a player

- a. The PGC (Player Grading Committee) may take into account a player's club of origin in determining a grade - the Player should indicate this on the form. It is conceivable that a player may have more than one club of origin due to various circumstances in the player's early playing history. The player may choose only one club of origin, and once chosen, the player cannot subsequently revert to a different club and claim exemption. The PGC will give the player a "nominal" grade for the upcoming season(s) as well as an exemption based on club of origin. If the player moves club after the first season of an exemption; the player will still carry forward the "nominated" grade at the new club.
- b. 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. Players in age group related divisions considered by MWFA to be junior competitions will be assigned a grade when playing only in junior age group related competitions and that grade will be dropped when the player moves into the senior ranks.
- c. The PGC may take into account the amount of time a player played in a higher graded team whilst registered in an age group related team in determining a grade. This is to assist the PGC in determining a grade for a "reserve" grade player who has participated in more than 5 first grade games. In Men's football these age groups to be considered are U/18 and U/20 and in Women's football they are U/18 and U/23. In general terms the following would apply – Men's U/18 and Women's U/18 would normally be ungraded when progressing to MWFA senior football. Men's U/20 and Women's U/23's would normally have a grade one less than the grade associated with the first team normally allocated to the previous club, when progressing to MWFA senior football, subject to any other overriding criteria.
- d. The PGC will determine the grade for overseas and interstate players registering in the MWFA according to the published table of the equivalence of the respective leagues to FNSW competitions entitled "MWFA Grading Table". This table will be published from time to time and agreed for use by all clubs in the MWFA. It may be necessary for additional countries to be added by the PGC during the season and these decisions will be ratified by MWFA clubs at the end of each season.
- e. The PGC may take into account the number of years of inactivity and the reasons for that inactivity by a player returning to football as follows: The grade will be applied to the season after which the player last played and run down in the same fashion as if the player had commenced playing in MWFA in that season.

- f. The PGC may take into account and allow a discount in grading for any MUFC player who has completed 10 or more consecutive seasons in senior football and wishes to return to local football. In this case the player would be given a grade of 3 for the next two seasons instead of a grade of 2. Any MWFA club will only be entitled to one such player discount per season.

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