# WODONGA DIAMONDS FOOTBALL CLUB

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## **Player Development Policy**

### Purpose:

- This policy is designed to assist player development across all age groups/genders.
- All players who are eligible (may need to be signed off by WDFC or AWFA depending on age) to play up an age group must adhere to the following.

#### Games:

- First commitment of the player is to play their actual age group.
- Both coaches must agree that the player is displaying the required skill, maturity and desire
  to want to play in an upper age group. (If any concern WDFC Executive will independently
  assess the player)
- Game Day: Player must play for their actual age group before they can be eligible to play in an upper age group. If the actual age group game time is after they must still be available to play.
- The exception to the above is if the player is Starting in the senior team on that day.

### **Training**

- Player must train with their actual age group at least once per week.
- This training day is to be determined between communication between both age groups coaches (any dispute resolution the executive committee will make the call)

WDFC is committed to the safe development of players, particularly in the youth and junior age groups. Any advancement shall be for the purpose of providing for the player a training and competition level that appropriately considers the player's technical, tactical, physical and social developmental needs.

Whilst we as a club want to continue to develop players with the right skill/maturity level to play up grades it is also important that they continue playing in their actual age group to help develop their teammates.

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**WDFC Executive Committee**