



# ST. RAPHAEL'S STARS BASKETBALL CLUB

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## **St Raphael's Stars Basketball Club ( referred to as SRSBC ) Player age grouping policy V2 21/03/2017**

1. Selecting players by age enables SRSBC to create a fair and reasonable competition for all players as well as keeping groups of players together as they progress from being a younger player to an older player.

2. Assessing a player's age grouping and team selection is managed by the relevant SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinator in conjunction with SRSBC Committee guidance.

3. Placing a player in the correct age group and team can be a challenging task and the SRSBC Committee endeavours to provide and follow a fair, consistent and manageable process for determining this.

4. It is acknowledged that friendship groups are important when placing a player but this is only one of several selection criteria to access and sometimes player and team placement may require compromise and flexibility by a player, team, coach or parent / guardian.

5. At the direction of the SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinator and the SRSBC Committee, a player may be required to move an age group or team to ensure that they are located in their correct age group. This will be communicated to the player, parents, coach and the team manager in advance to ensure everyone can adjust to the required outcomes.

6. There may be special circumstances associated with a particular player's age placing. These cases will be adjudicated by the the SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinator in conjunction with the SRSBC Committee using the guiding principle to place a player in his or her correct age group at all times.

6.1 The Parent / Guardian of the child will need to provide written documentation that outlines the circumstances and any special conditions that are required by the player.

6.2 A placement with special circumstances made by the the SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinator and the SRSBC Committee will be communicated in writing to the parents / guardian involved and will stand for that season with the placement to be reviewed at the end of the season.

7. All disputes related to age grouping need to be communicated in writing to the relevant SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinator who will raise the issue with the SRSBC Committee for management and adjudication. The SRSBC Committee will not enter into direct correspondence with players, parents, coaches or team managers in relation to these matters. SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinators contact details are available at: <http://www.straphaelbasketball.org.au/about-us/>

8. Where the SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinators / the SRSBC Committee members children or relatives are involved in placement disputes, an impartial committee member will be nominated to manage the process to ensure the outcome is reasonable for all parties.

9. The SRSBC Age Group Co Ordinator manages the following tasks:

- Allocates and manages age groups throughout the season working with coaches, players & parents.
- Assists with any new member enquiries or referring them onto the Club Registrar.
- Manages all communications relating to age grouping between coaches, players & parents and the SRSBC committee.

10. A player's age grouping is determined by his or her date of birth and the club requires a copy of a player's birth certificate at registration to prove his or her age.

11. Age grouping is introduced at the U8s and U10s level and is firmly set by the time a player reaches U12s

12. Competition age groups are set in two year segments - U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18

There is one annual date used to set an age group a player is allocated to.  
– A players age as of 31 December

Example

Under 12s Winter season 2016

- Players born from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2006 are eligible to play in U12s

Under 12s Summer season 2016

- Players born from 1 Jan 2005 to 31 Dec 2007 are eligible to play in U12s

14. All communications between players / parents and club officials relating to the placement and management of a player on a team is to be conducted through the relevant Age Group Coordinator and must be made in writing via email or mail. Texting or verbal communications can not be used and will not be acted upon. The official email address to use is [straphsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:straphsbasketball@gmail.com)