



# Claremont - Nedlands Cricket Club

*Home of the Tigers*

## **Team allocation policy**

### **Time of registration**

Players must register within the correct time frame as advertised on the website. Registration will usually open around the start of August and close in early September. Late registrations will be considered on a case by case basis and will depend on overall numbers and team allocations. Players registering on time will be given priority in terms of team placements.

### **Co-ordinators select teams**

The selection of teams for each of the age groups will be made by the co-ordinator for each age group, in consultation with the committee if considered appropriate.

### **Team allocation**

Players can nominate on the registration form, particular friends or a particular coach they may wish to play with. However, no guarantees can be given, that every request can be accommodated.

Generally co-ordinators will try to keep a least 2-3 friends together in any given team. Consideration will also be given to keeping teams together from previous years. This does need to be balanced with other considerations, including the mix of experienced players and new players and the availability of parents to coach or manage teams.

It should also be remembered that the Club caters for all members of the community. As a committee we believe it can be beneficial to a child's overall development to mix with children from different schools and other backgrounds.

Whilst co-ordinators value input from coaches and parents, in the end the co-ordinator makes the final decision in consultation with the committee. Parents and coaches should not make any promises to their children about team allocation prior to the final team lists being published. Problems only tend to occur when children have unmet expectations.

### **Team sizes**

The following provides a guide to the recommended number of players in each team:

U17 - Numbers in this age group will very much depend on registrations.

U15 – 13 players

U14 – 13 players

U13 – 12 -13 players

U12 – 12-13 players

U11 – 10-11 players

U10 – 10-11 players

Where overall player numbers do not fit neatly with the above, consideration will be given to smaller, rather than larger sized teams, to maximize the playing opportunities for all players.

All of the above guidelines are subject to slight variation depending on the registration numbers in any given year.

### **Playing down**

Boys are not permitted to play in an age group lower than their current age except in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the committee and/or the President of the BMML competition.

Girls are permitted to play 2 years below their actual age group.

### **Playing up**

As a general rule, players should be registered in their correct playing age group. If children are in the standard year of schooling (i.e. not either too old or too young for their school year) then their year level at the time of registration would be as follows:

U 10 – Year 3

U11 – Years 4 and 5

U12 – Year 6

U13 – Year 7\*

U14 – Year 8

U15 – Year 9

\*It should be noted that the u13's Sunday competition is open to both Year 6 and Year 7 players because it gives players in these school years the option of playing either on a Saturday or Sunday.

If a player wishes to play up a year level, they should contact the co-ordinator of the year level in which they wish to play. A decision to play up will then be made by the co-ordinator after discussion with the parent, the player's previous coach and the co-ordinator of the year level in which the player should be playing in. The co-ordinator will take into account the overall numbers in the year level the player should be playing in, as well as the year in which they wish to play.

**Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club maintains ultimate control of each team.**

Whilst constructive input from coaches, players and parents is considered where possible, teams are always allocated by the CNJCC as per the above policy. Team lists once allocated by the committee are final.

No team from last season, school or other outside group should consider that any team is their exclusive domain. Players may not be promised a place in any team prior to allocations being conducted by the committee. Whilst groups of friends who may be from a particular school etc. will be kept together if possible, players are strongly encouraged to mix with other players from the wider community in line with our club being a community group and not a cluster of individual smaller groups. Where possible, each team should contain players from a range of backgrounds to encourage individual social development of our children.