



Welcome to FC Nelson for the 2019 season. We hope that your child has an enjoyable season with us. The following information serves as a guide to some of the procedures and processes involved in player placement in the junior and youth football.

Player Placement in Teams 2019 Parent/Player Information

It is the Clubs view, and is consistent with the Junior Regulations of New Zealand Football that each player should play in their correct age group grade from the commencement of the season. Dispensations to play up/down a grade will only be considered after consultation with the Youth Coordinator and the FC Nelson Youth Committee. Dispensations from 2018 are not carried over to 2019 and submissions will be made to NBF by the Youth Coordinator. Dispensations are not granted by the club – Nelson Bays Football is responsible for granting or declining individual dispensations.

- It is the Youth Coordinator's responsibility in consultation with FCN Youth Committee to:
 - o Create teams that meet the best outcomes for ALL registered players
 - o Place players in teams that meet the clubs philosophy which include but may not be limited to — participation in football, enjoyment and social aspects, player development, safety of all players, supporting the coaches and managers.
- It is the Youth Coordinators responsibility to ensure a team does not have too many players for the grade they are playing in. This is in line with NZF Junior Guidelines. In general, teams may have 3 additional players (to those required on the field of play) to allow for — sickness, injury, religious or other beliefs or extended holidays. There may be instances where we need to be flexible with this due to numbers registering etc.
- The club appreciates the social reasons players may wish to remain together as a team during their developing football years, however while we will do our best to meet these needs; we offer no guarantee that players will remain together.
 - o A players development will be considered when placing them in teams within a grade
 - o Youth Coordinator's and Youth Committee views will be considered

Player Placement Process

- It is important to emphasize that the “player placement games” *are not compulsory*. In other words, no player needs to attend these sessions to be enrolled in a team in the Club.
- However if a player wishes to be considered for a competitive (blue division) squad then they must attend these sessions. If a player can't make the sessions (for whatever reason) yet wishes to be considered for a “blue grade” team – just get in touch with our Youth Coordinator. Most players are well known within the club (by him or his assistants) and will therefore still be allocated accordingly.
- A second placement session will be organized if need be.

Benefits are:

- Club: Teams are playing in grades which are suitable for the level of ability. (Blue / Red grade)
- Players: Playing in teams that most suits their abilities.

The teams (with coaches and players allocated) will be announced via email to all registered players within a week after the “player placement games”.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Youth Coordinator anytime

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