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FSC Transition to Grading Guide

Introduction

FSC aim is to provide an association club transitioning to grading guide to ensure best practice and guidance for all association junior clubs when transitioning junior players from small - sided football to the 11v11 format of the game and to provide a talent identification framework for graded age groups for clubs to develop throughout the regular season in preparation for grading the following season. By doing so, the aim is that all players are suitably graded and placed into a team where they will be suitably challenged and enjoy their football whilst ensuring fixtures remain competitive between two teams.

Objective

The objective is to provide clubs clear guidance to deliver the following:

- Club Talent Identification - to a build player profiles database in season prior to new football seasons grading period.
- FSC Independent Talent Identification Panel - to support the player profile process.
- Delivery of 11 v 11 games for Under 12 players to prepare players for Under 13s football.

Process

Club Talent Identification process

Throughout the regular football season, clubs are encouraged to observe and assess players within graded age groups in preparation for the following football season. This is to allow clubs to gain a greater understanding, insight and knowledge of their current players in the lead up to the grading period to ensure all players are suitably graded into teams where they are challenged but maintain their love for the game.

This can be achieved by the club coaching coordinator (CCC) and coaches within the club following these steps:

- Maintain grading/player assessment records from the previous season grading period as a reference point to be able to observe improvement in the development of the players against the players original assessment as the season progresses.
- Club Coaching Co-Ordinator to attend training sessions and game days throughout the regular season and assess players using the Core Skills Development Profile form (attached)
- Team Coaches to complete quarterly Core Skills Development Profile forms for the players within their team and send to club committee to support the process further.
- Clubs to hold a half season talent identification evening where players within any current graded age group play small-sided games for an **FSC Independent Talent Identification Panel** to attend and assess the players against the Core Skills Development Profile forms and provide feedback to the club in preparation the grading period for the following season.

FSC Independent Talent Identification Panel

To support the club talent identification process, FSC will develop an independent Talent identification panel pool of experienced coaches from within the region. This Independent panel will be available to clubs for mid-season talent identification training sessions to give their feedback on players and provide grading recommendations to the club for the following season.

Transitioning from Under 12 to Under 13

Clubs are encouraged to organize internal 11v11 games between the Under 12 and Under 12 teams and or Under 12 and Under 13 teams to prepare and expose U12 players onto a full size field in the second half of the regular season.

Yours Sincerely

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