



**Essendon District Football  
League  
Junior Interleague Policy**

**2024**

## **Initial Training Squad**

Clubs may be asked to nominate players that meet criteria set by the EDFL. The number of players selected will be at the discretion of the league. Players who were involved in the previous year's final squad may be invited back.

## **General**

- A player who has made the squad the previous year is not guaranteed selection in the squad the following year.
- Further players can be added to the training squads at the discretion of the league and/or coaches at any time throughout the season. This may include a player that has been delisted at an earlier time.
- Feedback from Interleague coaches on previous year's performance/development is considered when selecting squads and teams.
- It is very important that any Player immediately report any injury concerns to the Coaching Team prior to commencing any training, game or warm up. Any degree of injury can cause long term problems. It is strongly recommended that any injury, no matter the severity, always be reviewed by a suitably qualified medical professional prior to attending any training, game or warm up. A letter of clearance to participate by a suitably qualified medical practitioner can be requested by the coaching team.
- As much as possible coaches try to consider the benefit to players and clubs of their involvement in Interleague football and they do their best to monitor workloads with training and games given all the other factors such as club and school football along with school work.
- Coaches are aware that players develop at different speed and this also influences decisions that are made in relation to selection in squads along with players being added or delisted from the squad.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for EDFL underage interleague selection, the player;

1. Must be a registered player of an EDFL Club;
2. Must have played exclusively with his/her EDFL current club for the current and previous season;
3. If the player has not exclusively played with his/her current EDFL club for the current and previous season but has returned to an EDFL club with which he/she has previously played, that player or his/her club may apply to the EDFL CEO for special dispensation to allow the player to be considered for selection;
4. Points 2 and 3 need not apply where the player has transferred into the EDFL from another league within the current and/or previous season;
5. Interleague involvement will not be considered for any player who has transferred from one EDFL Club to another EDFL Club within the current or previous season.

## **Apparel**

### **On-Field**

- Playing jumper, playing shorts and playing socks will be provided
- Jewellery and piercings are strictly prohibited at training/gameday

### **Off-Field**

- Players will be required to wear the EDFL apparel provided to and from games and training.
- Strongly recommended that personal items be handed to a parent/guardian for safe keeping. The EDFL will not be held liable for any loss.

## **Cost of program**

There will be pre-determined cost that will be advised at the start of the final squad training. Paying the fee does not guarantee a position in the final team.