Aspley Hornets Junior Football Club – Player movement and transfer policy

Background

AFL Queensland has introduced a new Player Transfer Cap Policy that imposes junior and youth transfer limits on clubs.

Purpose

To provide a clear and consistent approach to Junior and Youth player transfers while complying with AFL Queensland player transfer capping framework while supporting the retention and development of current Aspley players.

1. **AFL Queensland Player transfer capping framework**

Age Group Transfer Caps

Within a football year, a club must not receive from other Southeast Queensland clubs:

- More than four (4) transferred players into any age group; and
- More than two (2) transferred players from the same source club within an age group;

Club-to-Club Transfer Caps

- A maximum of six (6) inbound girls transfers may occur from any one club within Southeast Queensland across all age groups within a football year.
- A maximum of six (6) inbound boys transfers may occur from any one club within Southeast Queensland across all age groups within a football year.

Note: These caps operate independently of one another and are applied separately by gender.

Returning Player Clause

A player may transfer to a club outside of the above transfer caps where:

- The player has previously participated in and completed a minimum of forty (40) matches of junior football with the destination club.
- For the purpose of this rule, any player approved under the Returning Player Clause will not count towards any applicable age group transfer cap or club-to-club transfer cap.

2. **Expression of Interests Forms**

Players wishing to transfer to the Aspley Hornets must submit an expression of interest (EOI) through the online form made available on the Aspley Hornets Football website before the 1st of February in the year in which they wish to play.

Submitting an EOI:

- Does not guarantee a transfer will be approved.

- Does not guarantee that a position will be available.
- Allows the Aspley Football Department to assess demand and available opportunities in line with the AFLQ transfer limits.
- Allows the club to manage player movements in accordance with AFLQ transfer limits.

After 1st of February Aspley Hornets JAFC will review EOIs and current registrations/commitments of existing players proposed team structures and anticipated player numbers for the upcoming season.

3. Player Assessment process

Where the number of transfer requests or expression of interests exceeds the available transfer positions within an age group and or club, Aspley Hornets will assess prospective players against a range of football and club-related considerations.

- The player's current football ability and development potential
- Consideration of existing player numbers and team balance and overall needs of the relevant age group.
- Compliance with AFLQ transfer capping limitations
- The player's history with, or links to, the Aspley Hornets.

Where appropriate, Aspley Hornets may invite prospective players to participate in pre-season training or trial matches to assist with the assessment process. Participation in a trial, training session or assessment does not guarantee that a transfer or registration will subsequently be approved.

4. Player Transfer Approvals

The decision for player transfer approvals will be made by the Junior Football Manager in consultation with the Football Manager and Junior Football Director. The Aspley Football Club will always prioritise the retention and development of current Aspley players.

5. Notification of outcome

Families will be advised of the outcome of their transfer request by the Junior Football Manager as soon as possible following the assessment process.
Possible outcomes;

- Transfer Approved

- Transfer unable to be accommodated due to age-group cap or Club-to-club cap

All decisions made by the Junior Football Manager will be final and based on the information available at the time.
If the Aspley Hornets is unable to accommodate a transfer request, the Aspley Football Club will provide further information and advice on next steps.

6. Transfer Request timeline

1st October – Player Transfer EOI becomes available on Aspley Football Club Website and Social media
1st February – Aspley Hornets Football Club review all completed EOIs and begin assessment process
1st March – Target dates for all available assessments have been completed, and families to be notified of their application status and next steps.