

TEAM FORMATION POLICY

The Club's policy on allocation of players to teams recognises the following principles:

1. Player Safety
2. Team Numbers – If there is more than one team in an Age Group, team numbers are kept as even as possible, within the preferred minimum and maximum player number limits. Under 6 – Under 8 will field teams of 7. Rugby Australia recommend a minimum of 9 and maximum 10 players per team. U9 will field teams of 10. Rugby Australia recommend a minimum of 12 and maximum of 13 players per team.
3. Registration Caps – Player Registration numbers will be capped for each Age Group in Rugby XPlorer. Once the maximum numbers have been reached in Rugby XPlorer for an Age Group, players trying to register will be asked to email the Club Registrar in order to be placed on a Wait List.
4. Playing Positions and the Competitiveness of the team within its respective Age Group Division, ensuring the team numbers remain balanced. ARU Preferred minimum and maximum player numbers per team

All re-registrations and new registrations opened online via Rugby Xplorer on **Monday 2nd December 2019**. In 2020 Player Registration numbers will be capped for each Age Group. Once the maximum numbers have been reached in RugbyLink for an Age Group, players trying to register will be asked to email the Club Registrar in order to be placed on a Wait List. Team Allocations will commence **Friday 14th February 2020** or once capped Age Group numbers have been reached. The Club is unable to hold places open after this date as all new player registration requests need to commence. Players who miss this registration date or apply for allocation to a team with a capped maximum will be added to the Wait List.

AFTER registering on Rugby XPlorer, it is requested that contact is made with Club Registrar Karen Nichols via email at karen@brothersrugby.com in regards to any of the following:

- If there are multiple siblings within the U6-U9 age groups as they are allocated to sibling aligned team colours.
- Requesting a change of team (from previous year's team). This request will be considered by the Club Registrar prior to **Friday 7th February 2020** and in 'order of date received' after Registrations opened on **Monday 2nd December 2019**.
- Any player wishing to play up and an age group.
- If you are a new player to the club. All new registrations are encouraged to nominate a team-mate they would like to play with. This request will be considered by the Club Registrar, when allocating players to new or existing teams.

Wherever possible siblings are placed in the same team colour so that they play at the same venue on any given game day. Wherever possible all returning players will be allocated to last season's core team provided their registration and payment is received no later than **Friday 7th February 2020** or earlier if capped age group player numbers have been reached. Under 6 players must have had their 5th birthday to be registered.