



Granville Rage Skill Acquisition Program
**Guide for Players, Parents
and Supporters**



**Granville Rage
Football Club**

www.granvillerage.com.au



About Granville Rage Football Club

Granville Rage is the representative programme for the Granville area, home of Australia's oldest Association (founded in 1902).

As well as the Youth League program, Granville Rage have teams competing in other major Soccer NSW competitions, with First grade, U20's and U18's playing in the National Premier Leagues.

The aims of Granville Rage are to develop our young members to reach the pinnacle of their ability, and to enjoy the game to its fullest.

The Club will never compromise on its principles of fair-play and sportsmanship, and our policy of "Equal Opportunity" – where everyone gets a fair go.

Granville Rage is an organisation that exists to serve the needs of our community, and welcome all players of competitive standard, regardless of social or ethnic circumstance.

The Club is here to provide a path from Junior Representative right through to Senior Level, and strive to promote the best talent to the best opportunity.

More information is available at www.granvillerrage.com.au



Our Mission, Vision and Values

Club Vision

- + To be a consistently high quality performer in all grades, resulting in championship status
- + To uphold a superior image within the sporting industry, the corporate sector and the general community
- + Local community support for soccer, with playing base of over 12,000 male and female players

Our Values

- + People come first
- + Being honest
- + Being professional and reliable
- + Player development, through focused intelligent planning and hard work
- + Conducting our activities with the highest legal, ethical and moral standards

Our Mission:

“To be the Primary organisation in the promotion and development of Football in the Granville and Districts Soccer Football Association’s region.”



About The Skill Acquisition Program

The FNSW SAP program was developed to provide a clear, professionally delivered development opportunity for young NSW footballers that underpins the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's Competitions.

The aim is to offer our state's young players the best possible learning environment for them to realise their footballing dreams.

Granville Rage is licensed by FNSW to deliver the program for U9 - U12 boys, girls and mixed teams in accordance with FNSW guidelines.

SAP Vision

FNSW will provide young players an opportunity to experience an enhanced football environment, above that provided in community football that will prepare them for the technical and tactical challenges of National Premier Leagues NSW Men's and Women's Competitions.

SAP Mission

The SAP structure will be licensed to FNSW members that meet minimum standards including facilities, coaching and football philosophy consistent with the FFA National Curriculum and FFA and FNSW goals and objectives.



Granville Rage SAP Overview

This document provides all the key information you need regarding our approach to delivering the FNSW SAP Program. A general overview is set out below.

Our objective is to provide the best possible development environment for young players, preparing them to play at the very highest levels in adulthood.

Our team structures are aligned to the FFA's Talented Player Pathway, providing a direct route for young players to reach the National Premier League.

Our SAP program represents the second step in this pathway. Squads for each group are made up two teams of 12 players, with games being in the 9v9 format (7v7 for U9s).

Our program is focused on the skill acquisition phase of youth development as detailed in the FFA National Curriculum, and centres on developing the 'Four Core Skills', being:

- + 1 v 1
- + First touch
- + Running with the ball
- + Striking the ball

Games are played each weekend from March to September (usually on a Sunday).

Training is delivered over 3 hours each week commencing in December.



Talent ID & SAP Participation

Participation in the Granville Rage SAP team is by invitation only as part of our ongoing talent identification process.

Past performance with the club is continually reviewed by our FFA licenced coaches, and each year we run an open trials process to identify new talent.

The trial process takes place in October in each in line with FNSW mandates.

Following the trials and performance review process our coaches and Technical Director identify players to be offered a place in our program for the coming year.

Invitations are then made in writing via the player's parent/guardian.

In order to accept an invitation players & parents must make a full commitment to the program, signified by signing a copy of this document.

Selection decisions are made at the full discretion of the club and are not subject to appeal. Information regarding club trials is available on our website at www.granvillrage.com.au



SAP Coaches and Responsibilities

Each of our SAP squads is led by an FFA qualified coach. Key responsibilities include:

- + Squad selection in partnership with the Technical Director
 - + Development of training plans (including corrective and innovative)
 - + Pre-season training, season training and conditioning (including regular player evaluations)
 - + Team selection is at the coach's discretion, and they will take into account dimensions such as form, attitude, fitness, behaviour, and team balance. No player is "guaranteed" of playing time.
- + Team and individual player discipline
 - + Model appropriate sideline behaviour
 - + Organise the team to acknowledge their supporters at the conclusion of each of the games
 - + Supporting Team Managers and Club Officials by promoting Club Rules & Ethics
 - + Promote the Club by wearing the provided team apparel to all games and setting an example of club pride to the players

Should you have any issues or concerns regarding your child's coaching or team management that cannot be resolved directly please contact the club at viczappia@therage.com.au



SAP Team Managers

Team Managers are appointed to each squad to support the effective operation of the program.

- + The care, distribution and collection of the playing strip
 - + The correct completion and on time submission of all Football NSW paperwork relating to players, teams and referees
 - + Monitoring roster on a weekly basis and reminding parents of their commitments
 - + Keeping the change rooms and bench areas tidy and clean
 - + Responsible for team ID cards
- + Distribution of notes and handouts to all players & communication of any changes in a timely manner
 - + Nomination of 3 ground officials for each game and the supervision of those officials
 - + First Aid kit, drink bottles, spray bottles & ice (if required)
 - + Promote the Club by wearing the provided team apparel to all matches and therefore setting an example for the players

Our club relies on volunteers to fulfil these important positions and we would love to hear from you if you feel you are able to support the program – vic.zappia@therage.com.au



Playing Gear and Presentation

At Granville Rage, we are determined to present an image that reflects our level of professionalism, and the way our players and official dress is key to this.

Uniform Provided for SAP Players

- + One club bag
- + Two training shirts
- + Two training shorts
- + Two training socks
- + One club polo shirt
- + One tracksuit
- + One spray jacket
- + One pair playing shorts
- + One pair playing socks

It is expected that players will present themselves at all times in a neat and tidy manner.

You are representatives of the Club and our Sponsors support us, and we appreciate you respecting this.

Players must dress appropriately (and within the laws of the game) at all times, including training sessions, in transit to, from and during games.

Your team manager will advise appropriate attire for each club event, including games, training and presentation days.



Training and Playing Expectations

The SAP program is focused on player development, where training is considered as important as the games themselves.

- + Training is over 3 hours each week, usually held at Ray Marshall Reserve.
 - + In wet weather the club will seek to organise indoor venues for training which may incur additional fees.
 - + Our training programs are developed by our FFA qualified coaches in partnership with the club's Technical Director and are based on the best practices set out in the FFA's National Curriculum and Football Coaching Process.
- + Respect your coach and manager, and ensure that you comply with the arrival times they set for training, matches, and other events. Always advise them with a minimum of 2 hours notice if unable to attend.
 - + Inform Coach/Manager of any injury and seek professional help if necessary as soon as possible
 - + Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition

Your team manager will advise appropriate attire for each club event, including games, training and presentation days.



General Conduct Expectations

All players, parents and other supporters are expected to adhere to the following general conduct expectations:

- + Our Code of Conduct and any related policies , the FFA and FNSW codes of conduct and of course the Laws of the Game
- + Players are expected to maintain good time keeping (e.g. arriving early for training and games)
- + Players must also demonstrate a positive attitude towards coaches, club officials, parents, supporters, team mates and opponents at all times
- + Any misconduct may lead to suspensions or termination of membership and, ultimately, removal from the program



Youth Players Code of Conduct

- + Play by the rules, play the game for the game's sake, play for yourself, and not just to please parents and coaches.
- + Be generous when you win and be graceful when you lose.
- + Be fair always – at whatever cost. Always obey the laws of the game.
- + Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Encourage your teammates in a positive manner.
- + Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, or the other team.
- + Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace and never argue with an official.
- + Do not engage in physical or verbal confrontations with spectators, officials, coaches, or other players.
- + Conduct yourself with dignity, and at all times as a worthy representative of Granville Rage.
- + Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately sledging or provoking an opponent is not acceptable. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- + Respect the rights of all participants, regardless of race, culture, or religion.



Parents/Guardians Expectations

We welcome your support and commitment - it is a major investment of time and money that you have made to ensure that your child enjoys their football experience. We do however ask that you keep the following expectations in mind.

- + Please understand what is expected of your child by the Club, and help them fulfil their responsibilities.
- + Players are required to be available for all training sessions, trial, tournament, and competition matches, and may be asked to take part in other promotional activities through the year.
- + Please be prepared to assist on match days with set-up and pack-up as needed.
- + Ensure that any medical condition that requires monitoring and treatment is notified to the Club, and that proper precautions and medication are carried out and available at all times – the Club takes no responsibility for administering such treatment.
- + Please understand that, as a member of a select program, your child may be required to take part in promotional activities, such things as photographs being published on our website. If you elect to “opt out” from this happening, you will need to notify the Club in writing, and we will make every reasonable attempt to comply with your wishes.



Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct

- + Remember that your child is participating in the sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- + Always encourage your child in a positive way, and never ridicule any player for mistakes.
- + Focus on your child's efforts and development in the game rather than the result of the game.
- + Encourage your child to be fair always – at whatever cost.
- + Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace, never argue with an official, and encourage your child to do the same.
- + Conduct yourself with dignity, and at all times as a worthy representative of Granville Rage.
- + Show appreciation for coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them there would be no competition.
- + Respect the rights of all participants, regardless of race, culture, or religion.



Training & Game Day Expectations

Parents and supporters are an important part of the game day experience and we actively encourage your support of the players. Negative behaviour or comments of any kind will not however be tolerated and may lead to expulsion from games and further sanctions by the club as appropriate.

We also ask that parents:

- + Coaching is the responsibility of the appointed coaches - at no time should a parent enter the training area during training sessions, or the dressing room or playing area before, during, or after games unless specifically invited by Rage Officials.
 - + Avoid offering coaching or 'tips' from the sidelines so that players are not receiving mixed instructions and to ensure that players are allowed to make their own decisions on the pitch.
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- + Respect the referees and match officials at all times.
 - + Respect opposition players, coaches and parents. Just like comments to our own players, nothing negative should be said.
 - + If confronted with other teams displaying negative behaviour we ask that our supporters do not engage and simply report any incidents to a club official.



Club Communication & Information

All official communication and information will be made available via our website at www.granvillerage.com.au

In addition to the website we also maintain an official Facebook page where we will also post certain information – @granvillerage.com.au

Your team may also make use of a team management application such as Team App to make group communication easier. These apps are maintained by Team Managers who will provide information as required.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of a player's development, progress or participation in the program, please make an initial enquiry via the team manager who can make arrangements for your coach or the club's Technical Director to meet with you at an appropriate time.

Try to avoid delay so that matters can be resolved before they escalate – but please avoid raising issues on game days.

This is to ensure that coaches are able to focus solely on the players during training sessions and game days.



2018 Fee Policies

The 2018 SAP fees are shown below and must be made in full by the due date in order to secure your place on the program

SAP Fees (inc. GST)	Due Date
\$500.00	On signing
\$500.00	End November '17
\$500.00	End January '18

- + Payment can be made by EFT, cheque or cash.
- + No refunds will be provided after the commencement of the program
- + Should you have any queries regarding payment please contact the club via email at viczappia@therage.com.au



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For further information please visit our website or
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