



Grading Policy – Carine Netball Club

Aim:

Carine Netball Club is committed to providing all of its members with the opportunity to play netball in competitive teams. Grading is the method by which we aim to achieve this objective for our players.

The aim of the grading process is to ensure all players are placed in a team that will:

- a) Best represent their level of skill and ability.
- b) Maximize opportunities to develop and improve their skills.
- c) Maximize their enjoyment and love of the game.

This document is also a guide for players and parents so that they can be better informed on the grading process and the level of involvement and strategic thought that goes into grading.

We encourage parents and players to be reasonable in their expectations and encourage positive feedback so that children will be happy in the teams in which they are ultimately placed.

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Grading Co-coordinators / Committee

The Grading Committee consists of the Grading Co-coordinator and a team of independent selectors (usually past and present coaches, senior players, independent players from other clubs and coaches from other clubs, where possible). Wherever possible the Grading Coordinators will obtain high level internal and external graders.

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NetSetGo

Players in the NetSetGo age groups will not be graded but will be placed in teams around age and number of years played.

Junior and Senior Teams

Grading is compulsory for *all* Carine Netball Club players (excluding NetSetGo Players). There will be a number of compulsory sessions that must be attended wherever possible.

All players will be asked to grade in the age group in which they are turning that calendar year.

At the discretion of the Grading Committee, players may be invited to attend the grading session of an older age group. *(It is the club's aim to have everyone play in the correct age group, however some players may need to play in an older age group and this will be at the discretion of the Grading Coordinators, the player and their parent(s).)*

When grading junior players, coach's feedback and prior year grading will all be taken into account in addition to the current grading sessions.

Grading Process

Coaches' Feedback

Coaches will be required to provide some feedback on their teams both after Round 5 and again at the end of the season. This feedback is received in confidence and *only* used as a tool for best positioning players in teams.

This information is valuable to the Grading Coordinators as it will enable us to determine which girls are progressing, and to ensure we are able to build up as much information on all of our girls as we can to place them in teams that are best suited to their abilities and to ensure they continue to enjoy their netball.

Pre-Season Grading

To be undertaken within two of the final four rounds of the prior netball season.

This will be undertaken by independent graders who are both internal and external graders.

- **NetSetGo teams** are NOT graded
- **Junior teams** will be graded by two internal graders for half a game each

- **Lower division Under 15 teams** will be graded by two internal graders for half a game each
- **Higher division Under 15 and Under 18 teams** will be graded by one internal and one external grader for half a game each

Additional Notes:

- Any player who is absent from the grading session for their age group is required to notify the coordinator by email prior to grading day.
- A player who is unable to attend their grading session will be placed in a team based on prior grading information (preseason grading, coach's feedback). This is not the optimum way to position girls into teams.
- During the grading sessions (including pre-season grading) the following will be taken into account: Footwork, ball-handling, speed and agility, body control, attacking skills, game perception and sense, defending skills, sportsmanship and attitude, fitness and versatility.

Grading Positions – will be allocated based on coaches' feedback and prior year grading, (where available), however girls who wish to grade in alternative positions are to speak to grading coordinators in confidence at allocated times. These times will be made available when the current year grading is undertaken.

The Grading Committee must also consider the spread of positions (attack, mid court and defence) required in a team.

Parents, players and coaches are **not** to approach the selectors at any time outside of the allocated times during or after the grading process. However coaches may be consulted by the selectors if required.

Announcement of teams

Players will be advised on their team at the **Allocation Day**. Coaches and Managers will also need to be allocated at this time, otherwise the team cannot be registered with WDNA. Court training times are also booked at Allocation Day.

WDNA requirements

Please always remember that we are required to adhere to WDNA rules and regulations. This relates also to presenting teams within WDNA specified age groups, which are subject to change from year to year and may require additional adjustments to teams we may have established, as well as WDNA's involvement in the ultimate Divisions that our teams settle in. Divisions can be adjusted at prescribed times throughout each season at WDNA's discretion.

Confidentiality

All grading assessment sheets, coaches' reports and selectors' discussions are strictly confidential. Parents, guardians, coaches or managers **must not** approach selectors or members of the grading committee for this information.

We ask that graders do NOT make this information available to any of the before mentioned members of Carine Netball Club, or any members outside of our club.