



GRADING POLICY

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SHELLHARBOUR NETBALL CLUB

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OBJECTIVE

Shellharbour Netball Club (SNC) is committed to providing our members with the opportunity to play netball in competitive teams. Grading is the means by which we aim to achieve this objective for our registered 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) Maximise opportunities to develop and improve their skills
- c) Maximise their enjoyment and love of the game

Each year, SNC will follow the processes outlined in this document for all teams. By doing so, SNC will ensure that grading is completed in a fair and equitable manner.

1. Grading Committee

- i. The grading committee consists of the Grading Convenor and a team of independent, experienced selectors (usually past and present coaches and senior players, netball executive members).
- ii. Grading committee members are selected and approved by the SNC Netball executive committee.

2. Net Set Go Competition

- i. Players in the Under 8 and Under 9 year old teams are not graded. A request to play with friends will be accommodated if numbers allow. Such requests can be made on the Netball Consent Form at Club registration.
- ii. Teams will be loosely ranked by the committee based on the age of the players and previous experience (e.g. if there are 2 NER under 8 teams and one is filled with all 8 year olds and the other is filled with some 8 year olds and some 7 year olds then the club will request that the 2nd team play against other teams that are a mix of 7 and 8 year olds)

3. Junior (Under 10 - Under 17) players

- i. Individual player grading will take place where there is more than one team in an age group.
- ii. Grading is compulsory for all junior players
- iii. All players will be asked to grade in the age they are turning that calendar year.
- iv. At the discretion of the Grading Committee players may be invited to attend the grading session of an older age group.
- v. When grading junior players, mid court, attack and defence positions will be taken into account to ensure a fair spread of positions.
- vi. It is the clubs 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 committee.



- vii. Request to play with friends or siblings can be made on the netball registration form. These will be considered by the netball grading committee when teams are being selected and they will be graded into the team of the lowest graded player.

4. Senior Players

- i. Senior grading will be at the discretion of the SNC.
- ii. Seniors wishing to be considered for a higher grade must request on the netball registration form or advise the senior register.

5. Coaches Report

- i. At the completion of the winter competition, the coaches will submit their team/player report.
- ii. This report considers the following criteria;
 - a. Player's general skill level (passing, footwork, breaking, defending)
 - b. Commitment
 - c. Attitude
 - d. and if individuals should be considered for a higher grade team

6. Paper Grading

- i. Prior to courtside grading, the grading committee will review the coach's reports to plan the on court grading session.

7. Grading Day

- i. If a player has indicated on their registration form that they wish to be considered for the top division in their age group, then, they must attend grading. There is no guarantee that if a player attends grading that they will be automatically placed in the top division for their age group.
- ii. If a player knows they will be absent from the grading session for their age group they are required to notify the Club Secretary by email prior to grading day.
- iii. A player who does not attend their grading session will be placed in a team based on paper grading. This will take into consideration the player's previous playing experience and their coach's report. There is no guarantee that the player will play in the same team as last season.
- iv. At the grading day, selectors will be appointed to each age group. During the grading session the following will be taken into account:
 - a. Footwork
 - b. Speed and agility
 - c. Ball handling skills
 - d. Attacking skills
 - e. Defending skills
 - f. Fitness
 - g. Versatility
 - h. Perception and cognition skills
 - i. Sportsmanship and attitude



- v. Each player will have the opportunity to trial in at least one of their preferred positions.
- vi. A player may also be asked to play in a position that is not their preference to aid the grading process.
- vii. The Grading Committee must also consider the spread of positions (attack, mid court and defence) required in a team.
- viii. Parents, players and coaches are not to approach the selectors at any time during or after the grading process. However, coaches may be consulted by the selectors if required.

8. Final Team Selection

- i. After the practical grading sessions have been completed for all age groups, the grading committee will convene. They will take into account the selectors recommendations, the coach's reports and any other considerations to finalise teams. The committee will also take into consideration the divisions in which the teams are likely to be placed.
- ii. Player movements in and out of teams does occur. Placement in a team one year does not ensure the team will remain together the following year due to;
 - a. Changes in the number of players registered with the Club
 - b. Experienced players coming from other teams/clubs
 - c. Rates of development of players from season to season
- iii. The committee urges players and parents to be objective and reasonable in their expectations and encourage positive feedback so that children will be happy in the teams in which they are ultimately placed.

9. Announcement of teams

- i. Players will be advised on their team selection via the SNC website.
- ii. Teams will be announced on the SNC within 48 hours after the grading committee convene.
- iii. Coaches will be appointed to teams and contact players/parents to organise training sessions.

10. Disputes

- i. If a family considers that their child has been unfairly treated in the grading process they must submit their concern in writing via email addressed to the Club President info@shellharbournetball.com.au within 24 hours of team postings.
- ii. No grading issues will be discussed over the phone or in person, until it has been referred to the Grading Committee.
- iii. The Committee will reconvene to consider the complaint and the family will be advised of their decision within 24 hours.
- iv. All decisions will be final.



11. Refunds

- i. Registration refund is governed by Netball NSW, IDNA and SNC rules and regulations.
- ii. Refunds to Players that withdraw from SNC after the start of the grading procedure is at the discretion of the committee
- iii. Applications for refunds must be submitted in writing addressed to the Club Secretary, info@shellharbournetball.com.au

12. Confidentiality

- i. All grading assessment sheets, coach's reports and selectors' discussions are strictly confidential.
- ii. Parents and guardians must not approach selectors or members of the grading committee for information.



Revision History

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