



## NORTH RYDE RSL NETBALL CLUB GRADING POLICY

### AIM

The aim of this policy is to ensure Grading of players and teams is conducted fairly and effectively, and in the best interests of North Ryde RSL Netball Club (NRRSLNC) and players.

Grading is the process of establishing the number and composition of NRRSLNC teams to compete in the Association competition.

Grading is influenced by the number and ages of players registered with NRRSLNC. Grading will aim to achieve teams that have a balanced group of players in playing positions and ability levels.

### GRADING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

All players to be graded must be registered prior to Grading. All players will be graded for their appropriate age group according to their skills on court in addition to the details given in their individual proficiency reports from the previous season.

The Committee conducts a paper Grading, where they discuss the recommendations of the previous year's coaches to work out team numbers and potential player allocation.

### AGE GROUPS

- 6, 7 and 8 year olds – no individual Grading – no team ranking (no divisions)
- 9 to 14 year olds – individual player Grading is mandatory. NRRSLNC's preferred scenario for all teams is to only have a maximum of two (2) substitutes in any one team.

### PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All players must be registered with NRRSLNC to participate in the Grading process.
2. Each player should nominate 1 or 2 preferred positions
3. At Grading each player will play a minimum of 2 games in their nominated positions.

If a player is unable to attend practical Grading, the player or parent/guardian must notify the Junior Registrar prior to Grading. Placement into a team for this player will be based upon graders evaluation report, paper Grading incorporating the recommendations of the previous year's coach. While it would be ideal to place players with their friends, the Grading Committee's duty is to select the best mix of teams to represent NRRSLNC. We encourage players and parents to accept their team and make new friends, and once the season starts, children usually settle in and enjoy playing netball. The support of parents is greatly encouraged for this to occur smoothly.



## **GRADING CRITERIA**

When assessing players, the Grading Committee will primarily be looking at the following criteria:

- Ball control
- Passing / Catching technique
- Footwork Additionally, the following skills will be taken into account
- Shooting accuracy
- Defensive skills (One on One defence)
- Speed and endurance
- Teamwork
- Athletic ability
- Positional play
- Potential to improve

## **GRADING PROCESS**

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## **COACH'S EVALUATION**

At the middle and end of the season, each coach is to provide a written evaluation of each player's skill, attendance at training and games, teamwork and attitude.

## **INDEPENDENT PLAYER ASSESSMENTS**

During the season, Committee appointed assessors will attend various games and report their observations of players' skill levels back to the Grading Committee.

## **PAPER GRADING**

Prior to practical Grading, all Grades will assess the Evaluation Reports and place players into teams for the Practical Grading session.



## TEAM FORMATION

In forming teams, the Grading Committee members (without a child in this age group) will take into consideration the previous year's graders evaluation report, coaches report, paper Grading and play observed at practical Grading, whilst keeping in mind that a netball team requires a balance of height, agility and ball skills, as well as defences, shooters and centre court players. All members of the Grading Committee without a child in the age group will be in attendance at all practical Grading sessions.

## TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teams will be announced via the club website at [www.northrydersInc.nsw.netball.com.au](http://www.northrydersInc.nsw.netball.com.au) after presentation to the NRRSLNC Executive.

NRRSLNC aims to ensure team Grading is conducted fairly and effectively.

Players and parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations, and to encourage their children to be happy in their sport.

## LATE REGISTRATIONS

Any registrations taken after team announcements will only be considered if numbers within the players own age group support it. If a late registration is accepted, the player will be allocated to a team by the Grading Committee.

## APPEALS

In the event of any Grading concern, correspondence should be sent to the Grading Coordinator [grading.nrrslnetball@gmail.com](mailto:grading.nrrslnetball@gmail.com) within 24 hours of team announcements being advertised on the NRRSLNC website. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

## TEAM PLACINGS / DIVISIONS

Teams are placed in divisions by Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, not NRRSLNC. These team placings/divisions are final.