

Brothers North Netball

Grading Policy Last reviewed: January 2018

Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure grading is conducted fairly and effectively, and in the best interests of the club and players.

Grading is the process of establishing the number and composition of Brothers *North* Netball Club teams to compete in the Pine Rivers Netball Association (PRNA) competition.

Grading- Sat 3rd February @ PRNA Courts

8:00am to 10:00am Rep players

Sat 10th February @ Genesis school indoor court

2:00pm to 3:30pm turning 15yrs to Open in 2018

3.30pm to 5.00pm turning 11yrs to 14yrs in 2018

(Players are expected to be there for whole of their age group session)

Grading is influenced by the following key factors:

- The current structure (age and division levels) of the PRNA competition
- PRNA by-laws concerning age limitations in open divisions
- The number and ages of players registered with Brothers *North* Netball Club

1. Principles

Grading will be guided by the following principles:

- a) Grading will be based primarily on the ability and potential ability demonstrated by players at the time of grading. If required, other information may be used to assist grading such as coaching reports from the previous season.
- b) Players will be provided with an adequate opportunity to demonstrate their playing ability.
- c) Players should demonstrate an ability to cope with the demands of the division in which they are selected.
- d) Teams will be placed in a PRNA division appropriate to the team's ability.
- e) Grading will aim to achieve teams that have a balanced group of players in playing positions.
- f) If a player is unable to attend grading, the player or parent/guardian (for a player under 18 years) should notify the Club Secretary in writing prior to grading. In the case of injury or illness, a doctor's certificate should be supplied.

2. Responsibilities

Brothers *North* Netball Club Grading Committee – The Grading Committee is responsible for conducting grading. The Committee will:

- Plan and conduct grading according to the club's Grading Policy.
- Ensure grading times and locations are communicated to players at club registration (sign on), on the club's website, and via email where possible.
- Provide an opportunity for players to demonstrate playing ability through organised games and other methods where appropriate (eg skill drills).

Brothers *North* Netball Club President - The President will:

- Chair the Grading Committee.
- Ensure the Grading Policy is adhered to.
- Provide an explanation to any player about their grading situation if required.
- Arbitrate on matters relating to grading.

Brothers *North* Netball Club Players - Players will:

- Arrive promptly and appropriately dressed and equipped for grading sessions.
- Provide the Club Secretary with written notice prior to grading if they are unable to attend.
- Perform to the best of their ability at grading sessions.

PLAYERS who request a position on the same team.

Parents of all players concerned (under 18) will need to provide

a letter signed by the parents stating this to be so.

Please note: The players will be positioned in a team of the lowest skilled player for the coming season.

3. Grading Criteria - In assessing the ability of a player, the Grading Committee will take into account:

- Footwork/Movement Skills - for example balanced landing and moving; demonstrating good body control; changing direction effectively and appropriately
- Ball Handling - for example catching effectively; passing accurately; using a variety of passes in appropriate situations; using more advanced skills such as faking a pass, one hand control and passing on either side
- Attacking Skills - for example moving into or creating space with basic leads, dodges and changes of direction; using a variety and/or combination of attacking moves; an awareness of the use of space; shooting action and accuracy; using more advanced skills such as double dodge, half and full roll, front cut
- Defending Skills - for example recovering to 3 feet; getting hands over the ball; shadowing effectively; effective footwork, body control and positioning; defending from front, side and back; defending the shot; using more advanced skills such as sagging, anticipating and positioning for intercepts, communicating, switching with and covering team mates.
- Perception/Cognition Skills – for example awareness of space, players, ball and game situations; on-court decision-making; timing of movement and pass release; pass selection; creating and play options, "reading" the game; concentration; performance under game pressure

4. Disputes

If a player or parent/guardian (in the case of a player under 18 years) feels she has been unjustly treated in the grading process, her concerns and any supporting information should be put in writing to the Club Secretary.

The Grading Committee will then reconsider the grading decision. The Committee may utilise other information to assist its deliberation including coaching reports from the previous season.

The Chair of the Grading Committee will inform the player of the Committee's decision as soon as possible. If the player is still dissatisfied, the matter will be submitted to the club's Executive Committee for resolution.

Brothers *North* Netball Club aims to ensure team grading is conducted fairly and effectively. Players and parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations.