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Allstars Netball Incorporated

Grading Policy

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Allstars Netball Club has grading guidelines whereby players will be graded into teams based on their ability, skill level, attitude and commitment. Please note that the under 7, 8, 9 & 10 year age groups will not be graded.

The Grading Committee consists of internal and external Graders appointed by the Allstars Netball Club Committee. No member of the Grading Committee will grade their own child. Grading may be influenced by the number and ages of players registered with the club. Players may be placed in older age groups at the discretion of the Grading and Management Committees.

Allstars Netball Club hopes that players and parents understand the complexities of grading and the difficulties that the Grading Committee have in achieving teams that have a balanced group of players in different playing positions.

## Why We Grade Our Teams

Netball is a graded, competitive sport from the age of 11 with representative opportunities. To ensure the best chance of success for all teams and the greatest level of enjoyment and development of our players, it is necessary to grade players into teams with players of similar ability.

Stronger players always enjoy the challenge of a harder faster competition and do not develop to their potential if graded to a lower team to be kept with a friend.

Similarly, players who are placed in teams above their ability will also not develop to their potential when being constantly overshadowed by the more talented players around them.

Players and parents should also be aware that success for a team one year does not always ensure they will remain together the following year. Due to the nature of change, new registrations and differing development rates of all players from season to season, player movement in and out of such teams may still occur.

Players and parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations, and to encourage their children to be happy in their chosen sport no matter what team they are ultimately placed in.

## Methods of Grading

Following Registration, all players (under 11 and above) are required to attend a Grading day(s), where the Grading Committee will assess the players' ability, skills, fitness, attitude, commitment etc. Attendance at this Grading Day is in the best interests of all players and the Club.

During the previous season prior to grading, all players are observed by members of the Grading Committee/Allstars Netball Club Committee and Coaches during their normal Saturday games, to assess how they perform during a real game situation. Prior to grading, each Coach will submit a report to the Grading Committee giving details of each player's ability and skill level, attitude and commitment and strengths and weaknesses.

If a player is unable to attend the Grading Day, the parent must notify the Club Registrar via email: [allstars.registrar@outlook.com](mailto:allstars.registrar@outlook.com), prior to Grading Day. Grading for this player will then be based on the previous season's observations and the Coach's report. If an email is not received, the player will be placed in a team at the discretion of the Allstars Netball Club Grading Committee.

Allstars Netball Club and the Grading Committee understand that players (and their parents) often want to play sport with friends and in friendship groups. However, it is Allstars Netball Club's and the Grading Committee's duty to place players in teams based on their ability and skill level, taking into account the positions that they have nominated to play. We strongly encourage players to embrace the opportunity of playing with the team that they have been placed in, and in making new friends. We greatly appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that the team settles in to an enjoyable netball season.

## Team Announcements

It is our goal that teams will be announced early/mid March 2021.

The decision of the Allstars Netball Club Executive and the Grading Committee will be final and binding.

The Grading Committee must not be contacted directly in relation to grading.

Any concerns/questions can be made via email to [allstars.netball@outlook.com.au](mailto:allstars.netball@outlook.com.au)

*Here's to another great season – Look forward to seeing you all at the courts!*