

CURL CURL SPORTS NETBALL CLUB INC

GRADING POLICY



DEFINITIONS

- Curl Curl Sports Netball Club Inc (“**Club**”)
- Grading Policy (“**Policy**”)
- Manly Warringah Netball Association (“**MWNA**”)

1. AIM

The Policy will ensure that:

A. for grading purposes, every child is treated and assessed as an individual Club member, irrespective of previous team or grade.

B. every child has an equal opportunity.

Grading is influenced by the number and ages of players registered with the Club at the time of grading. Grading will aim to achieve teams that have a balanced group of players in playing positions and ability levels. Attendance at grading day is in the best interests of all players and the Club.

2. GRADING STRUCTURE

NETSETGO (NSG)

- **Players aged 8 and 9 years** playing in the modified, non-competitive competition (NSG) are not graded. Requests to play with friends need to be made in writing via the on-line registration form and will be accommodated where possible, depending on overall registrations in that age group. Social teams may be formed, and the team manager is to email the Club NSG Convenor full team participants at netsetgo@curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au

JUNIORS – 10yrs - 15yrs

- **All registered Junior players (aged 10 years – 15 years)** are required to attend practical grading day, **unless the Club notifies that no practical grading is required for a particular age group. Practical grading is a compulsory requirement of our Club.** Where players do not attend practical grading, the previous year’s Club coach’s report along with player history will be used to place the player in a team. If a player is unable to attend practical grading, the parent/guardian must notify the Club Secretary via email to secretary@curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au and give details of inability to attend **no later than 1pm on the scheduled practical grading day.**

The Club reserves the right to paper grade any Club Junior grade (in lieu of practical grading), if the Grading Committee determines it is appropriate for a particular age group.

- The Club and the Grading Committee understands that players (and their parents) often want to play sport with friends and in friendship groups. However, it is the Club’s and the Grading Committee’s duty to place players in teams based on their ability and skill level, considering the positions that they have nominated to play (where applicable). Stronger players always enjoy the challenge of harder, faster competition and do not develop to their potential if graded lower to be kept with a friend. Teams from the previous season may not remain the same, with players developing at different rates, new players joining the Club and some players may not return.

- o Please consider that netball is a graded, competitive sport after the age of 10 with representative opportunities. We encourage our players to accept their team, make new friendships and settle in an enjoy playing netball. The Club urges parents to be objective and reasonable in their expectations, the support of parents is greatly encouraged for their child's smooth transition into a new team.

SENIORS

- o Senior teams are mostly social teams however, the Club may grade single registered players into a team that is based on playing history and ability practical grading will not be required, unless otherwise notified by the Club.

CADETS

- o Subject to Club approval, registered Club players can combine to form a team (for Cadets, players must be of equivalent playing ability). The full names of the players should be emailed to the Club Secretary prior to the close of Club registrations for the relevant year. Pre-formed teams will only be considered where all players are registered with the Club **PRIOR** to the advertised closing date of Club registrations each year. Practical grading will not be required, unless notified by the Club.

MIXED & MENS TEAMS

- o Players can register with the Club to play in the MWNA Mixed and Men's competitions. Practical grading will not be required unless deemed necessary. Where players wish to submit a pre-formed team, please send the names of all players to the Club Secretary prior to the close of Club registrations for the relevant year. Note that the Mixed and Men's competitions are in their infancy and are run subject to MWNA approval each year.

3. CLUB GRADING COMMITTEE

The Club Grading Committee will be determined by the Grading Convenor and may include the Coaching Convenor and other independent graders appointed from within and beyond the Club ("**Graders**"). Where practical, no member of the Grading Committee will grade their own or related child.

4. CLUB GRADING PROCESS

With so many teams it is important that Club team selections run smoothly and that everyone understands the grading process. Grading is the process of establishing the number and composition of Club teams to compete in the Manly Warringah Netball Association (**MWNA**) competition each year and which grades/divisions of competition to request for each team.

Club Grading Criteria

General Criteria – includes, but is not limited to:

- Number of players to be graded in an age group
- Footwork/Movement skills
- Ball Handling Skills
- Attacking Skills
- Defensive Skills
- Perception/Cognition Skills
- Sportsmanship and Attitude

Coach's Evaluation - At the end of each Winter season, each Club coach is asked to provide a report for their team of each player's positions played, ability and skill level, attendance at training and games, attitude etc. All Coaches Reports remain confidential and should not be discussed with other coaches/managers/parents or players.

Individual Player Assessments - During the Winter season, player's may be observed by members of the Grading Committee and Club officials during their regular Winter season games to assess how they perform during a real game situation. Reports may also be received by the Grading Committee from MWNA officials and representative coaches. All observer reports remain confidential.

Paper Grading - Prior to practical grading, The Grading Committee assess the above criteria, reports and evaluations, to place players into teams for the practical grading session.

Practical Grading - Each Practical Grading session shall be watched by at least two (2) Club appointed Graders.

Under the supervision of the Grading Convenor, players presenting for Club grading shall be formed into teams for practical grading.

Players shall trial in at least two (2) positions they nominate at registration, but may be asked by Graders on grading day to trial in other positions, either to make up a team for grading purposes, or because the Graders would like to see how the player performs in those positions.

Where players are asked to fill other positions during grading, they must still have an opportunity to play in two (2) of their nominated positions. As outlined in the above Grading Criteria, in forming graded Club teams, the Graders take into consideration the Coaches' reports, independent assessment reports, paper grading and play observed at practical grading, together with player fitness, skill level, teamwork and attitude. While also keeping in mind that a netball team requires a balance of players in defence, centre court and shooting positions.

PAYMENT OF YOUR REGISTRATION FEE IS ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRADING POLICY. NO REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE GIVEN AFTER TEAM GRADING IS PUBLISHED.

GRADING APPEALS

If a player wishes to appeal their grading, based on their playing skills, they may submit an appeal requesting a review of the grading decision ("**Appeal**"). All Appeals must be submitted via email to Club Secretary, secretary@curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au within **two (2) days** of the announcement of teams and include the players name, age and reason for appeal of the grading decision.

Appeals will be heard by a committee which may consist of the following - the Club President, the Club Vice-President, the Club Grading Convenor, the Club Coaching Convenor ("**Appeals Committee**"). Where any of the above are unavailable, the Club may appoint one or more independent assessor(s) from within or beyond the Club to the Appeals Committee.

All Appeals will be considered by the Appeals Committee within two (2) business days (i.e. not a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in NSW), of being received by the Club Secretary and a decision advised to the player within four (4) business days from the receipt of the appeal submission. If due to extenuating circumstances, the Appeal Committee cannot adhere to the above timing, the player (or player parent) will be notified of revised timing.

All decisions of the Appeals Committee will be final and binding.

5. JUNIOR TEAM FORMATION

The Club will aim to notify junior players of their teams within 1 week following final Club grading day. Junior teams will have a coach appointed as soon as possible following team

finalisation and the coach will contact players/parents to organise training sessions at a mutually convenient time.

6. MWNA GRADING – MWNA undertakes a grading process (whether practical or paper), of all the Association's teams (other than NSG teams).

10YRS teams will usually participate in a physical (practical) grading day round robin prior to the season commencement, against teams from other clubs to determine a grade for their team. MWNA will notify the Club of each team grade prior to the season commencement.

All other age groups are generally graded on paper by the MWNA Grading Committee, and the Club notified of the MWNA grade prior to the start of the season. In certain circumstances, MWNA may require practical grading of other junior age groups prior to the season commencement, if this occurs, players from the relevant age group will be notified of the practical grading day date set by MWNA.