

GRADING POLICY

OBJECTIVES OF GRADING

For Players

To provide a clear process for all players to be 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

For the Club

- A – Ensure that all players are placed in teams in a fair and equitable manner by the relevant persons
- B – Enable the Club to properly assess and nominate team placing (i.e. which division) for the season

GRADING COMMITTEE

Grading is conducted by the Lane Cove Netball Club Grading Committee which consists of:

Employed professional coaches. Should the Club not have any employed professional coaches then the grading committee will consist of The Coaching co-ordinator, parent coaches and at least two independent graders.

All grading committee members will be approved by the Lane Cove Netball Club Committee. Coaches from previous seasons will be consulted to assist with grading for future seasons.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Any requests can be submitted in writing to the Lane Cove Netball Club Committee prior to the first grading day for consideration.

AGE GROUPS

7/8 years No individual player grading AND no team rankings (no divisions)

9/10/11/12/13+ years Individual player grading

Lane Cove Netball Club prefer all teams have a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 9 players. This will be at the discretion of the Lane Cove Netball Club Committee and is dependent on final numbers of players in an age group.

GRADING PROCESS

NetSetGo – under 7/ 8/9 years

In this age group Lane Cove Netball Club recognises that children want to play with their friends, so at all times it is the Club's objective to achieve this ideal scenario.

Under 9's teams may be subject to mid-season grading by Lane Cove Netball Club Committee to assist with the following years grading in the under 10 years, as well as Player Evaluation Sheets will be collected from this age groups coaches at the end of the season.

JUNIORS – UNDER 10/11/12/13+ YEARS

To ensure that all players are placed in appropriate teams, grading is compulsory for all junior players. All players must grade in their own age group (i.e. the age that they are turning that calendar year). Players may be invited to attend grading of a higher age group at the discretion of the Grading Committee. Each player will have the opportunity to trial in at least one of their preferred positions. Playing positions will be taken into account to ensure the team has a fair spread of positions (shooters, defence, and centre court).

Under 10 years age group is especially important, as it is the first year of competition and the Lane Cove Netball Club wants to make sure we get the right players in the right divisions, as it can have a flow on effect for future years. In the under 10 years age group, playing positions are not as important at grading as a player's all round skill set.

GRADING CRITERIA FOR UNDER 10/11/12/13+ TEAMS

When assessing players the Grading Committee will be looking at the following criteria;

- A – Ball control
- B – passing/catching technique
- C – Footwork
- D – Shooting accuracy
- E – Defensive skills (one on one)
- F – Speed and Endurance
- F – Teamwork and attitude
- G – Athletic ability
- H – Positional play
- I – Potential to improve

PLAYER NOTIFICATION

Players will be advised on their team selection via email.

Initial team notifications are subject to change at the discretion of the Lane Cove Netball Club Committee.

DISPUTES

Any disputes regarding grading must be submitted in writing to the Lane Cove Netball Club Secretary within 72 hours of team postings. No grading issues will be discussed over the phone or in person. Members of the grading committee will reconvene to consider the complaint and will advise them of their decision at their earliest convenience.

TEAM PLACING/DIVISIONS

- Teams are placed in divisions/grades by the North Sydney Netball Association NOT the Lane Cove Netball Club.
- These team placing/divisions are final.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All grading assessments sheets and player evaluation reports (coaches' summaries) are the confidential property of the Lane Cove Netball Club.