

Grading Policy

Hawkesbury City Netball Association

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All Affiliated Clubs and their Members have a responsibility to ensure they have read and understand the Hawkesbury City Netball Association's Constitution (the Constitution) and Policy Documents.

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1. Roles and Responsibilities

1.1 Grading of players within Club teams is the responsibility of the Club.

1.2 Clubs should ensure grading is done to complement the players' current skills and provide for development.

2. Grading Guidelines.

2.1 Where possible, an even number of teams will be graded into each division, based on previous year's results where teams retain five (5) or more players from previous year and in consideration of the Club's recommendation.

2.2 All divisions are to have their grading reviewed after the fifth (5) week of competition.

2.3 Any re-grading required is to be done at this time and a new draw issued. Clubs will be asked for any recommendation for re-grading at this time.

2.4 When a team is re-graded, point scores and for and against percentage will be carried over to the new division.

2.5 Divisions shall be based on these guidelines which may be amended as appropriate each season with respect to the available teams.

<u>Junior Competition</u>

Junior 1 / Junior 2 – first year out of NetSetGo, primarily 10yr olds with Junior 2 being the higher division

Junior 3 / Junior 4 – primarily 11yr olds with junior 4 being the higher division

Junior 5 / Junior 6 – primarily 12yr olds with junior 6 being the higher division

Junior 7 / Junior 8 – primarily 13yr olds with junior 8 being the higher division

Intermediate 5 – less competitive 13-15yr olds division

Intermediate 4 – more competitive 13-15yr olds division

Intermediate 3 – strongly competitive division, 12-15yrs players

Intermediate 2 – strongly competitive division, 12-15yrs players

Intermediate 1 – top 14-17yr olds division

Senior Competition

A grade – highest competitive division

B grade – next division after A grade

C grade – next division after B grade

Cadets – senior division for 16-25yrs players

Should other divisions be required due to team numbers they shall be introduced in line with these guidelines

3. Grading Procedures Following Registration

3.1 Registration

3.1.1 All teams must register a minimum of seven (7) players.

3.1.2 Provisional grading completed based on:

3.1.2.1 Auto promotion of winner to higher grade if five (5) or more players are retained from the winning team.

3.1.2.2 Auto relegation of bottom placed team if five (5) or more players are retained from the previous year.

3.1.2.3 Provisional grading to be posted listing all teams.

3.1.2.4 Clubs have five (5) days in which to request regrading and/or move individual players within teams within the club.

3.1.2.5 Players cannot change clubs after registration, unless approved by Council.

3.2 Late Registrations

3.2.1 Where in the opinion of the Competitions Convenor, a late registration, or multiple late registrations in any one team at any time during the normal season, results in a team's original grading being no longer appropriate that team may be re-graded. Any team re-graded will carry forward all points to their new grading (refer to clause 2.4).

3.3 Dual Registered Players

3.3.1 Dual Registrations (refer 3.4 of the Competitions Policy) can be accepted after grading has been confirmed.

4. Grading of Representative Players

4.1 Junior Representative “import’ players

4.1.1 Refer to clause 9.2 and sub-clauses of the Affiliation, Membership and Registration Policy.

5. Alterations to Policy

This policy may only be altered by special resolution passed by at least half (1/2) of the members present and voting at a General Council Meeting of the Association which not less than seven (7) days written notice specifying the resolution(s) to be proposed has been given.