



## 2017 GRADING PROCEDURE

As our grading is done on "paper" it is absolutely imperative that Clubs present as much accurate information on their Registration forms about **each** player as possible and give a general description of the skills/ability of the overall team and an indication of players lost or gained to the team since 2016. This should be entered in the section "reason for requested grade", please see the attached example for reference. All this information will greatly assist the Grading Committee.

A further unavoidable problem the Grading Committee and Clubs face is the changes in teams between Registration day and the first game (approx. 5-6 weeks), when due to various circumstances players have decided not to play and replacement players are registered. These changes, at times, can quite dramatically change the composition of a team which can then affect the grade.

The following is a guideline of grading procedures used by the Association for the Winter competition and we trust this may be of some help to Clubs.

Every endeavour is made by the Grading Committee not to place 2 teams from the same Club in the same grade, however this may occur when in the opinion of the grading committee, downgrading one of them would result in an unequal competition in the lower grade.

### SENIOR DIVISION

- Senior teams are graded on ability;
- Teams with 5 or more players from the previous year are considered to constitute the same team;
- Teams winning a Premiership the previous year, with 5 remaining players, are considered with view to being promoted up a grade;
- Teams finishing last in a grade the previous season, with 5 remaining players, are considered with view to dropping down a grade;
- Teams finishing between first and last in a grade the previous year, with 5 remaining players, usually remain as graded the previous year;
- These guidelines are subject to variations such as, other team withdrawals within the grade, drop in team registrations which can commence at the top grades and have a domino effect throughout all grades;

### SENIOR GRADING

Senior Grading will be completed by FNA according to the Club rankings provided, i.e. Clubs will grade their players according to ability, regardless of age and then rank and number their teams from strongest to weakest, for example, numbering teams 1 to x (with x being the total number of senior teams the club has) and nominate the grade they would like the team considered for.

### 19 and UNDER DIVISION (i.e. to turning 19 in 2017 – born in 1998)

- This is an independent division from the Senior Division;
- 19 & Under Teams are graded on ability;
- Players may turn 19 during the calendar year of the competition.
- Clubs should grade their players according to ability and number their teams 1 to x (x being the number of 19U teams the club has)

### **17 and UNDER DIVISION (i.e. to turning 17 in 2017 - born in 2000)**

- This is an independent division from the Senior Division and 19 & Under Division;
- 17 & Under Teams are graded on ability;
- Players may turn 17 during the calendar year of the competition.
- Clubs should grade their players according to ability and number their teams 1 to x (x being the number of 17U teams the club has)

### **JUNIOR DIVISION (turning 8 in 2017 i.e. born 2009 to turning 15 in 2017 i.e. born 2002)**

Teams are graded by

- By **birth year** (i.e. age at 31 December) and Clubs are requested where possible to keep players of the **same birth year together**;
- Ability (it is vital you provide some information to the Grading Committee on overall team ability);
- Number of players returning from previous season (5 players returning constitutes a team);
- Points scored and position finished in grade from the previous season.
- Clubs should grade their players according to age and ability and number their teams 1 to x (x being the number of Junior teams the club has). Numbering should start with the oldest Junior team the club is registering.

### **JUNIOR GRADES**

<b>FNA GRADE</b>	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>
A	2002	15 years at 31 December
B	2003	14 years at 31 December
C	2004	13 years at 31 December
D	2005	12 years at 31 December
E	2006	11 years at 31 December
F	2007	10 years at 31 December
G	2008	9 years at 31 December
H	2009	8 years at 31 December

#### **Note:**

If age groups are mixed the team is usually graded into the towards the bottom grade of the oldest aged child. E.g. if you have 15, 14 and 13 year olds in one team, they would be placed towards the bottom of the Junior A grades, possibly "A6" and where possible with teams of similar composition (i.e. mixed ages).

### **Junior A grade Player Policy**

**A player who was a member of a team in JA1, JA2 or JA3 cannot play the following year in any Junior A grade even if they are age eligible (i.e. turning 15 that calendar year).**

The commencement age to play netball at Fremantle will be **turning 8 during 2017**, however should a Club be short of players in their beginner's team (i.e. H grade), FNA will accept 2 players turning 7 in 2017 into that team. If you have any queries or if we can assist in any way please contact our Competition Co-ordinator Jan Miles, 0413 090 237.

### **TEAM NUMBERING**

Clubs are requested to number their teams in our 4 divisions as follows;

- Seniors 1, 2, 3 etc.
- 19 & Under 1, 2, 3 etc.
- 17 & Under 1, 2, 3 etc.
- Juniors 1, 2, 3, etc.

**NOT** for example 1-26 if you have 26 teams.

## TEAM REGISTRATIONS

Registrations will not be accepted unless complete with all details, i.e.

MyNetball Membership Number

Name; Address; Date of birth; Full previous playing details; Email Contact; Telephone contact; Next of Kin name contact; Next of Kin emergency telephone contact

Clubs must indicate on the Team Registration form, with an \*, details of any player/s who are members of a FNA Representative teams, Regional Teams or State League Teams.

A minimum of 7 player registrations must be lodged on Registration Day.

## THE FNA TEAM GRADING PROCEDURE

1. It is a requirement that all Clubs nominate a Club Grading Co-ordinator. This person needs to be available and contactable via phone during the grading period and to be in a position to give a quick response to any queries from the FNA Grading Committee.
2. The Competition Committee will grade all teams immediately following Club registrations.
3. A full "Draft Grading" will be circulated to Clubs for information, comment and feedback.
4. **It is a requirement that the "Draft Grading" is kept confidential and only made available to Club officials and coaches and not circulated to the club membership.**
5. A further review of the Grading will then occur taking into consideration feedback from Clubs.
6. The "Final Grading" will then be circulated to Clubs.
7. Following the Final Grading Clubs will be advised the grade timeslots.

## REGRADING 2017 WINTER SEASON

8. The Executive has resolved that for 2017 there will be no regrading following the Final Grading being circulated to clubs. The Competition Coordinator will closely monitor the competition and the Grading Committee has the discretion to regrade if a situation warrants it and regrading is possible.

## TEAM CHANGES

1. Prior to the first game Clubs may make changes to the original registrations i.e. up or down. The Association requires these changes and any new registrations in writing (via email) by the first playing date.
2. A Club may make deletions to their original player registrations up to the first game of the season, with no monetary penalty.
3. In exceptional circumstances Clubs may apply to delete a player registration up to week 2 of the season with no monetary penalty. Following this date FNA can make no refunds to Clubs for players who discontinue playing.

## TEAM REGISTRATIONS PAYMENTS

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws it shall be the requirement of FNA that Clubs pay

- a. a minimum of a one half deposit on Registration day;
  - b. and the final payment of fees by week 1 of the season;
  - c. Accounts for additional registrations/variations will be issued throughout the season.
1. Rate of fees payable are applicable to the competition the player is playing in regardless of age. Any Junior aged player (17 & under on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017) playing in the Senior or 19 & Under competition will be liable for the fees applicable to the Junior-S category of registration fee.
  2. New registrations after the commencement of the season: All new players shall pay full registration fees regardless of when they commence playing.
  3. All players participating in any competition at Fremantle must be affiliated members of Netball WA and financial members of a member Club of Fremantle Netball Association.