

SATURDAY COMPETITION GRADING POLICY

Scope

The Frankston and District Netball Association (FDNA) Saturday competition is for affiliated Clubs and is a junior domestic level competition. This competition is fully inclusive and provides participation opportunities at Grass roots level for players of all abilities.

Policy

FDNA will provide opportunities for every player to participate in a fair and just competition.

Grading decisions are based on these principles.

Procedures

The Minimum Age Guidelines below are designed to assist Clubs to structure their teams for the upcoming Winter Season in line with FDNA By-laws: 9.1-9.5

- ☛ Maximum of 4 Squad players in any one team in all Age Groups
- ☛ Squad members from both the current year & previous year Squad lists will be counted as a Squad player in any one team in all Age Groups
- ☛ Proposed Grade to be submitted when entering your teams through the new Netball Connect system based on the Affiliate Club's internal Grading
- ☛ Moving Clubs within FDNA will require a Clearance/Transfer submitted through the new Netball Connect system

GRADING ROUNDS

- ☛ Grading matches will be half games – 2 matches each week of Grading – the no. of Grading weeks changes each calendar year & will be confirmed when Season dates are set each year.
- ☛ Allocation of Grading Pools will be based on the proposed Grade by the Clubs for each team
- ☛ Changes may be made during the grading rounds if it is clear that a team is in the incorrect proposed grade or grading pool to ensure a fair & just competition

NETSETGO and 11U

Rolling grading for NSG & U/11's will be applied every 5 or 6 weeks throughout the Season (dates TBC) to ensure the games are kept as even & competitive as possible for development.

GRADES & FIXTURES

Grades for the Winter Season will be determined by the Grading Supervisor & the Club Grading Liaisons using the following criteria:

- Data collected from results, ladders & scoresheets
- Observations and feedback collated throughout Grading Rounds
- Recommendations presented by the Club Grading Co-ordinators

Final grades will be approved by FDNA before being published & fixtures released.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS – in accordance with our By-Laws special considerations need to be submitted to FDNA in writing by the closing date for Team Entry. Players with special consideration requests will be observed during Grading rounds with a final decision made prior to the Season start date.

TEAM CHANGES - Player movement or changes to the original Team Entry for Grading must be submitted to FDNA in writing for approval & must include the following Player information: Player's Name, DOB & highest level previously played.

NEW PLAYERS - any additional or new players added at any time throughout the Season must be communicated to FDNA in writing for approval (prior to taking the court) & must not unfairly strengthen a team after Grading has been completed.

DEFINITIONS – the use of the word Squad in this Policy is interpreted to include any other equivalent or higher program. Examples include Waves, PENS, Two Bays. These examples are just that, and this should not be considered a complete and exclusive list.

Review

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually or as required.

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Addendum

Grading Liaison position description

FDNA SATURDAY COMPETITION GRADING LIASON
Position Description

Club Grading Liason

Reports To

Grading Supervisor

This is a voluntary role

Responsibilities

- Each Club Grading Liaison to observe matches & communicate observations/feedback to the Grading Supervisor from their Club's perspective in reference to any team concerns ie: being in the wrong Pool for Grading (too high, too low?)
- Seek additional feedback from Coaches, Umpires and any other relevant experts.
- Grading Liaisons to observe and utilise all data, ladders/scoresheets provided from Grading results to pinpoint & submit any specific Club concerns to the Grading Supervisor prior to drafting the Grades.
- Club Grading Liaisons to assist in determining the final Grades for the upcoming Season.

Required Skills and Competencies

- Proven history of participation in grading of teams at Club level or Association (not exclusively FDNA)
 - Ability to objectively assess team's performances/ability & potential
 - Ability to articulate findings to aim for a fair & competitive competition in each Age Group
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Appointment

One representative required from each Saturday Club to be appointed to the role of Grading Liaison annually *appointed in February each year prior to the Team Entry due date.