



SATURDAY COMPETITION GRADING POLICY

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Introduction

The Frankston & District Netball Association (FDNA) Saturday club-based competition is a predominantly junior, domestic level competition. This competition is inclusive of all ages, abilities, genders and provides participation opportunities for all.

Saturday Competition Grading Policy

FDNA will provide opportunities for every player to participate in a fair and equitable competition. Grading decisions are based on these principles. This policy supports the Association's strategic plan pillar: "To Grow"

This policy implements & is supported by the club endorsed Points Based System. The points based system provides consistency from one season to the next, and between one club and the next. It enables clubs to make transparent decisions around team composition, and also enables FDNA's grading processes to be transparent and accountable to this Policy.

This Policy does not override the Constitution or By-laws, or other relevant regulations. This Policy should be read in conjunction with By-law rule 11. Grading

Procedures

The following procedures will assist Clubs to structure their teams for the Winter season:

- 👉 All Players - points are allocated to every player based on their previous playing year – at the **highest level played**. This applies regardless of which competition they played in the previous year - at FDNA, another Association, another Club, a School team or other sport. eg: basketball, football
- 👉 Squad, Peninsula Academy, Peninsula Waves & VNL points are allocated based on their previous playing year as a representative player' eg: Diamonds Opals/Sapphires, Academy, Waves, VNL
- 👉 Players that are new to your Club – points are allocated based on the highest level previously played at their previous Club/sport. If unsure of player history, then the points are determined by the Club's internal Grading & allocated accordingly.
- 👉 Beginners – are the **ONLY** players that carry **0 points**. eg: Brand new NSG players or absolute Beginners to sport in general in any other Age Group (not players that move across from another sporting code – internal grading would apply here)
- 👉 Moving Clubs – any player moving Clubs within FDNA will require a Clearance form signed by the player/parents and by both Clubs. This form must then be submitted to FDNA for approval. A player cannot take the court for their new Club until this process is complete.

Team entry

Please use the drop-down boxes on the excel team entry form. This form will automatically allocate points as per the table below and calculate the percentage depending on the total points divided by the number of players entered in each team. Please save each team as a new worksheet on the same document. Larger Clubs may like to submit one workbook per age group.

Points based system

Player Standards: Points allocated on previous playing year	Points
State/VNL	6
Squad 1- Pens/FDNA top team	5
Squad 2 - FDNA second/third teams	4
Peninsula Development Academy	3.5
A Grade	3
B Grade	2
C Grade	1
Moving Club Penalty (optional)	up to 3

Points % structure for Team Entry

280-370%	A/A Res
151-279%	B/B Res
0-150%	C/C Res

*The percentage is automatically calculated on the Excel Team Entry form. Teams entered that are higher than the maximum 370% will be asked to be reviewed or to be moved up an Age Group *(as agreed by all Clubs)

Grading pools

Based on the points of the Team entered and the number of players, the percentage guidelines will be used to set up the initial Grading Pools as a starting point for the Saturday Grading rounds. Please ensure you add in comments for your teams/players to assist the Club Grading Liaisons to make informed Grading decisions.

Grades & fixtures

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

- Data collected from results & ladders
- Observations and feedback collated throughout Grading Rounds
- Recommendations presented by the Club Grading Liaisons

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

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

Important notes

- TEAM CHANGES - Player movement or changes to the original Team Entry for Grading must be submitted to FDNA in writing for approval & must include 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.
 - FDNA PLAYER PATHWAY – Club netball may lead to selection with FDNA Squad which is the beginning of the Netball Victoria and FDNA player pathway. More pathway information can be found here: [Pathway – Frankston District Netball Association](#)

Supporting Documentation:

- [By-laws](#)
- [Netball Victoria Gender Regulation](#) [Gender Regulation - Netball VIC](#)