



GRADING POLICY – SATURDAY COMPETITION

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GRADING POLICY – Saturday Competition

Scope

The Frankston and District Netball Association (FDNA) Saturday competition is a junior domestic level competition and is fully inclusive of all ages, abilities, genders with the aim of providing participation opportunities for all. This Policy supports FDNA's Strategic Plan Pillar 1: "Grow"

Context

Grass roots players/competitions and Squad/Representative players/programs are an integral part of the Netball Victoria's development pathway

More pathway information can be found here: [Pathway – Frankston District Netball Association](#) and here: [Netball Victoria Pathway - Netball VIC](#)

Policy

FDNA will provide opportunities for every player to participate in a fair and equitable domestic competition. Grading decisions are based on these principles.

Teams in the Saturday Competition may include a maximum of four(4) representative/squad players.

Procedures

1. Comply with the Minimum Age Guidelines as stipulated in Bylaw Rule 9.
2. Ensure no more than four(4) representative players in any one team in any age group.
3. "Representative" for the purpose of this Policy includes players from FDNA Squad, Peninsula Waves or other VNL program, Tow Bays or other region, or State netball program (TID and similar).
4. Representative players will be considered under this policy if a member of the defined programs in either the current or previous calendar year
5. Proposed Grade must be included in team entry submission, and should be based upon the players' history Club and Association grading processes.
6. Players changing Clubs must complete a Clearance form, which should be signed by both clubs before submission to FDNA. Players cannot take the court with the new club until the process is complete, with FDNA approval.

NETSETGO and 11U

Rolling grading for NSG & U/11's will be applied approximately every 5 or 6 weeks throughout the Season to ensure the games are as equitable as possible for player development.

GRADES & FIXTURES

Grades will be determined by FDNA competition staff. Club Grading Liaisons may be invited to contribute.

The following criteria will be considered:

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

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with FDNA By-Law Rule 31 special consideration may be requested. Applications must be submitted to FDNA in writing by the closing date for Team Entry. Players with special consideration requests will be observed during Grading rounds before a final decision is determined.

TEAM CHANGES

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

NEW PLAYERS

Requests for additional players to be added (at any time throughout the Season) must be submitted to FDNA in writing for approval. The player may not take the court until approved, and must not be considered to disproportionately strengthen a team.

Reference

[FDNA Bylaws](#)

Appendix

Grading Liaison position description

FDNA SATURDAY COMPETITION GRADING LIASON
Position Description

Reports To

FDNA Competition Coordinator

This is a voluntary role

Club Grading Liaisons will:

- observe matches & communicate observations/feedback to the Competition Coordinator, from their Club's perspective, in relation to being in the wrong Pool for Grading (too high, too low)
- Seek additional feedback from Coaches, Umpires and any other relevant experts.
- consider all data, ladders/scoresheets provided from Grading results to identify any concerns to the Competition Coordinator, prior to drafting the Grades.
- assist in determining the final Grades for the upcoming Season.

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 invited from each affiliated Club.

Appointed annually by the FDNA Competition Coordinator, usually in February prior to the Team Entry due date.