



# SAINTS NETBALL CLUB (SUNNYBANK) INC

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## TEAM GRADING POLICY

**Policy:** All financial players 11 years and over

### Objectives of Grading

Saints Netball Club (SNC) is committed to ensuring team grading is conducted fairly and effectively, and in the best interests of the Club and its players.

The intent of these guidelines are to:

- Establish teams of similar skills and abilities
- Allow teams to play in a suitably competitive environment
- Maximise opportunities to develop and improve skills
- Allow the opportunities for individuals to be eligible for Underwood Park Netball Association (UPNA) representation
- Maximise the players enjoyment and love of the game

### Grading Of Each Age Group

#### 7/8, 9 & 10 Years

No individual player grading AND no team rankings

#### 11 Years +

Players in these age groups will be graded via the process described in these guidelines

### Grading Criteria

In assessing the overall skills of a player within an age group, the Grading Committee will take into account:

- Ball Handling Skills
- Attacking Skills
- Defending Skills
- Perception/Cognition Skills
- Sportsmanship and Attitude
- Footwork
- Speed and agility
- Potential to improve
- Athletic ability

## Grading Committee

- Two neutral graders (qualified coaches) will be appointed to grade players on the day, with outcomes to be provided to a Team Formation Committee
- Team Formation Committee consists of up to 3 members who will attend the Grading Day. The purpose of this committee is to review the graders feedback and allocate teams accordingly.
- All grading/ team formation committee members will be approved by the SNC Executive Committee
- Coaches from previous seasons will be consulted to assist with grading for future seasons where available, this will be through the submission of Player/Team Evaluation Sheets

## Grading Procedure

- The grading process will be conducted on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the UPNA season
- Grading is compulsory for all players in the 11 year + age groups
- Each player will be trialled in 2 selected positions on the grading day
- Players may also be asked to trial in other positions, either to make up a team, or because the Graders would like to see how they perform in those positions
- For a number of reasons, it may not be necessary for all players to play an identical number of quarters during the grading session
- Player Evaluation forms completed by the coach from the previous season will also be used to assist the grading committee where available
- If a player is unable to attend grading, the player or parent/guardian must notify the Grading Coordinator in writing prior to grading ([saintsnetballsbank@hotmail.com](mailto:saintsnetballsbank@hotmail.com)) with a detailed explanation
- The decision to grade a player who is unable to attend grading day will be based on the SNC grading policy, feedback from previous coach, historical performance, player numbers and positions
- If a position should become available in any team, the Team Formation Committee will refer to Grading Day results to fill position
- Paper grading may be necessary as advised by Netball Queensland for player's safety (due to exceptional weather conditions), however where possible grading will be at an indoor venue
- Maximum of 10 players to a team as per UPNA constitution.
- Players who have participated in the grading process will be notified of the team they have been selected in
- Coaches of all teams will be advised of the positions the player has trialled for at the grading day. The coach may develop and train the player for other positions during the netball season.
- The Grading process is also about the balance of the team and is not indicative of an individual player's talent.
- All players will be expected to fully commit at both training and club games. We also request you make yourself available for any additional training sessions and carnivals.

UPNA regulations allow a maximum of 10 players to be registered per team. In the event that a team within a grade or division has excess players SNC will:

- a) Follow SNC grading policy (above);
- b) Select teams as per grading policy and Netball Queensland guidelines
- c) Excess players will be assisted to join another club within UPNA
- d) All relevant nomination fees and uniform costs (brand new) will be refunded

## Player Notification

- Team lists will be made available on the SNC website ([www.sunnybanksaintsnetball.com](http://www.sunnybanksaintsnetball.com)) within 7 days of the grading day
- Players will be advised via email when these lists are published
- Initial team notifications are subject to change at the discretion of the SNC Committee

## Disputes

- Any disputes regarding grading must be submitted in writing to the SNC Secretary within 72 hours of team postings ([saintsnetballsbank@hotmail.com](mailto:saintsnetballsbank@hotmail.com))
- No grading issues will be discussed over the phone or in person. Members of the Team Formation Committee will consider the complaint and will advise of their decision at the earliest convenience
- There will be no consideration for refunds if dissatisfied with the grading results or personal decision not to play netball with the SNC after the grading day

## **Confidentiality**

All grading assessments sheets and player evaluation reports are the confidential property of the Saints Netball Club.