

# GRADING GUIDELINES



Glenhaven Netball has adopted grading guidelines whereby players will be graded into teams based on their ability, skill level, attitude and commitment. The intent of these guidelines is to outline the selection process of players into a team that is administered fairly and consistently and in a manner appropriate to all members of Glenhaven Netball.

Glenhaven Netball recognises that players have a variety of motives to play netball and possess a range of skills and ability. The primary focus of our club is the development of players in conjunction with their overall playing ability, (which comprises skill level, fitness and attitude).

**Netta (7 & 8 yrs)** Players will be placed in teams with their friends where possible within their age group. Netta Grading Exception: It may be necessary to grade all or some 8 yrs teams depending on numbers and requirements.

**9 yrs to 17 yrs** Glenhaven Netball will grade all players in all junior age groups from 9 yrs upwards based on their ability. This ensures that players are playing at a level appropriate to their skill level, which should ensure that they get maximum enjoyment from their netball. There may be the occasional exception to this in cadets only.

**Reserves / Seniors** It is anticipated that the majority of these teams will be registered as an entity. If, however there are players who do not have a team, players will be placed into teams based on ability, age or numbers. If required, a grading session will be conducted to evaluate new player's ability, or a new teams ability to determine appropriate level.

**Grading is to be carried out by a Grading Committee, organised by the Grading Coordinator and appropriate members of the Glenhaven Netball Committee.**

## Grading Committee

The Grading Committee consists of both internal Glenhaven graders and external graders. The committee is responsible for the placement of players into teams based on a player's ability, and the best interests of that player and the club.

**All players must be registered before attendance at grading sessions.**

## Grading Sessions:

Players should attend the nominated grading sessions although we understand that some people may not be able to do this due to circumstances out of their control. However, we wish to emphasise that grading is one of the most essential components in preparing for a successful season and players should be aware that it is to their advantage to be seen by our graders as much as possible.

Players will not normally be selected for teams for which they are ineligible (ie higher age teams) however, players may be selected for older age teams if appropriate or numbers require, at the discretion of the club and following discussion with player / player's parents.

## Grading Process

The grading process is carried out by the grading committee and contains 3 major components.

**Previous Season Observations:** During the latter half of the previous season the grading committee will observe, if possible all age graded teams playing games in which they are able to see players in a real game situation.

**Previous Season Coaches' Report:** Coaches at the end of each season are required to complete a report detailing player position preference; strengths and weakness; general ability and attitude.

**Age-related Grading Days:** Following registration, all registered players are required to attend grading days, where each age group will be assessed in general game play. It will include assessment of skills such as: Catching / Throwing / Shooting / Leading Attack / Defence Skills / Footwork / Commitment / Fitness / Ability to read the play / Teamwork / Willingness to play their best in any position / Consistency / Effort / Reliability.

## Late Registrations

Any players new to Glenhaven who are registering late must be seen by graders prior to inclusion in a team. They will only then be considered for placement in a team. If they have requested to play in a particular team then they will only be placed there if they are up to the standard and they are not taking the place of a returning player who may otherwise have been moved into that team.

Any late registration must be passed by the grading committee to check impact of the player on all teams.

## General

Glenhaven Netball Club aims to ensure team grading is conducted fairly and effectively. Players and parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations, and to encourage their children to be happy in their sport. The aim of grading is to select teams that are competitive for their grade and will thus provide an enjoyable season for the players. It should always be remembered that Netta is meant to be a learning ground. It is intended for the kids to have fun so the primary grading factor is player preference. The overall club picture must always be taken into account to ensure all teams are competitive. Ideally there will be 8 players per team. However, due to numbers registered, some teams may have 9 players.

## Grading Appeals

It is hoped that players and parents appreciate the difficulty of grading and accept the decision of the grading committee. However, if any player or parent is not satisfied with the decision of the grading committee they may make a submission in writing requesting a review of the decision. This request must be made within 7 days of the preliminary teams being announced and be sent to: **The Executive Committee**

c/- Club Secretary / Margaret Spencer 20 Lygon Place, Castle Hill 2154

No grading issues will be discussed over the phone. All correspondence will be discussed at a disputes night held by selected members of the Glenhaven Executive Committee, independent of the Grading Committee. The decision of the Grading Committee and Glenhaven Executive Committee will be final.