



West Pymble Netball Club Grading Policy

Netball is a team sport for all abilities. The aim of grading is to select teams that are competitive for their grade. West Pymble Netball Club acknowledges that players have a variety of motives to play netball and possess a range of skills and ability

Grading is compulsory for all clubs within Ku-ring-gai Netball Association for all players aged 9-17 years. Individual players will be evaluated on their skills and abilities to ensure they are graded into the most suitable team available.

West Pymble Netball Club will evaluate and grade players based on:

Coach Evaluation

The previous seasons coach (if applicable) provides a written report on each player including details of positions played, skill, ability, attitude and attendance. All reports remain confidential

Courtside Grading

Grading Days will consist of a series of short games. Players will take the court at least twice. We endeavour to place players in their preferred positions as nominated at registration at least once. Players may be asked to play in a position that is not their preference at some point, to aid the grading process.

During courtside grading, the following will be reviewed:

- Understanding of the game
- Footwork and movement
- Ball handling skills
- Attacking skills
- Defending skills
- Fitness, Versatility and Sportsmanship

Important Information: 9 years age group

Although the 9 years age group play a modified, non-competitive game, KNA requires that the girls be graded into teams with girls of similar skill and ability levels. Players are required to attend 2 grading days at Lofberg Road Netball Courts.

Grading Day 1 for this age group will consist of approximately 1 hour drills to assess a player's skill and ability level. Followed by approximately 1 hour of match play where players will take to the court at least once in their preferred position.

Grading Day 2 will be a series of short games, again players will take to the court at least twice in either their preferred position or in a position requested by the grading committee.

Teams are formed by the Junior Grading Committee, following these grading days. All teams will then be required to attend the KNA 9 years grading day before final team grades can be confirmed.

Attendance at Grading Days

Players who do not attend grading days will be placed in a team based on paper grading. If you are unable to attend a grading day you must notify the Grading Convenor as soon as possible prior to the day.

Players must be registered with West Pymble Netball Club before attending grading day/s.

Forming Teams

A number of outside factors can also effect the decision making of team selection:

- The number of players registered with the club in a particular age group
- The balance/spread of positions required in a team i.e. attack, mid court and defence
- Restrictions or recommendations by KNA with regards to representative players
- The strength of other KNA clubs within the competition in a particular age group

Grading Committee

A Grading Committee is appointed each year at the West Pymble Netball Club AGM.

The committee will comprise; a Grading Convenor and at least 3 people with prior grading/selection experience, previous coaching experience and/or senior playing experience.

On Grading Day/s the club Registrar and a Parent Liaison Officer will be in attendance. Their role is to co-ordinate players for each game and to liaise with the Grading Committee when necessary. They will be your contact point on grading day, parents and players should NOT approach the graders.

Team Announcements

Teams will be announced via our website: westpymblenetballclub.com.au

We encourage children and parents to embrace their new teams and the new friends they will make, not what team they make it into. Netball is a great game and all about having fun and being a valued member of a team

Note: The team rating your daughter will be put into may not represent the grade they will be given. We anticipate that in some instances grading will be of a higher grade than the team number and we may have 2 teams in a grade due to the talent of that age group. For example, we anticipate that a "team 3" could possibly be a B grade team and a "team 2" could possibly be an A grade team.

West Pymble will recommend grades to KNA but the final decision rests with the KNA grading committee.

Appeals and Disputes

West Pymble is one of the largest clubs in KNA and we have a lot of competition in every age group. Often there is not much difference between teams within an age group and there is often many changes from year to year as players all grow and develop at different rates.

However, despite the best efforts of the Grading Committee, there may be times that a parent/player is unhappy with their grade and wishes to lodge an appeal:

Appeals Process

- All appeals must be received in writing within 2 days of the team lists being posted.
- Appeals must be emailed to the Club Secretary: secretary@westpymblenetball.com.au
- Appeals will not be discussed over the phone or in person
- The Grading Committee will review the merits of the appeal and will respond in writing in a timely manner. The committee's decision will be final

Deregistration

Players are not eligible for refunds should they deregister due to team placements.

Late Registration

Late registrations will only be accepted if there is a vacancy in an appropriate team and at the discretion of the Grading Convenor and Registrar.

Participation at Grading Day is acceptance of this policy.