



Trinity Netball Club

Team Selection Policy FAQs

What is grading?

Grading is a process of assessing a player's basic skill level and playing ability in a chosen position on court relevant to their age group.

Why are Trinity Netball introducing this process?

The aim of the grading process is to form teams in an age group which have a balanced group of players with comparable skills and similar ability across all playing positions. There are many aspects taken into consideration such as player experience, ability, fitness, attitude and playing positions.

What is the grading process?

Players will attend a grading session in the age group they are eligible for the Autumn season of the following year. Prior to the grading session, players will indicate their 2 preferred positions. The grading session will take an hour (and in some cases 2 hours depending on the number of registered players for that age group) Players will play in a number of short games rotating through their 2 preferred positions.

In some cases, a player will find themselves playing in a non-preferred position due to numbers but this will not affect their grading as selectors will be aware of this if it happens.

The atmosphere is kept light and fun and there is certainly no pressure on any of the players.

Who does the grading?

The grading process will be performed by independent grading assessors from outside the club. The independent grading assessors are very experienced and undertake this role for many clubs, both at Domestic level and at elite levels. There is no involvement from the members of the Trinity Committee in the grading process other than from an administrative perspective.

When is grading?

Grading will occur at the end of each Spring season ready for the commencement of the Autumn season in February the following year. Grading times and dates will be provided by the Committee closer to the end of year.

Will my child's friendships be taken into consideration? S/he only wants to play with friends.

Friendships will not be a factor when teams are selected. The main issue that any community sporting club has is the competing interests between players who want to play for fun and



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players who want to play competitively. As a club we recognise that playing outside normal friendship groups is a great way for players to make new friends. We encourage all our teams to support each other on game day and cheering on your friends in another team is a great thing to do.

What if my child has an 'off day' during the grading session?

Please don't be alarmed if this is the case. Even if a player is having an 'off day' their basic netball skills and general gameplay can still be seen by the independent assessors. The purpose of grading is not to find superstar players. The assessors will look at the players as a whole and place players into teams to ensure player skills compliment one another and the teams are balanced.

Will my child get placed into a team?

Of course! Every player registered with the club by the close of registrations will be allocated into a team. Players are by no means 'trying out' for a position in the club. We welcome all players into our club.

My child cannot attend on the grading session. What happens now?

It is expected that a player wishing to be graded will do their best to prioritise attendance at the session. However, if a player is unable to attend the grading session, there will be consultation between team selectors and existing team coaches when assessing playing ability. If possible, the independent assessors will attend on the nearest game day to grading to assess players who cannot attend.

Can a player play in a higher age group?

All players will attend the grading session for the age group they are eligible for. In the event that a player with exceptional skill is identified and a suitable team in that player's age group cannot be established, that player will be offered the opportunity to play in a higher age group.

In the event that a player needs to play up an age group due to numbers, the club will consult with the player and their family.

Who do I contact if I am unhappy with my child's team allocation?

If you are unhappy with your team allocation, please contact the independent assessors directly (details will be provided). They are very happy to provide feedback on players and why they were placed in their particular team. The Committee are not involved in the allocation of players to teams and will not interfere with the teams once they have been allocated.



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When will I find out which team my child has been placed in?

Once finalised, the assessors will forward a list of completed teams to the Committee. The committee will then allocate coaches to all teams and release the teams to the coaches who, in turn, will contact their teams. We anticipate that everyone will know what team they are in within 2 weeks of the grading session.

My child played in GA for grading but her coach is now playing her in WA. Why?

The positions that players elect to play in for grading are used as the basis for their assessment. It is no guarantee that this will be their regular position once the teams are allocated. The coach of each team has the discretion to place players in positions as they see fit.