



Grading Policy

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At Palmyra Rebels Netball Club (PRNC) we aim to establish within our players a love of netball with both quality competitive and recreational opportunities for all levels of players enabling friendships within the club, teams and across age groups.

In doing so the club aims to implement a process for grading and team selection that is equitable and transparent.

PRNC's role and contribution in making this policy work is to:

- Take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that everyone in the club knows what the policy is and how to comply with the policy.

This will be achieved by:

- Ensuring that all Grading Committee panel members have a good working knowledge of the policy, and forms used in the grading process, and
- By ensuring that all club members have access to the policy used in the grading process on the club website.

The Grading Committee will endeavour to create teams based on skill levels, team balance, and levels of commitment.

PRNC grades all players according to the year of their birth and has the philosophy of playing our strongest most balanced teams from 10 & Under GO grade onwards.

SET & GO Competition

SET Grades (7 and 8 year olds) – players are required to attend a skill based sessions rather than formal grading. If more than one team of registrations are received PRNC group players into teams based on school and friendship groups where possible.

9 & Under GO Grade (9 year olds) – players are required to attend a skill based sessions rather than formal grading. If more than one team of registrations are received PRNC group players into teams based on school and friendship groups where possible.

10 & Under GO Grade (10 year olds) – players are required to attend a formal skills based assessment session. Sessions will be more structured involving match play, to ensure a smoother transition for participants into Junior netball and the formal grading process the following year.

Grading according to friendship groups is unable to be accommodated from 10 & Under GO grade onwards, however we do aim to accommodate players of all abilities at our club.

Considerations for requests from players to play in specific positions will be considered from 12 & Under grade onwards (players turning 12 during current playing year), but where preferred playing positions are requested, those are the positions the player will be trialled in, where possible.

The rotation of players will diminish throughout the 11 & Under grade year which enables players to settle into preferred positions.



PRNC players all commit to:

- the club grading process,
- attending training each week, and
- attending the game each week.

Junior, 18 & Under and Open

PRNC is a grading, training and playing club. The club selects teams based on playing ability and performance. Players are expected to train and play on a regular basis.

PRNC recognises that:

- The playing ability of individuals may change (i.e. improve or stagnate) from year to year.
- During the grading sessions the following will be considered:
 - The skill with which a player uses footwork, ball-handling, speed and agility, body control, attacking skills, game perception and sense, shooting accuracy, defending skills, sportsmanship and attitude, and fitness and versatility.
- Players may only take part in grading if they have registered at PRNC and no other club at FNA.

PRNC grading process is based on a combination of the following:

1. Players are reviewed during the last round of the previous season whilst players are actively involved in competition. This will begin with players from 9 & Under GO grade (9 years olds) onwards in preparation for the following year.
2. Coaches' assessment forms are completed for each player during the final round of the previous season by the coach/es of the team.
3. Grading sessions over a minimum of 3 weeks at commencement of the preseason. During these sessions all players including new players within an age group will be trialling to be placed into an appropriate team. It is essential that all players attend all these sessions.

All grading sessions are compulsory, unless there are exceptional circumstances which are to be communicated in writing to the Grading Committee via email to grading@prnc.com.au

PRNC will not allow a parent or family member of any player to participate in the grading of that player.

Team Requests

PRNC is a grading, training and playing club and therefore, does not actively pursue preformed teams. However, PRNC will consider accommodating preformed teams in 18 & Under and Open to retain its older members as they graduate through the Club's ranks.

Team Announcements

Team announcements will be made via email to each player in the registered team and the nominated team coach(es). If we are unable to place a player who registers with the club before grading, we will endeavour to notify that player via email as soon as possible within the grading process.



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Once the players have been graded and the teams announced, the club policy is not to move players to other teams, unless a medical situation arises that deems a team short of players requiring players to be shuffled from another team.

Requests for reviews of grading of specific players will not be considered.

Late registrations will only be accepted if there is a vacancy in an appropriate team and has been approved by the Grading Committee.

Requests for withdrawals will need to be communicated in writing to the Grading Committee. Players are not eligible for refunds should they deregister due to team placements in line with the PRNC fees policy.

The final teams are then submitted to FNA with grading requests, however the grading of teams is decided by FNA and will not normally be changed once clubs have had confirmation from FNA.

If you have any specific concerns regarding the grading process, your concern must be put in writing and emailed to PRNC via grading@prnc.com.au within 2 days of the team lists having been emailed out. All appeals will be acknowledged via email within 2 days. The appeals will be reviewed with the club PRNC President and the PRNC Grading Co-ordinator with an outcome emailed within 1 week of the complaint having been received.