



Gosford Netball Association Grading Policy

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1.1 GRADING POLICY – Teams & Player Grading

- 1.1.1 All Grading shall be as per Grading Policy except in extraordinary circumstances as detailed by the Club on the team nomination form and/or Member Change Request Form submitted to the Grading Committee for their consideration and determination.
- 1.1.2 Teams are to be graded at a meeting of the Junior and Senior grading committees using the Team Nomination Form submitted on Affiliation Day, guided by the Status Points Table as shown in 1.1.5 below.
- 1.1.3 A senior player with approved playing status can only be nominated into a team as follows:

| Previous Playing Status within 2 years | Lowest Division Eligible to Nominate |
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| Division 1 | Division 3 |
| Division 2 | Division 4 |
| Division 3 | Division 5 |
| Division 4 | Division 6 |
| Division 5 | Division 7 or lower |

- 1.1.4 Senior players with no previous playing status can be nominated in any grade.
- 1.1.5 For the purpose of 1.1.2, affiliated players will be awarded status points according to the division they played in the previous year's Winter Competition. Points are awarded in accordance with the following table:

| Grade | Points |
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| Premier League | 67 points |
| Metro League Divisions 1-4 | 65 points |
| Division 1 | 63 points |
| Division 2 | 61 points |
| Division 3 | 59 points |
| Division 4 | 57 points |
| Division 5 | 55 points |
| Division 6, 15A, 17A | 53 points |
| Division 7, 15B, 17B | 51 points |
| Division 8, 15C, 17C, 13A, 12A | 49 points |
| Division 9, 15D, 17D, 13B, 12B | 47 points |
| Division 10, 15E, 13C, 12C | 45 points |

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| Division 11, 15F, 13D | 43 points |
| Division 12, 15G, 13E | 41 point |
| 11A | 40 points |
| 11B | 38 points |
| 11C | 36 points |
| 11D | 34 points |
| 10A | 32 points |
| 10B | 30 points |
| 10C | 28 points |
| 10D | 26 points |
| Any player that played in a team that won a Grand Final or Minor Premiership in the Associations Winter Competition in the preceding year. | Add 1 point |
| Any player that played in a team that finished last in the competition division in the preceding year | Minus 1 point |
| Any representative team player from the previous year who is nominated in a club team. | Add 2 points |
| Any representative squad player from the previous year who is nominated in a club team | Add 1 point |
| Any player 40 years or older as at 31 December who played in Division 1, 2 or 3 in the previous two winter competitions will receive minus one (-1) status point per year of age over 40, capped at five (5) points to a maximum of three (3) players per team. | Minus 1 point as applicable |
| Senior players who have not played for more than two (2) winter competitions shall receive a playing status equal to the last playing division minus two (2) status points and can play no lower than the ranking she has received without approval of the Senior Grading Committee. | Minus 2 points |

- 1.1.5.1. All previously non-affiliated senior players will be awarded Status Points at the discretion of the Senior Grading Committee based on their most recent playing experience.
- 1.1.6 Grading will be based on 7 players in each affiliated team with the highest previous playing status.
- 1.1.7 Teams to be ranked from highest to lowest according to their total tally of status points from these 7 players.
- 1.1.8 Where two or more teams have an equal weighting, the grading status of players 8 – 12 of each team will be considered by the Association Grading Committee. Grading will be guided from these results.

- 1.1.9 Divisions are to consist of no less than four (4) teams, and the amount and structure of the divisions are to be made at the discretion of the Junior and Senior Grading Committee. Divisions may include a maximum of one (1) invitation team per division, however, this is at the discretion of the Junior and Senior Grading Committee.
- 1.1.10 GNA Representative teams shall be included in the competition as follows: 14 years – Division 2 or 3; 13 years – Division 4 or 5 or 17A and 12 Years – 15A or 15B.
- 1.1.11 Grading shall take place no earlier than two (2) weeks after date set down for Affiliation Day. Provisional grading will be submitted to Secretary for distribution no later than seven (7) days following grading.
- 1.1.12 The Association Secretary will advise all Affiliated Club Secretaries, in writing, of the results of the Grading Committees' provisional grading.
- 1.1.13 All clubs have the right of response following the provisional grading:
 - 1.1.13.1. all responses must be submitted by a Club Executive to the Association Secretary no more than 48 hours after the grading has been advised to all Affiliated Club Secretaries.
 - 1.1.13.2. all responses will be heard by the Grading Committee.
- 1.1.14 The Association Secretary will advise all Affiliated Club Secretaries, in writing, of the results of the Grading Committees' final grading.
- 1.1.15 All clubs have the right of appeal following the final grading.
 - 1.1.15.1. All appeals must be submitted by a Club Executive to the Association Secretary no more than 48 hours after the final grading has been advised in writing to all Affiliated Club Secretaries.
 - 1.1.15.2. All appeals will be heard by the Appeals committee.
 - 1.1.15.3. Appeals Committee to advise in writing of their decision within 24 hours and no further appeals will be heard by the Association.
- 1.1.16 Any late registrations received before the commencement of the competition will result in a re-assessment of the grading for that team. Where a team is regraded that decision is non-appealable.
- 1.1.17 A de-registered player may only be re-registered in the same team in the same grade for the duration of the competition.
- 1.1.18 Consideration can be given to regrading of a player if a team withdraws prior to or during the season.
- 1.1.19 The Grading Committees shall meet and assess all grades after Round seven (7). All regrading will be made at the discretion of the Grading Committees. All Clubs affected by regrading will be contacted by the relevant Grading Convenor prior to release of regrading. It is not a requirement for Clubs to submit a regrading request for teams to be regraded but any regrading requests must be submitted by the Club Secretary to the Secretary of the Association prior to completion of Round seven (7).
- 1.1.20 Regrading will be based on the points and goals for and goals against percentage as at:
 - 1.1.21.1 6 team division – Round 5 (as per the current Netball NSW member database)

- 1.1.21.2 8 team division – Round 7 (as per the current Netball NSW member database)
- 1.1.21 If a team is regraded, that team will start with an average point score and an average “goals for” and “goals against” adjustment on the ladder, equal to the division they have been regraded to. The average calculation method is to take the average of the scores from the teams left in the grade after any re-graded team/s is taken out and before any newly graded team/s is included.
- 1.1.22 In the event of regrading, the revised Draw must be available on the current Netball NSW member database by the next scheduled competition day following regrading. All ladder adjustments must be recorded in the current Netball NSW member database within fourteen (14) days of the first competition day following regrading.

1.2 GRADING POLICY – Graded Reserve

- 1.2.1 A graded reserve is a player who affiliates directly with the Association or an Affiliated Club and is graded as an individual player by the grading committee. Grading Committee to review the player’s previous individual playing experience.
- 1.2.2 The Association graded reserve can play for any Affiliated Club. Division to be determined by the Grading Committee.
- 1.2.3 The Affiliated Club graded reserve can only play for the Affiliated Club that they have registered with. Division to be determined by the Grading Committee.
- 1.2.4 Graded reserve may only play twice in any one team. Any additional games played will then mean that the team is deemed to have played an illegal player.
- 1.2.5 Teams using a graded reserve player must have at least four (4) of its registered players take the Court.
- 1.2.6 The graded reserve cannot be used by teams who have seven (7) medically fit registered players present and ready to play.
- 1.2.7 The graded reserve player must complete each match in its entirety unless the graded reserve player is unable to continue due to injury or illness.
- 1.2.8 Any team found to be in breach of these rules above, the graded reserve player may be deemed to be an illegal player.
- 1.2.9 A graded reserve is bound by the same rules as an affiliated player.
- 1.2.10 No team may borrow more than two (2) graded reserve players for any one game.
- 1.2.11 A graded reserve may not join any team as an affiliated team member during the season.
- 1.2.12 A graded reserve will pay the scheduled fees as set down at the AGM.
- 1.2.13 An Association graded reserve must wear white top, black skirt or a supplied team uniform.
- 1.2.14 An Affiliated Club graded reserve must wear Affiliated Club uniform.