



## Mindarie Netball Club Grading and Team Selection Policy

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Mindarie Netball Club's commitment is that our club supports an open and fair process for the selection of teams. All members are placed in teams depending upon their date of birth and/or grading. We aim to provide all our members with a positive and supportive playing environment.

Netball is a competitive sport from the age of 10 years.

MDNC grade to ensure that all players of all varying abilities play with, and against, players of similar skill level. Our teams will play against other competitive and well skilled opponents. These teams will have also gone through grading within their own club. Stronger players always enjoy the challenge of harder, faster competition - they do not develop to their potential if graded to a lower team just to be kept with a friend. Similarly, players who are placed in teams above their ability will also not develop to their potential when being constantly overshadowed by stronger teammates and opponents. Players put in this environment may become disheartened and lose self-esteem.

All this helps to produce a fairer level of competition, a better fit within a team, more individual confidence and a more constructive learning experience.

### Grading Committee

Our grading committee are selected and sourced each year by the MDNC committee. The graders will range from experienced coaches from the Club, external coaches and others who bring knowledge and impartiality.

Players will get to trial in the positions they feel they play best in. The grading committee will also select two positions for each player that they feel the player plays best in. The grading committee will assess the skills of a player by taking into account:

1. Footwork, speed & agility
2. Ball handling skills
3. Attacking / defending skills
4. Sportsmanship & attitude
5. Attendance at competition, training and club / team events (commitment)
6. Good sportsmanship (values)
7. Abiding by our club's Code of Behaviour on and off the field (behaviour)
8. Reports from previous coaches



# MDNC

The club understands some players are new to netball or have not played for some time. This is all taken into account at the time of grading.

During trials, selectors will assess each player individually and collectively considering their netball skills, agility, decision making, court awareness, commitment and attitude. Each player will have a minimum of 4 court appearances (per season trials) with at least one in each of their preferred positions. Due to preferred positions, some players will have more court time than others.

On some occasions where there are not enough players for a certain position, players will be asked to volunteer to play that position. If a player does not attend both trials, then they will have less court time. No player's selection is to be assumed, as there can be changes in age, ability and player numbers between seasons (i.e. if you played higher/lower than certain players previously, this does not mean this cannot change). A minimum of 8 players are to be selected per team ensuring all positions are filled, allowing flexibility to cover illness and/or injury. An ideal number is 9 players per team.

If necessary, 10 players may be selected per team with approval from the Executive Committee.

## Years 2,3,4 and 5

- Players will be put into teams according to their date of birth.
- The committee reserves the right to place players where they are needed and may not be able to meet all requests or considerations.
- There is NO guarantee that teams will be kept together from year to year.
- If a coach is a parent, the coach's child WILL be placed in their team.
- Depending upon the number of registrations, the club reserves the right to combine age groups. A player may only play up one age group as per the guidelines set by Wanneroo District Netball Association.
- A parent may request a player to play up an age group. The MDNC committee will assess, based on skill level and netball experience. The committee's decision is final. Parents/Guardians will be notified of this decision.
- Final team lists will be emailed to players once registered with WDNA, notifying them of team members, coach, coach contact details and training information.
- Any requests to change teams prior to the commencement of the season must be sent to the club in writing for consideration. Please email club at [info@mindarienetball.com](mailto:info@mindarienetball.com).

## Year 11u, 12u, 13u, 15u

- GRADING IS COMPULSORY.
- There is NO guarantee that teams will be kept together from year to year.
- If a coach is a parent, the coach's child WILL be placed in their team.



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- A player may only play up one age group as per the guidelines set by the Wanneroo Netball Association (WDNA).
- A parent may request a player play up an age group; this player will be graded in this age group. These requests will be discussed with MDNC Committee and parent requesting.
- Final team lists will be emailed to the players once registered with WDNA, notifying them of team members, coach, coach contact details and training information.
- Any requests to change teams prior to the commencement of the season must be sent to the club in writing for consideration. Please send to [info@mindarienetball.com.au](mailto:info@mindarienetball.com.au)
- Any changes to team registration will attract a fee from WDNA, once teams are lodged.
- Changes decided by the club – fee will be paid by MDNC. Changes due to member – fee will be paid by the member.

## Grading Process 3

- GRADING IS COMPULSORY
- Dates and times will be set aside for players to attend club grading.
- All players will be notified in writing of the grading time, place and date in the Club Registration pack and on registration for the current season.
  - Grading officials are independent and are experienced selectors who are asked by the club to assist in grading. Experience includes completion of the NETBALL WA Selectors Course (either as attendance to a course or successful completion of the online version).
    - In the case where club selectors are used, they are not permitted to grade their own child/ren as this is deemed a conflict of interest.
  - Two (2) preferred positions to be graded in at registration. The position they grade in will be their main position/s for the season, subject to illness or injury.
  - Scoring will be a 3, 2, 1 system as per the selectors.
  - Team notification as above.
  - Please note that players selected as C will also play in WA and WD. GS will also play GA. WA and GK, will also play GD, WD and vice a versa.

## Team Playing Policies

- It is NOT a requirement from WDNA to rotate players into different positions for 11U, 12U,13U, 15U and 17U age groups.
  - All players in year 2,3,4 and 5 are required to rotate through all positions evenly throughout the season.
  - This is a requirement by WDNA, and fines will be imposed to the club if this is not adhered to.
  - Coaches will be made aware of this policy.
  - Times where players can play in other, non-graded positions – When there are injuries/illness or absent players from the team at the coaches' discretion after discussion with the MDNC Committee.
    - A player may contact the committee at any time if they feel that they are not playing in the positions they were graded in or would like to be considered for another position.



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- In the event that a player cannot rotate evenly as required by MDNC the club can contact WDNA to make application for exemption. Any application must be emailed to the club. The WDNA decision is final.

## Player Commitment

- Athletes are required to attend team training each week. Appropriate attire and footwear are required at all times.
- Players must make a commitment to play for a full season.
- Correct playing uniform must be worn to all games.
- Coaches must be advised of any absences from training or competition games in advance.
- Coaches are asked to contact MDNC committee in the event that a player is NOT attending games or training.
- Team coaches are volunteers and it is an unpaid position. Prior to the commencement of a season, the Club will call for expressions of interest for all coaching positions.
- At the time of Association registration, if a team does not have a coach, then the team cannot be registered with the Association.
- The Club will approach all parents of players in the team requesting a volunteer to coach. If no coach is available, players will be refunded in full.

## Withdrawals from the Club

- A member may withdraw from the Club, if they are unsatisfied with team selection.
- A Club administration fee of \$50 will be applied per player cancellation, plus any cancellation fees as applied from WDNA.
- If the season has commenced, no refund is available.
- The WDNA administration fee will be determined by the Association at the commencement of the season.
- Withdrawals from the club must be sent, in writing, to the club registrar for processing – [info@mindarienetball.com.au](mailto:info@mindarienetball.com.au).
- A refund will be processed in a timely manner to the player by MDNC. (In writing refers to correspondence via letter or email to MDNC or from MDNC.)