

GRADING POLICY

UWA NETBALL CLUB

Grading is the process of establishing the composition of UWA Netball Club teams to compete in the Perth Netball Association (PNA) competition. It is a requirement of PNA that all clubs grade their players/teams.

The aim of grading is to form teams which have a balanced group of players of similar ability across all playing positions. This policy is a guide for players and parents so that they can be better informed on the grading process and the level of involvement and strategic thought that goes into grading.

Please note for returning players, just because you have been in a certain netball team in previous years that does not mean that you will always be in the same team. There is often movement amongst teams as some players do not return to the club whilst other new players join. We encourage players to be reasonable in their expectations and assessment of their own ability. You will be placed in a team of players of similar ability to your own.

As a UWA Netball Club player you will be graded on the following during trials:

- Ball skills
- Attacking
- Movement
- Defending
- Decision making
- Passing and catching
- Aggression and intensity
- Low penalties
- Sportsmanship
- Shooting statistics (GS and GA only)

The grading committee considers the following when compiling teams:

- Team members individual positions to ensure adequate coverage of all court positions
- Composition of positions - 3 Shooters, 4 Centre Court and 3 Defenders
- Player combinations- players that work and play well together
- Number of grading sessions attended

Players are expected to attend all required selection trials. When forming teams, the Grading Committee will give preference to players that have attended all sessions. Please remember that the Grading Committee cannot assess your performance if you do not attend.

Grading is a difficult task that unfortunately leaves our committee members open for unfair criticism and judgement. The Grading Committee works extremely hard to ensure that players are placed into appropriate teams according to the players' skills and abilities. However, it is up to the individual player to fully commit to the grading process.