



## Relevant Circumstance

All junior players at St Ives Netball, aged 9 to 17 are graded into teams ranging from A to E.

## Purpose

St Ives Netball Club endeavours to provide the most effective grading of players through ongoing season reporting and a final grading day. To provide us with the most up to date information, it is compulsory for all players 9 years to cadets to attend grading day.

## Scope

This policy applies to all people who register to play with St Ives Netball Club and are aged 9 to 17.

## Policy

### *1. Grading Day*

- Grading is a process that is followed by all clubs within Ku-ring-Gai Netball for all players aged 9-17 years.
- St Ives Netball Club has a structured and rigorous grading process to ensure that each child is graded correctly and fairly. The process is managed by the Grading Sub-Committee consisting of the Club Grading Co-ordinator, Graders for each age group and the Club President.
- The club will make all endeavours to ensure that graders will not grade a grade that their child plays in
- On Grading Day the Grading Coordinator will be the point of contact. Parents and players should not approach the graders. The Grading Coordinators role is to coordinate players for each game and to liaise with the Parents and Graders when necessary.
- Each player will have the opportunity to trial in the positions recommended by their coach from the previous season. This allows information gathered from 3-4 reports on each player to correlate directly with on court grading. The 3-4 reports are made up of the coach's mid-season and end of season report as well as notes made by our Senior Graders throughout the season on each player.
- If a player is wanting to trial in a new position, the parent must provide the Grading Coordinator with enough notification prior to the grading day, this will allow the Graders to plan games beforehand.

### *2. Grading Focal Points*

- Understanding of the game
  - Ranging from knowledge of the rules and court positioning to awareness of space, players, ball and game situations, on-court decision making, timing of movement and pass release, pass selection, creating and play option, "reading" the game, concentration and performance under pressure

- Footwork/Movement Skills
  - Balanced landing and moving, demonstrating good body control, changing direction effectively and appropriately
- Ball handling skills
  - Catching effectively, passing accurately, using a variety of passes in appropriate situations, using more advanced skills such as faking a pass, one hand control and passing from either side
- Attacking skills
  - Moving into or creating space with basic leads, dodges, change of direction, using a variety and/or combination of attacking moves, an awareness of the use of space, shooting action and accuracy, using more advanced skills such as front cut, double dodge, half and full roll
- Defending skills
  - Recovering to three feet, getting hands over the ball, shadowing effectively, effective footwork, body control and positioning, defending from front, side and back, defending the shot, blocking for rebounds, using more advanced skills such as tagging, anticipating and positioning for intercepts, communicating, switching with and covering team mates
- Fitness
  - Consistent effort and work ethic, especially for those who wish to be considered for higher grades
- Versatility
- Sportsmanship and attitude

It is advisable for players new to St Ives but that have played before, to make the club aware of your past playing history. This can be done by either attaching information to your registration form or by sending an email to [grading@stivesnetball.com.au](mailto:grading@stivesnetball.com.au).

**IMPORTANT:** Teams are formed based on player's ability and required positions in a team eg Team 1 will be formed using the players identified as having the most developed skills in a specific position.

Team 2 will be formed using the players identified as having the 2nd most developed skills in a specific position.

When forming teams Graders will also take into consideration the number of rep points on each team. Further information can be found on the KNA Junior Representative Player Transfer and Grading Policy.

### *3. Unable to attend Grading Day*

PLAYERS UNABLE TO ATTEND THEIR GRADING SESSION MUST ADVISE THE CLUB 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE GRADING DAY. A player who does not or cannot attend their grading session will be placed in a team based on paper grading.

#### *4. Late Registration*

Late registrations will only be accepted if there is a vacancy in an appropriate team and at the discretion of the Grading Sub-Committee.

If, for whatever reason, we are unable to place a player who registers with the club on or before registration day, we will make every endeavour to find a suitable alternative club for you.

#### *5. Team Announcements*

Teams will be announced via [email](#). Refer to the season Calendar for the specific date for announcements.

#### *6. Inter (13 & 14) and Cadet (15 – 17) Aged Players*

Inter and Cadet will be formed on skill level of each player in the order of a combination of paper grading and the grading day results. Age will not affect placement in teams. In an effort to make all players feel comfortable, where possible we will have at least two members of a team being in the same school year or age group.

Cadet players can nominate to play in a social team with friends. These teams would be graded Cadet 3 down. No coach would be assigned to these teams. Players must advise the club at least 1 week prior to grading day if they would like to form a social team. These teams must be fully formed by the players.

17-year-old players can nominate to play in a Seniors team. Senior teams do not train and only play games on a Saturday. If you do not have enough players to form a Senior team, the club will endeavour to find additional players from different age groups (17+) to make up a team however this is not guaranteed due to player availability.

#### *7. Appeals/Disputes*

Despite the rigour of the process and the best effort of the Grading Committee, there may be times that a parent/player wishes to lodge an appeal regarding the grading process outcome.

##### Appeals process:

- All appeals must be received in writing within 2 days of the team lists being published.
- Appeals must be emailed to the Club Secretary [secretary@stivesnetball.com.au](mailto:secretary@stivesnetball.com.au).
- All appeals will be acknowledged.
- The Grading Committee will meet to discuss, and decisions will be communicated in writing in a timely manner.
- The Grading Committee decision will be final.

#### *8. Deregistration*

Players are not eligible for refunds should they deregister due to team placements.

## **Governance**

This policy is written and maintained by the St Ives Netball Club Executive.