

## GRADING POLICY

1. All teams will be graded by Grading Committees consisting of 5 members which includes the relevant Competition Co-ordinator and Convenor. These members will be determined at the AGM (or next Council meeting following the AGM when all positions not filled).
2. All entries for competitions must be lodged on the official Entry and Team Registration forms, together with full details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players' names and their relevant playing status/experience and must be received by Randwick Netball Association (RNA) by the published time and date for close of entries.
3. Where a player's name appears on more than one team entry form the player will be contacted by RNA personnel prior to grading and the player must then immediately nominate the Club that they will be playing with, within 48 hours from the contact by RNA.
4. No more than three (3) changes can be made to a team once Grading is finalised. After a team has been graded, any late registration should be of an equal playing standard. RNA may reject a late registration where it considers the inclusion of the player would affect the grade of the team. In such circumstances the Club or player concerned has the right of appeal.
5. Players may not play in a division lower than the division in which they were originally graded.
6. Where a team withdraws a team from the competition after Grading, the offending team will be fined \$100.
7. All grading of teams will be made at the discretion of the relevant Grading Committee.
8. Junior teams shall be graded into Age Divisions. When registering their teams, Clubs should nominate the grade in which they prefer them to play.
9. The RNA Executive and/or Grading Committee will decide each year if games will be held for the purposes of grading, or whether it will be paper-based.
10. The Grading Committee shall meet after registration day and/or grading games and place teams in appropriate divisions.
11. For the purpose of grading, "a team" shall be considered to consist of four (4) players from the original team of players of an equivalent or higher standard.
12. If a winning team from previous competitions consists of four (4) original members, the team will be automatically be moved to a higher division, where possible.
13. If a team who has come last from previous competitions returns, the team will be automatically moved down to a lower division, where possible.

14. There will be a minimum of four (4) teams in each grade.
15. The Grading Committee may recommend to the Executive Committee, the placement of a team in a grade that is consistent with the conduct of a balanced competition. This may include, where appropriate, the combining of age groups.
16. Clubs will be advised within 24 hours after grading day of the grades in which their teams have been placed.
17. Clubs have the right to appeal grading decisions. This must be done within the specified time frame. Appeals will be heard at an arranged time. The decision of the Grading Appeals Committee will be final.
18. Where a player plays three (3) matches in a division higher than that originally graded, on playing their third game, the player will remain in the higher graded team for the remainder of the competition and cannot participate in any other game in their original grade. If a player has played three (3) matches in different higher teams, the player can choose which of the higher teams they will be moved to.