



Grading Policy

Grading is the process of establishing the composition of Rebels Netball Club teams to compete in the Noranda Netball Association (NNA) competition. It is a requirement of NNA 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, that just because you have been in a certain netball team or division in previous years, that does not mean that you will always be in the same team or division. There is often movement amongst teams, as some players do not return to the club whilst other new players join. For returning players, coach's feedback from the previous season will be taken into consideration. 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.

During grading, you will be watched by a variety of selectors and given reasonable court time in the positions recommended by your previous coach or submitted during registration.

Selectors will be watching the following skills during grading:

- *Ball Skills*
- *Attacking*
- *Movement*
- *Defending*
- *Decision Making*
- *Passing & Catching*
- *Intensity*
- *Low Penalties*
- *Sportsmanship*
- *Shooting Statistics (GS & 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*
- *Player combinations - players that work and play well together*

Grading is a difficult task that unfortunately leaves our committee members open to unfair criticism and judgement. The 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.