

# 2023 GRADING POLICY

## Baulkham Hills Netball Club



This Grading Policy is a working document. Alterations may occur due to any changes in the BHNC Constitution and/or new Executive or Committee members.

BHNC will grade all Junior players from 8 years of age.

### SENIOR TEAM GRADING

Senior players will be paper graded based unless circumstances arise that the Grading Committee require physical grading.

All players from the Intermediate to Senior grades may form their own team & submit as a Team Entry when registering with BHNC.

**All team entries must supply their own Coach Manager & Umpire & submit their names when registering their Team Entry.**

### BHNC GRADING COMMITTEE

This will comprise of experienced club personnel who will bring their knowledge & impartiality when assessing the skills & potential of the players.

Where a conflict of interest may occur (eg the grading session involving a child / relative of the grader/s) that member will stand down from that grading session.

All members of the Grading Committee will during the previous season observe the players during their normal training and weekly games to assess their ability under competition situations.

At the end of each season all Coaches will submit their Club Coaching Report to the Coaching Coordinator to discuss with the Grading Committee. The report requires details of the players skill level, ability, attitude & team commitment. These reports remain confidential & are viewed only by the Grading Committee & Executive members if required.

### BHNC GRADING PROCEDURES

All Junior players are required to attend the Grading Session for their respective age group in that year.

The Grading Sessions will be held over 1 or 2 days according to the number of registrations received. These dates will be notified via our BHNC Facebook & Website. All players are required to attend grading & will be trialled in 2 positions which they will have nominated when registering online.

If a player is unable to attend grading notification must be submitted in writing to the club Junior Registrar & Club President. In this instance the player will be paper graded based on the previous season's observation & the Coaches Report. If notification is not received, they will be placed into a team at the discretion of the BHNC Grading Committee.

In the event of a non-registered player from another club or district who has previously played in an A Grade team or is in a BHSNA Representative Squad or has been advised to play in the A Grade & their previous club does not have an A Grade division they may submit in writing an application to trial for the BHNC A Grade team in their age group with the following requirements :

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Upon completion of the grading session the Grading Committee have selected that player into a BHNC A Grade Team they must register with BHNC on that same day.

Failure to comply with this will result in the player being removed from that team.

The sport of netball is a graded & competitive sport from 10 years of age.

The aim of our Grading Committee is to ensure that all our players of varying abilities can play with & against players of similar skill level. All the clubs within BHSNA have their own grading process & our club teams are often playing against very competitive & well skilled opponents.

The Grading Committee does understand that some players (and their parents) wish to play with their friends, but it is their duty to place the players into a team suited to their ability & skill level at that time of their development. It is also most important that we develop teams that are well balanced position wise for example we cannot have teams with girls all just wanting to play centre court positions.

Some players develop their netball skills very quickly while others may need some time & to develop with players on the same level.

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.

Likewise, players who are placed in teams above their ability will also not develop to their potential when being constantly overshadowed by more talented players around them & often become disheartened & lose self-esteem.

We strongly encourage players to experience the opportunity of making new friends & playing partners plus improving their skills in the team in which they have been placed. We also appreciate the support of the parents in their encouragement of the team as they develop during the season.

Parents please be aware that we do want your child to be successful & it is not about being placed in Team (1) or Team (6) it is about being in a team sport, having fun, learning as much as you can but also being competitive at a similar skills level.

## APPEALS

Any player who wishes to appeal against the decision of the Grading Committee **regarding playing skills only** must be submitted in writing to the Club President within 7 days of the teams being notified.

Any appeals regarding a player wishing to be placed with friends will not be considered.

The Club President will investigate the appeal with the appropriate personnel & respond when this has been completed.

The decision of the BHNC Executive will be final & binding.

No telephone calls will be accepted regarding any grading appeal.

The Grading Committee or Registrar must not be contacted directly in relation to any grading concern.