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Undera Football Netball Club

Grading Policy

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Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure that team grading is conducted in a fair and transparent manner. It aims to ensure that all players are given equal opportunity to be selected in a grade for the upcoming season and that the best interest of both the players and the club is considered in the process.

Grading will occur at a time most suitable to the coaching and selection staff for the season. The objectives of the grading system are to ensure the following:

- To create teams of similar skill and ability
- Allow teams to play in a suitable and competitive environment
- To ensure Undera Netball Club is represented in all sections of KDL

Grading Criteria

During trials the following will be taken into consideration:

- Footwork
- Speed and agility
- Fitness
- Ball handling skills
- Attacking and defensive skills
- Versatility
- Sportsmanship and attitude
- Availability and commitment
- Long term injuries and capability

While players will have the opportunity to nominate and trial in their preferred playing position, they may also be asked to trial in other positions to assist with the assessment process of other players. While every effort will be taken to ensure players have equal court time to allow for a fair process, this may not always be possible or required.

Parents, Players and non-coaches are not to approach the selection panel at any time during trials in the attempt to influence grading and team formation. If they wish to discuss anything related to selections, they are to request to speak with all members of the panel before or after the session is completed.

Players will be required to attend at least 2 trials in order to be placed in an appropriate grade. Where this is not possible, the player will be able to attend the training session for the appropriate grade for their skills to be assessed and to be graded accordingly.

Juniors

Juniors will not be required to complete trials, unless in the instance of 17 & under where more than 10 players have shown interest in playing for Undera Netball Club.

They will be assessed on the same criteria as above and every effort will be made to place them in a grade, but this might not always be possible.



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Friendship Request

Undera Netball Club understand that players may wish to play in a side with their friends, this is not always possible, however we will endeavor to place players with 1 friend of similar ability. Undera Netball Club recognises that playing outside of friendship groups is a great opportunity for new friendships/relationships to be formed and we encourage players to adopt the same.

Team Formation

Teams will consist of ideally 9 players, a coach/coaches and a team manager.

When selecting and forming teams, players positions will be taken into consideration and a fair spread of mid-court, attack and defence will be selected.

The selection panel will consist of:

- The Netball Director
- Junior Netball Coordinator for Junior trials if/when they are required
- Coaches Coordinator
- 1 external party

They will work closely with coaches to run requested combinations and once they have their team suggestions, they will meet with the coaches to discuss this and form sides.

The outcome of the grading process is to ensure grades are selected that will meet the standards of each competition in the KDL.

When selecting teams, the aim is to achieve strength and balance in a team.

Team selections may also not be set for the season and changes in players circumstances and availability will be taken into consideration and every effort to rectify this will be taken with minimal disruption to other grades, however this is not always possible.

Announcement of Teams

Teams will be announced in the weeks proceeding trials. All information regarding the selection and grading process is confidential and will not be discussed outside of the selection panel and coaches.

Once teams are allocated, there may be the need for movement and changes due to one of the following circumstances

- Players leaving the club
- Player unable to play due to injury
- Special consideration agreed upon by the netball committee.

Late registrations/requests to play for Undera may be considered if there are vacancies in the relevant side, however players will not be taken into a side once the season starts if there is no space.

Concerns

Whilst we hope players and parents can understand how difficult this process is and appreciate that all the above has been considered in making the final selection decisions, any concerns will need to be submitted in writing within 7 days from the team announcements.

To submit a concern, please send this through to the club Secretary at - underafnc@hotmail.com and it will be addressed as soon as possible.