



BRNC GRADING POLICY

Purpose

The aim of this Policy is to ensure grading of teams is conducted fairly and effectively, and in the best interest of the club and players. Grading is the process of establishing the number and composition of Barden Ridge Netball Club (BRNC) teams to compete in the Sutherland Shire Netball Association (SSNA) winter competition.

Grading aims to create balanced teams based on players positions, age and ability levels.

Process

The Grading Process includes paper grading, practical grading and the review of the coach's evaluation from the previous season, where applicable.

At the end of each year coaches complete a report on each player which includes a review of their playing skills, experience, positions played, attendance at training and games, teamwork and attitude.

Players registered in the 10 to 15 years competition will be practically graded at a time and venue advised by BRNC, in February each year, prior to season commencement.

Grading is compulsory for players in these age groups.

Block teams will only be considered as a team joining BRNC for the first time. Team must have 8 players minimum and have a coach. This must be approved by BRNC Grading Coordinator & Executive. After the first year, players must be graded by BRNC

Players registered in the 8 and 9 years competition will be paper graded. Players in 8 years can request 1 friend to play with.

Players in 16/17 + senior age group will be paper graded by the grading committee.

The club may be required to place an individually registered player into a block team only after consulting with the incoming team manager, incoming team coach and players of the respective block team

BRNC reserves the right to practically grade, if necessary.

In the event of a late registration, new players will enter into the lowest graded team in their age group. Graders reserve the right to move players up if required.

All late registrations must be approved by BRNC grading committee



Grading Criteria

In assessing the overall skills of a player within an age group, the Grading Committee will take into account:

1. Footwork/Movement skills
2. Ball handling skills
3. Attacking skills
4. Defending skills
5. Perception/Cognition skills
6. Shooting skills (where applicable)
7. Sportsmanship and attitude
8. Attendance at training and games

Grading Committee Responsibilities

The Grading Committee will consist of a Grading Coordinator and Graders who will be appointed each year in June the BRNC delegated meeting.

These positions are voluntary. The Grading Coordinator will make the final decision on all grading issues and team selection.

The Grading Committee will remain unbiased and maintain confidentiality at all times.

The Grading Committee will coordinate the grading process.

Player Responsibilities

All players are expected to attend practical grading for their respective age group.

If a player is unable to attend practical grading, the player or parent/guardian must notify the Grading Coordinator via email to the BRNC Secretary.

Placement into a team for this player will be based upon paper grading.

All players and parents/guardians are required to accept the decisions of the graders and the grading process

Team Announcements

All Junior Teams will be announced and posted on the BRNC website.

Once announced, teams for the upcoming season are final.

The Grading Committee reserves the right under extenuating circumstances to make changes on the approval by the BRNC Executive.



Appeals

All appeals relating to grading are required to be lodged to BRNC secretary 72 hours post team announcement.

No appeals will be considered after the 72 hours have expired.

Late Registrations

Any potential registrations taken after team announcements will be considered if numbers within the players age group support it and player movement into a higher grade or age group is accepted by all previously registered parties involved.

If a late registration is accepted, the player will be allocated to a team by the Grading Committee

Important Grading Information

1. Any requests to play outside the child's birth age will only be considered on the condition that the application is received through the link on the club website prior to practical grading, citing valid reasons for the request. An application to play up does not guarantee approval. The sanctioning of such a request will be dependent upon numbers, available positions and the reasons provided, and application must occur each year. Players are required to attend practical grading for their correct age + age requesting to play
2. Individual requests that a player or parent/guardian may want the Grading Committee to consider throughout the grading process and selection of teams will only be considered on the condition that the application is received in writing to the Grading Coordinator and Grading Committee via the BRNC Secretary prior to practical grading, citing valid reasons for the request. An application does not guarantee approval. The sanctioning of such a request will be dependent upon numbers, available positions and the reasons provided, and application must occur each year.
If this request involves multiple players, requests will only be considered in writing from all parties named, individually
3. Once practical grading has occurred no requests will be considered unless under extenuating circumstances as determined by the BRNC Grading Coordinator and BRNC Executive.
4. Once practical grading has occurred, players will not be eligible for a registration refund unless in extenuating circumstances as determined by the BRNC Executive and Grading Coordinator
5. Grading is a closed door session. Parents are not permitted to watch. All players are supervised for the entire session
6. BRNC aims to ensure team grading is conducted in a fair and effective manner. Players and parents are required to be objective and reasonable in their expectations and to encourage their children to be happy in their sport. We encourage our players to accept their team and make new friends, and once the



season starts children usually settle in and enjoy playing netball. The support of parents is greatly encouraged for this to occur smoothly.