



## **FIRBANK NETBALL CLUB GRADING POLICY 2024 SEASON**

Firbank Netball Club aims to provide a positive and inclusive environment for all players to participate in the game of netball. The grading process is a way to ensure every player is given the opportunity to play netball to the best of their abilities in an encouraging and supportive environment.

We aim to create teams that consist of players of similar standard and skills, are competitive within the SDNA competition on game day and enables all players and teams to continue their skill development.

### **GRADING PROCESS**

Grading will commence during August by observing players at training, on game day and through engagement with coaches to provide team and player feedback.

Age specific grading sessions will commence during February / March prior to start of the season. This is to ensure that the abilities of all players, including any new players, are appropriately assessed.

The grading will take place during training sessions. This is to ensure all players have the opportunity to participate in grading time as not all players may be available if assessment is held on one particular day. Players will be observed and assessed on fitness, skills, performance, teamwork and attitude.

If a player is unable to attend these sessions, then placement into a team for this player may be based on:

Coaches Evaluation (existing players)

Observation during training and game day throughout previous season (existing players)

### **U11 (Year 4 and 5)**

Grading is not required for this age group; they will be placed in age-appropriate teams. All players will develop awareness and have game day experience in all netball positions. This age group are still developing their skills, so it is important that players experience playing every position. This is also stipulated by the SDNA guidelines.

### **U13**

For new players going into Year 7, specific grading sessions will be held in November/December, followed by a combined grading session with current age specific players along with continued assessment as mentioned above during February and March.

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# FIRBANK GRAMMAR

If you have any questions relating to the Firbank Netball Club grading policy, please email [netball@firbank.vic.edu.au](mailto:netball@firbank.vic.edu.au)

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