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## 3.0 Grading Policy

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### 3.1 Context & Aim

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The BDNA Grading Committee is responsible for implementing a grading process which works to evaluate, and grade all teams for each graded season. The premise upon which this process will be conducted will be to promote a level of fairness and integrity in the competition in line with both this grading policy and the competition by laws.

### 3.2 Scope

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This policy applies to all graded Seasons run by Bayside District Netball Inc. This policy does not include Spring Competition.

### 3.3 Compliance

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Grading Committee to report to Netball Manager / Board

### 3.4 Grading Committee Format

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The committee consists of a Chair – (Appointed by BDNA Board) and a minimum of 4 members of the BDNA community. *Please note members of the Grading Committee are not representing their club but are representing BDNA domestic competition to undertake the duties set out in this policy.*

The Grading committee will

- nominate a 'Head Grader' for Each Age Group and sub members for each age group
- meet for a Paper Grading Process
- attend grading games to observe teams and potentially review grades
- nominate grade changes via Google sheets templates provided
- communicate with chair in relation to potential changes
- meet after Grading Rounds have been completed to finalise all grades



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### 3.5 Paper Grading

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Prior to grading round 1 all members of the Grading Committee meet to facilitate a paper grading process. If a club does not have a representative on the grading committee, the delegate (or nominee) is invited to attend the paper grading meeting.

To ensure the accuracy of this process, it is incumbent on clubs:

- To provide a provisional section request for each team for consideration by the grading committee
- To ensure all players have been added to the team in Netball Connect by Team nominations close date
- Maintain Team names from previous season
- Provide any information that will assist in the comments section e.g gained 2 strong players
- Provide a ranking for teams where they have submitted more than 1 team in an age section. The grading committee respects the knowledge of the club and will take this on board.

### 3.6 Paper Grading -

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GUIDELINES TO ASSIST	
Teams Per Grade	If court fixture slots permit graders should aim for even number of teams per grade ( min of 4 max of 12)
Team Ranking	Graders should attempt to Rank teams from strongest to weakest across the entire age group. Take into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● previous years ladder position</li><li>● previous years percentage points</li><li>● relative strength of the individuals in those teams</li><li>● team composition</li><li>● changes to team composition from previous year</li><li>● number of representative players</li><li>● previous season grand final teams – (it is expected will they will progress up a grade )</li><li>● the clubs provisional request for grading</li><li>● Any other written submissions for special considerations from clubs position from previous year</li></ul>
Create a Watch List	Graders should create an initial watch list of teams who the sub committee believes, are possibly on the fringe (upper or lower) of that



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	section or if the committee is genuinely unsure of where that team has been placed
Under 11 & Under 9	Thursday is reserved for players aged 9 . 11 & Under teams will play on Saturday mornings - for both Under 11 & Under 9 - grading is fluid - teams can move up and down throughout the season.
Age Bracket	<p>Teams will be graded within their age group. Clubs can request teams to move up age groups where they deem it as appropriate.</p> <p>In accordance with the super team by laws teams with high number of representative players OR a team in a top section age division who is consistently proving to be far stronger than all other teams in that allocated section are to be closely monitored . In these cases the Grading Committee may find cause to discuss the option of elevating them into a higher age division than their own. This would only be provided the minimum age for players in that division is met and would require full consultation with all parties.</p>
Google Sheets	Graders will be provided with Google Sheets for team ranking & record keeping purposes

### 3.6 Grading Rounds -

GRADING ROUNDS	
Specific Game Match Ups	Graders can request specific match ups across the grading rounds
Re- Grade	The Grading Committee will generally not regrade teams until the completion of 2 grading rounds to ensure performance and consider any anomalies (fill in players, rotations etc) across age/grade section.
Continued Ranking of Teams	Grading Committee members view and assess the teams in their age group on skills and physical presence on court, looking across grades to be able to compare one grade to the next.
Record Keeping	Grading committee members are expected to make notes on each team and each game where practical and add or remove teams from the watch list as deemed necessary or appropriate. This should all be recorded on the grading sheet template.
Communication	Grading committee members are encouraged to speak with coaches and members of club committees to help make an accurate assessment about a team – are they the usual goalers; are key players absent/unwell/playing out of position etc



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### 3.7 Grading Committee Finalising of Grades

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- Following final grading round clubs will be provided a full report on proposed team grading. Clubs, via their delegates are able to make submissions for the sub committee to re-consider specific teams prior to season commencement. Any correspondence from coaches, parents, players or club members other than the club delegate will not be taken into consideration for grading purposes.
- If required each age group sub committee will meet or phone consult to consider the requests received from club delegates, and make final recommendations for their age group sections. (If a member of a sub committee is not available to meet, their notes can be submitted and taken into consideration).
- All assessment tools available should be utilised to assist sub committee decision making, including game scores, shooting accuracy (as determined by the number of attempts noted by scorers), discussions with coaches as well as requests from club delegates.
- At the end of the grading rounds all premiership points and percentage will be reset to zero.

### 3.8 Regrading Post Grading Rounds

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The decision of the Grading committee is final and no further changes will be entered into. Regrading once the season proper has commenced is by exception, and will only occur in very rare circumstances if deemed absolutely necessary and will need Board Approval.