



CARLINGFORD FLAMES GRADING POLICY

Aims and Objectives

Carlingford Flames Netball Club is committed to ensuring team grading is conducted fairly and effectively and in the best interest of the player and club.

Grading is influenced by the number and ages of players registered with the club.

NB: Players and parents need to understand that placement in a team one year does not ensure a player will remain in that team the following year. Due to changes in player numbers from year to year, the rate of player development from season to season, player movement in and out of the club positions cannot be guaranteed. Parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations, and to encourage their children to be happy in their sport.

Grading Committee

The Grading Committee is comprised of the nominated Grading Coordinator. The Grading Coordinator can call upon independent, experienced selectors and executive members to assist in the selection process. A member of the Grading Committee cannot select on an age group where they have their own children playing.

The Grading Committee will make the final recommendation on team selection to the President and Vice President of Carlingford Flames Netball Club for final approval.

Grading Process: Ages 7-9 yrs

These players play non-competitive games against other clubs. The rules are modified to allow for player development. The emphasis is on fun, developing skills and making new friends.

The grading committee uses the following criteria when making up teams:

- Previous existing teams
- By groups based on team numbers
- Friends
- Player evaluation, completed by the coach from the previous season

Note: Requests to play with a friend will be accommodated where possible, however please understand that due to other circumstances such as overall team numbers requests can not always be guaranteed. **Requests to play with a friend must come from both players and be written on the top of each players registration form.**

Grading Process: 10 – 11 years

(This grading process may also apply to the 12 year age group in some circumstances.)

Players will be placed in a team that: -

- Best represents their level of skill and ability
- Maximizes opportunities to develop and improve skills

The grading process will be based on the following:

- Player evaluation, completed by the coach from the previous season

- Attitude and attendance of the player at training and games from the previous season
- During the previous season the grading committee will attend various games to observe players where required
- Attendance at a grading session (usually programmed for late November early December)

Grading Process: 12 years – Cadets

Players will be placed in a team that: -

- Best represents their level of skill and ability
- Maximizes opportunities to develop and improve skills

The grading process will be based on the following:

- Player evaluation, completed by the coach from the previous season
- Attitude and attendance of the player at training and games from the previous season
- During the previous season the grading committee will attend various games to observe players where required
- Paper grading. (A grading session may also apply to the 12 year age group in some circumstances.)

Grading Process: Senior Teams

The club will accept whole teams for registration, where individual players have indicated no team preference the club will endeavor to slot players in to existing teams.

Players playing out of their age group

The general policy of the Club is that all players play within teams of their own age group. However, on occasion there may be exceptions to this rule. During grading should a player of exceptional talent for whom a team of similar ability does not exist, within their own age group or the player is identified for further development then they may be offered the opportunity to play in a higher age group. In addition, should the club have insufficient player registrations in adjacent age groups to form full teams, players may be requested to play up an age group in order to form a team.

In both instances the parents would be contacted prior to the publication of teams.

Disputes

All grading assessment sheets and player evaluation reports are confidential property of Carlingford Flames netball Club.

Any disputes regarding grading must be received within 72 hours of team postings on the Carlingford Flames website. Disputes must be in writing to the President of Carlingford Flames Netball Association.

Team Announcements and Placing/Divisions

- Teams will be announced via the club website in January.
- Refund of registration fees will not be given for change of mind or because a player does not want to be in a particular team.
- Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, not Carlingford Flames, places teams in divisions. These team placements are final.