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Maitland District Netball Association Inc

Grading Policy

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Preamble

The Maitland District Netball Association (MDNA) is a not-for-profit organisation and is administered by volunteers. MDNA is incorporated under the 1984 Associations Incorporation Act.

The MDNA is committed to the creation of a positive sporting environment that supports, encourages and provides opportunities for all members to achieve their sporting potential.

We acknowledge the need to embrace change and continuous improvement within our Association.

We are committed to developing a sporting culture that is based on integrity, equity, diversity, trust, and respect for one another.

Purpose

The Maitland District Netball Association Grading Committee is established to:

- Review all teams registered with the MDNA and allocate a playing grade prior to the commencement of each season
- Uphold the rules and policy of MDNA and Netball NSW (NNSW)

Reports to:

- MDNA Grading Convenor
- MDNA Management Committee

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GOVERNING RULES

- The Grading Standing Committee is elected in accordance with the MDNA constitution.
- Following MDNA registration, all team lists must be viewable online for the Grading Convenor.
- The Grading Convenor or Secretary will notify members of the Grading Standing Committee of their commitments for the season.
- The Grading Standing Committee will meet for team grading on dates set by the Management Committee.
- The Grading Standing Committee must have a minimum of half the members plus one to hold a meeting.
- Grading proceedings are governed by MDNA Constitution, Administrative Regulations, Competition Rules and this Policy.
- The Grading Convenor will allocate each team to a grade. The preliminary grading is subject to the rules of appeal. The Grading Convenor will provide a proposed grading document to each standing committee member for review and discussion.
- All teams registering to play with MDNA are subject to grading and the rules thereof.
- All grading will be done on paper except for the Committee seeking to view a team.
- All team registrations must be completed in full and must have a minimum of 7 players registered.
- For each player, the Club must provide a 2 year player history, including, the team name/s and grade/s played, or when last played.
- If the player history is not correctly filled in or incomplete, the grading committee will grade the team as they see fit.
- All team registration nominations are to have a suggested grade entered by the Club and it is expected that this grade has been given due consideration by the Club.
- The grand final winners of each grade from the previous competition will automatically be graded up, providing the team retains 5 of the same players. The grand final runners up will be graded at the discretion of the Grading Committee.
- For the purpose of possible regrading, the grading committee will be rostered to monitor the first 3 weeks of the competition.
- In the absence of the grading convenor for the purpose of day players, a grading committee member is required to be present in the office for approval of day players.
- Confidentiality of the grading procedures, subsequent appeals and decision making is to be maintained at all times.

- The Fixtures Convenor and Umpires Convenor may sit in on any Grading Standing Committee meeting for discussion reasons only.
- The main aim to come from grading is to build a competitive competition based on ability and development across the entire competition, by allocating teams to appropriate divisions.

GRADING CONVENER

Role in Grading Proceedings

The Grading Convenor shall:

- Chair all meetings and direct proceedings in accordance with MDNA Rules and Policy. In the instance of no Grading Convenor or they are not available, the Management Committee shall appoint a Management Committee member to chair the meeting/s.
- Review all team registrations prior to grading day/s and provide recommendations to the committee.
- Provide a draft copy of proposed grading document to each member of the grading standing committee prior to grading day for discussion and review.
- Not vote during the proceedings, except where a casting vote is required.
- Grade all late registrations in accordance with MDNA Rules and Policies.
- Review all grading appeals in accordance with MDNA Rules and Policies.
- Provide the Secretary with a copy of the preliminary and final grading.
- Provide a report for all Grading Standing Committee meetings to the MDNA Secretary for tabling at the next Management Committee meeting.

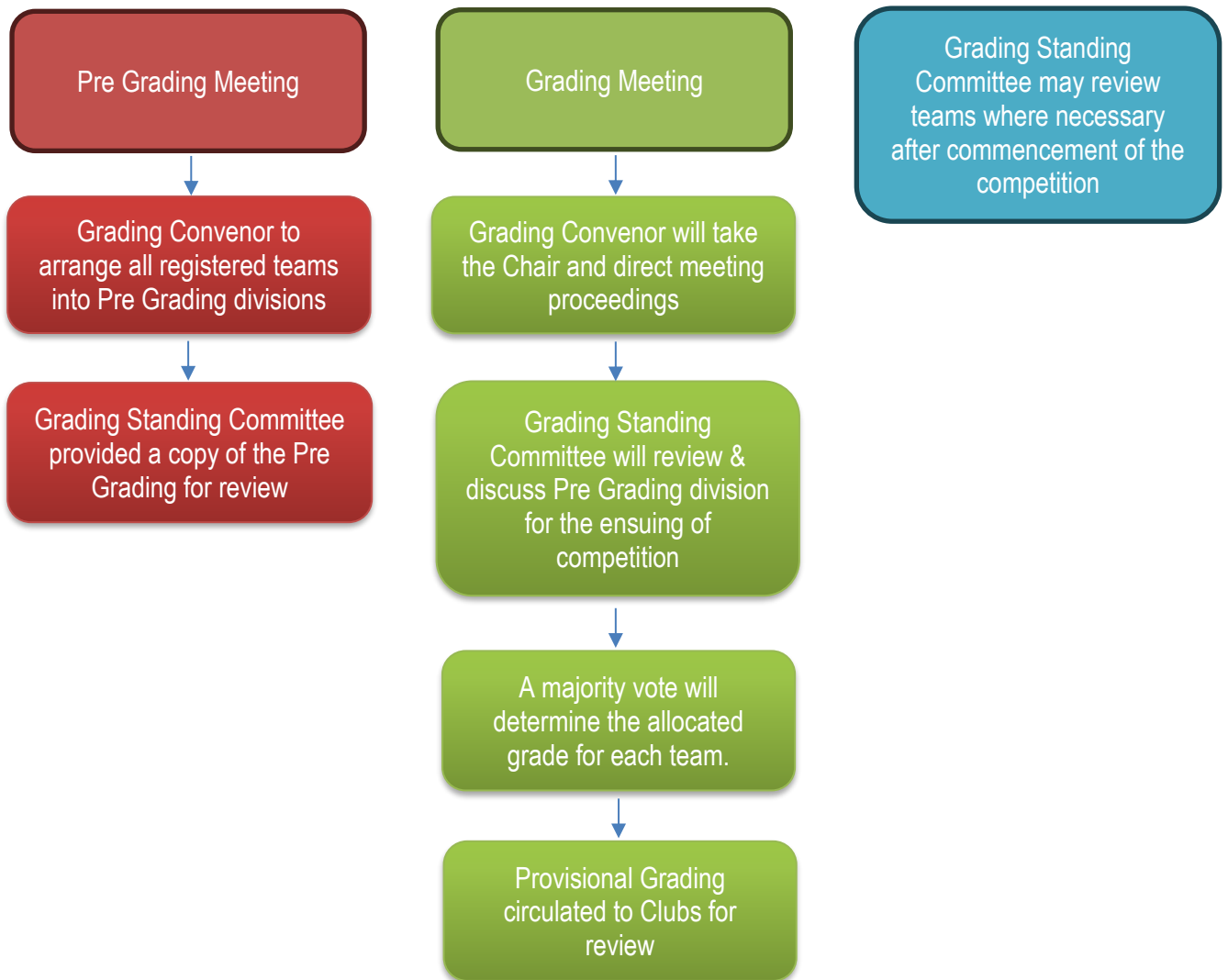
GRADING STANDING COMMITTEE

Role in Grading Proceedings

The Grading Standing Committee shall:

- Attend all MDNA grading days and meetings as set down by the Grading Convenor or MDNA Management Committee.
- Consider the previous year's results, the player history and any possible late registrations, in determining each team's grade allocation.
- Discuss and review proposed grading in a professional and confidential manner under the direction of the Grading Convenor.
- Vote to allocate each team to a grade.

TEAM GRADING PROCEEDINGS



PUBLICATION OF GRADING

Publication of all grading is to be carried out by the Secretary following notification from the Grading Convenor.

GRADING APPEALS

- Any team nomination that does not include a completed player history or a suggested grade will forfeit its right to any grading appeal.
- Appeals against grading must be lodged via the online form available on the MDNA Website in accordance with MDNA Administrative Regulations.
- All teams have 48 hours to appeal the initial grading after the grading has been published. No further appeals will be accepted.

- If a team is re-graded after the preliminary grading has been published, and without lodging an appeal, the Club has the right to appeal the re-grade. This is to be within 24 hours from the notification.
- Any team that has been re-graded only has one right of appeal.
- The Grading Convenor will review all appeals. They may elect to call a grading meeting or make the final decision on the appeal. In the absence of the Grading Convenor, they must delegate the review of appeals to 1 of the Grading Standing Committee.

LATE REGISTRATION GRADING

All players who register after the completion of grading proceedings are subject to grading as per MDNA Administrative Regulations.