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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 grading day/s.
- The Grading Standing Committee will meet for team grading 1 week after the last MDNA registration day.
- 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 Standing Committee will allocate each team to a grade. The preliminary grading is subject to the rules of appeal.
- All teams registering to play with MDNA are subject to grading and the rules thereof.
- All grading will be done on paper with the exception of the Committee seeking to view a team. Where paper grading is insufficient, the Committee may request to view a team in accordance MDNA Administrative Regulations.
- 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 finalists of each grade from the previous competition will automatically be graded up, providing the team retains 5 of the same 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.

## **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 copies of the team lists to each member of the grading standing committee prior to grading day.
- Not vote during the proceedings except where a casting vote is required.
- Grade all late registrations in accordance with MDNA Rules.
- Review all appeals against grading in accordance with MDNA Rules.
- Provide the Secretary with a copy of the preliminary and final grading.
- Provide a report from each 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 the MDNA grading day/s as set down by the Grading Convenor.
- Consider the previous year's results, the player history and any possible late registrations, in determining each team's grade allocation.
- Discuss all teams for grading in a professional and confidential manner under the direction of the Grading Convenor.
- Vote to allocate each team to a grade.

## **GRADING PROCEEDINGS**

### **Team Grading**

- The Grading Convenor will take the Chair and direct meeting proceedings.

- The Grading Standing Committee will review and discuss all teams registered with MDNA for the ensuing competition, including the grade as suggested by the Club.
- A majority vote will determine the allocated grade for each team. The Grading Convenor shall use their casting vote where required.
- The Grading Standing Committee may review teams where necessary after commencement of competition.

## **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 in writing with the MDNA Secretary 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.