



**ALGERGER  
GUARDIANS**

## TEAM GRADING POLICY

This policy is applicable to all financial players 10 years and over

### **Objectives of Grading**

Algerger Guardians Netball Club is committed to ensuring team grading is conducted fairly and effectively, and in the best interests of the Club and its players.

Our aim is to:

- Establish teams of similar skills and abilities
- Allow teams to play in a suitably competitive environment
- Maximise opportunities to develop and improve skills
- Allow the opportunities for individuals to be eligible for Underwood Park Netball Association representative teams
- Maximise the players enjoyment and love of netball

### **Grading Of Each Age Group**

#### 7, 8 & 9 Years (Nettas)

No team rankings however players may be asked to participate in pre-season training and be involved in “grading” days to get players familiar with the process and team formation.

#### 10 Years + (Cadets)

Players in these age groups will be graded via the process described in these guidelines

### **Grading Criteria**

In assessing the overall skills of a player within an age group, the Grading Committee will consider:

- Ball Handling Skills
- Attacking Skills
- Defending Skills

- Perception/Cognition Skills
- Sportsmanship and attitude
- Footwork
- Speed and agility
- Potential to improve
- Athletic ability

## Grading Committee

- Two neutral graders/ qualified coaches will be appointed to grade players with outcomes to be provided to a Team Formation Committee
- Team Formation Committee consists of up to 3 members who will attend the Grading Day. The purpose of this committee is to review the graders feedback and allocate teams accordingly.
- All grading/ team formation committee members will be approved by the Algester Guardians Committee
- Coaches from previous seasons will be consulted to assist with grading for future seasons.

## Grading Procedure

- The grading process will be conducted on a yearly basis prior to the commencement of the UPNA season
- Grading is compulsory for all players in the 10 year + age groups
- Each player will be trialed in 2 selected positions on the grading day
- Players may also be asked to trial in other positions, either to make up a team, or because the Graders would like to see how they perform in those positions
- For a number of reasons, it may not be necessary for all players to play an identical number of quarters during the grading session.
- If a player is unable to attend grading, the player or parent/guardian must notify the Grading Convener in writing prior to grading (algester.guardians@gmail.com) with a detailed explanation.
- The decision to grade a player who is unable to attend grading day will be based on the Algester Guardians grading policy, feedback from previous coach, historical performance, player numbers and positions
- Maximum of 10 players to a team
- Players who have participated in the grading process will be notified of the team they have been selected in
- Coaches of all teams will be advised of the positions the player has trialed for at the grading day. The coach may train the player for other positions during the netball season.
- The Grading process is also about the balance of the team and is not indicative of an individual players talent.

## **Player Notification**

- Team lists will be sent via email within 7 days of the grading day
- Initial team notifications are subject to change at the discretion of the Algester Guardians Netball Club Committee

## **Disputes**

- Any disputes regarding grading must be submitted in writing to Algester Guardians within 72 hours of team publishing (algester.guardians@gmail.com)
- No grading issues will be discussed over the phone or in person. Members of the Team Formation Committee will consider the complaint and will advise of their decision at the earliest convenience.
- There will be no consideration for refunds if dissatisfied with the grading results or personal decision not to play netball with the Algester Guardians Netball Club after the grading day

## **Confidentiality**

All grading assessments sheets and player evaluation are the confidential property of Algester Guardians Netball Club