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Katz Netball Club Grading Policy

Our Aim

Katz Netball Club is committed to ensuring team grading is conducted fairly and effectively. The aim of this policy is ensure grading of teams is undertaken in this manner, and in the best interest of the Club and players.

The aim of grading is to form teams that have a balanced group of players of similar ability and levels across all playing positions. Grading will also be influenced by the number and ages of players registered with the club each year, eg; 16 registered players in a particular age group will form two (2) teams of 8 players each, whereas 18 registered players would mean two (2) teams of 9 players each.

Why Do We Grade Our Teams

Netball is a graded, competitive sport from the age of 10 with representative opportunities. To ensure the best chance of success for all teams and the greatest level of enjoyment and development of our players, it is necessary to grade players into teams with players of similar ability.

Stronger players always enjoy the challenge of a harder faster competition and do not develop to the potential if graded to a lower team to be kept with a friend. Similarly, players who are placed in teams above their ability will also not develop to their potential when being constantly overshadowed by the more talented players around them.

Players and parents should also be aware that success for a team one year does not always ensure they will remain together the following year. Due to the nature of change, new registrations and differing development rates of all players from season to season, player movement in and out of such teams may still occur.

Players and parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations, and to encourage their children to be happy in their chosen sport no matter what team they are ultimately placed in.

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 the Coaching Panel identify a player of exceptional talent for whom a team of similar ability does not exist within their own age group, then that player 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 of composite age. In such instances, the players asked to play up an age group, will be selected based on them being of similar ability to the other players in the team which they will be placed.

Age Of each Playing group

All Players must attend grading days. Players who are unable to attend grading days must contact the club prior to grading. Placement into a team for this player will be based upon Paper Grading and where applicable, Coaches evaluations and independent players assessments.

The Coaching Panel

All grading is undertaken on behalf of the club by our coaching panel. The Coaching Panel consists of the coaching director or other members as appointed by the coaching director. From time to time the coaching panel may also invite Independent Graders to assist with the grading process.

Grading Criteria

In assessing the overall skills of a player within an age group, the coaching panel will take into account:

- Attendance of Grading Sessions
- Footwork
- Speed and Agility
- Ball Handling Skills
- Attacking Skills
- Defending Skills
- Perception/ Cognition Skills
- Sportsmanship and Attitude

For further information or questions please don't hesitate to contact the President or Coaching Director.