



Iona Netball Grading Policy

The following grading policy is to ensure that the grading of Iona Netball Club players and teams is conducted fairly and effectively.

Grading Aims

- Each player's ability, skill level and attitude.
- The number of players registered with the Iona Netball Club in each age group; and
- The best interests of all players and the Iona Netball Club.

Net/Set/Go

All players 9 years and under are not graded and play a modified rules game. Where possible Iona Netball club will accommodate requests for players to be with their friends, depending on overall number of registrations.

Junior Players

Iona Netball Club grades all players from 10 years to 18 years during a grading session. Grading dates and times will be set by the Executive Committee and are compulsory for all junior players. Monday Night Senior Competition Iona Netball Club grades players competing in the Monday night senior competition on paper only, when required. If a physical grading is required, this will be communicated to the players at least two (2) weeks prior to the grading session.

Grading Committee

The Grading Committee is made up of at least 4 Iona Executive Committee members including the Coaches Coordinator, Grading coordinator and a grading committee member. The Grading Committee is responsible for grading each player into an appropriate team having regard to the guidelines set out in this policy.

Players will be graded, wherever possible, into teams that are appropriate to their skill and development and that are appropriately balanced in terms of playing positions.

Players Responsibilities

All junior players are required to attend grading sessions as set by the Iona Executive Committee. If junior players are unable to attend the set grading session, the player or parent/guardian must notify the Iona Secretary, as soon as possible. Placement into a team for that player will be based on the feedback from the players previous coach based on the previous season. If a player does not attend the grading session, they are not eligible to appeal their grading.



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Grading Criteria

When assessing players, the Grading Committee will observe each player's skill in the following areas:

- ball handling skills.
- footwork.
- speed and agility.
- court play.
- team play.
- potential to improve.
- attacking and defending skills; and
- sportsmanship and attitude.

If we have enough registered players for two teams in one age and/or division, the teams are to be split evenly to ensure both teams have a balance of skill and playing positions. Announcement of Teams once the grading process has been completed and the Grading Committee has finalised teams, players and team coaches will be notified by email. We encourage players who have been placed into a new team, where they may not be with their friends, to accept their new team and make new friends. Once the season starts children usually settle in quickly and enjoy their netball and the support of parents is greatly encouraged to ensure this occurs smoothly.

Appeals

Any player who attended the scheduled grading sessions who is dissatisfied with their grading may appeal as set out below.

- Appeals must be in writing, addressed to the Club Secretary and received within 48 hours of the announcement of the team.
- Appeals must state the reason for the appeal.
- Appeals must only deal with the player for whom the appeal is being lodged and must not refer to other players in the team or Club.
- Appeals will not be accepted in any other form, nor will they be discussed in person or via phone conversations.
- An Appeals Committee will be formed by three (3) members of the Executive Committee who will meet to discuss the appeal.
- Decisions on appeals will be advised in writing as soon as practical after a decision has been made by the Appeals Committee.
- The Appeals Committee decision will be final.