



WARRANDYTE NETBALL CLUB

The Warrandyte Netball Club have implemented a Selection Policy commencing for the Winter Season 2013. Selection is the process of establishing the composition of teams to compete in the Doncaster and Districts Netball Association

Aims and Objectives

A main objective of the Warrandyte Netball Club is to develop the skills of its members, provide a clear path for player development and promote the game of netball in Warrandyte.

The aim of this policy is to establish teams which provide:

- a similar matching of skills
- are reasonably competitive
- enable individuals and teams to develop skills

The policy ensures that:

- For grading purposes, every child is treated as an individual club member, irrespective of previous team or grade.
- Every player has an equal opportunity.

Grading of Each Age Group

Under 11

Play by competition rules but do not accrue competition points nor play a final series.

Team Selection is decided by an independent selection panel on registration day. Players will be placed in teams on the basis of:

- Selection panel recommendations
- Friendships/school groups
- Age

Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Open

Play by competition rules and accrue competition points and play a final series.

Players in these age groups will be placed into teams on the basis of

- Selection panel recommendations
- Previous season's team
- Individual requests

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 (U11, U13, U15, U17 or open). Age is calculated as of 31st December of the playing season. On occasion, there may be exceptions to this rule.

During grading, should the Graders 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 in which they will be placed.

A player may request to be graded in an older age group in order to play with players in the same year level at school. Such a request may be denied if the selectors and/or club believe the player may be at risk of being injured by larger players, or the Club has insufficient player registrations in that player's correct age group to form a full team without that player, or too many players in the older age group.

Selection / Grading Day

An official Grading Day will be scheduled by the Club. For Club members the Grading Day will be advised in advance via email. A registration form will be attached, which each team member must return to the club by registration day. For new members registration information will be available on the website. The registration form will be available for download from the website.

It is recognised that not all players may be available on the scheduled selection day, however, we do expect that all players will make every effort to attend at the appropriate time slot.

Two or three independent graders will be appointed to grade players at the selection trials.

Selections may include a number of activities including various netball training drills but will always include a session of actual on-court play.

Players presenting for selection shall be formed into teams for the purposes of this on-court game. Each grading team shall be watched by at least two selectors.

Players shall trial in two positions that they have nominated. However, this does not mean when placed in a team that they shall play in these positions. Players may also be asked to trial in other positions, either to make up a team, or because the selectors would like to see how they perform in those positions. Where players are asked to fill other positions during grading, they will still have an opportunity to play in each of their nominated position/s during the selection process. For a number of reasons, it may not be necessary for all players to play an identical numbers of quarters during the game session.

Selectors will judge players on fitness, skills, performance, teamwork and attitude.

Grading Criteria

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

- Footwork
- Speed and Agility
- Ball Handling Skills
- Attacking Skills
- Defending Skills
- Perception/Cognition Skills
- Sportsmanship and Attitude

The outcome of the selection day is that each player will be graded as being of either 1, 2, or 3 standard. Players will also be identified as capable of playing in defence, goals or mid-court.

A player must make every effort to attend the Grading Day. If a player does not attend this selection day then placement into a team for this player will be based upon:

- Coach's Evaluation (for existing players)
- Observation by Team Coaches at the nominated training session prior to the start of the season.

Announcement of Teams

Once the grading process has concluded the teams will be announced prior to the season commencing at the first training session.