



JNA GRADING GUIDELINE

Clubs

It is the responsibility of all clubs to ensure players are graded into teams that are similar in age, experience and skill

All clubs shall register teams on the approved team registration form.

Any additional information must be submitted with the registration form e.g.

- two players returning from non-playing after X years
- redistribution of players has occurred, stronger players no longer in this team
- team has lost 50% of their goal shooting experience

Clubs who register teams without additional information may not appeal against their preliminary grading – this applies to both Winter and Spring seasons

Representatives from clubs and/or independent teams will be required to attend a grading meeting to make their recommendations and provide further input for the Winter season.

Joondalup Netball Association

The principles below apply to both the Winter and Spring competitions:

The grading committee will consist of several members of the Executive Committee.

Grading will be on paper and consideration will be given to the following:

Previous season's performance - (Teams retaining at least 5 players from the previous season will be recognised as retaining its identity)

- Win/loss ratio and goals for/against ratio in previous season's competition
- Final series performance
- Club recommendations.

Should a team be deemed to be too strong for the nominated age or division, the Committee reserves the right to move them into the age or division it deems appropriate for their skills and experience. This may require the club to reconsider player selections.

If a resolution cannot be found, the JNA Executive committee may refuse to accept the registration.

The grading process for Winter and Spring is different – refer points below

Winter Grading Process

An initial paper grade will be undertaken by the JNA Executive Committee. The principles listed above in this document will guide these initial grading decisions.

New teams should be given the opportunity to apply for a specific division however allocation to a division will be based on 'best fit' subject to availability of space in their requested divisions.

Where possible divisions will consist of even team numbers so as to avoid a bye.

A review of teams performance and results will be conducted at the end of the Grading period of the Winter competition. The grading period will be determined as fixtures are finalised but are generally 5 weeks. The committee reserves the right to re-grade at any time as deemed necessary.

Re-grading will be conducted by members of the JNA Executive Committee including the Competition Coordinator.

Generally a team that is undefeated will go up and a team that has not won a game will go down, however teams will not automatically be moved because they have not won a game or because they have won all their games during the grading period.

Considerations will include;

- Win/Loss margins
- Injuries
- Availability of players
- Club requests

Teams can be moved into higher or lower age groups provided the JNA policies are adhered to.(i.e. a team can move from 17s to Opens or 10s to 11s). Clubs will be consulted when this is deemed necessary as it may mean a change in game times for the team being move, however the final decision will be made by the JNA Executive Committee.

Re-grading may mean that game times change. Where possible requests will be accommodated however the game times set by the committee will be final.

Spring Grading Process

Representatives from clubs and/or independent teams are not consulted during the Spring grading process.

All requests for teams to be placed into specific divisions must be included with the registration form. These requests will be considered however allocation to a division will be based on 'best fit' subject to availability of space in their requested divisions.

There are no grading rounds in Spring and fixtures will be final once the season has commenced.

Re-grading is not carried out as part of the Spring season.