



GRADING AND TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the selection of PMNC players and teams is conducted fairly based on ability, skill level and attitude. A grading process will usually be carried out to establish the PMNC teams to compete in the Parkville competition. As well as grading, the formation of teams is also influenced by the number of players, ages of players and team positional requirements.

Players will be notified at least two weeks prior to a scheduled grading. If for any reason a player is unable to attend a scheduled grading session, the coach/team manager must be notified prior to the session so alternative arrangements can be made.

Grading Sub-Committee & Criteria:

A grading sub-committee will be appointed with a minimum of two members, selected from any of the following: coach, committee member, at least one independent grader.

Grading will be standardised following specific criteria:

- Awareness/Footwork
- Passing/Attacking
- Shooting
- Defending
- Commitment and attitude to training
- Sportsmanship and general attitude

The grading sub-committee will endeavour to conduct a fair and equitable process, with the objective of producing a team/s taking the grading criteria into account.

Players and parents are asked to be reasonable and objective in their expectations and to encourage positive reactions to team selections.

Mid Season Changes:

PMNC may make changes to teams prior to and during the season for the benefit of the teams involved and the development of individual players. Changes will be made in consultation with coaches/grading sub-committee.

Player Responsibilities:

A player must be registered prior to grading to be considered for placement in a team. Attendance during nominated grading matches is compulsory and players must make every effort to attend grading. Placement into a team for a player who



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has not attended a grading session will be based upon the grading sub-committee's knowledge of the player's ability, skills and attitude in previous seasons, as well as team positional requirements.

New Players/Late Registrations:

Any player who is registering late may only be admitted if there are available vacancies in a team that is compatible with the ability and age of the new player. Players may be asked to participate in a trial prior to final team placement, to ensure that the player is selected in a team that is appropriate to their ability.

Competition grading

In conjunction with the coach, and taking into account previous seasons/results, the club will make every effort to place teams into the appropriate level of competition for matches.

Grading Appeals:

Players and parents should appreciate the difficulty of grading, and any appeals should be kept to a minimum. Appeals must be made in writing within seven (7) days of the team selection announcements. All appeals should be addressed to:

PMNC
Private Box 52/103 Beach Street
PORT MELBOURNE
VIC 3207

All grading appeals correspondence is discussed at an executive meeting, in conjunction with the grading sub-committee and the decision reached at this meeting will be final.

No grading issues will be discussed via email, over the phone or in person. Grading sub-committee members are not to be approached or contacted in relation to grading matters.



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