



Ormeau Pimpama  
Royals Netball Club  
**Grading Handbook**

A club where everyone  
*shines!*



## Grading Policy

Ormeau Pimpama Royals Netball Club has implemented a grading policy to ensure that the grading of players and teams is conducted fairly, effectively, based on players' ability, skill level, attitude and commitment.

We recognise that players have a variety of reasons to play netball and process a range of skills and abilities. We are committed to the development of players, coaches and umpires and we encourage play that fits with being fair and competitive, whilst having fun in a safe environment.

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 that do not wish to play competitively, and wish to *play for fun and social reasons*, are encouraged to notify the club as soon as possible.

## Why We Grade Our Players

Netball is a competitive sport from the ages of 10+. To ensure the best chance of success for all teams, and the greatest level of enjoyment and development of our Royal players, it is necessary to grade players into teams with similar abilities. Stronger players always enjoy the challenge of a harder faster competition and do not develop to their 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.

We ask that players and parents be reasonable and objective in their expectations and encourage their children to accept their team selection.



## ***Aim And Objective***

Grading will occur before the beginning of the netball season for all players that have registers as individuals.

The objective of this grading system is to:

- create teams of similar skill and ability
- allow teams to play in a suitable competitive environment
- allow Ormeau Pimpama Royals Netball club to be represented in different divisions of the NGCNA competition

• allow opportunities for players to be eligible to play in a representative competition During the grading process:

- every player is treated as an individual member irrespective of the previous team, grade or club
- every player has an equal opportunity
- feedback from coaches will also be considered during the grading process

## ***Our Grading Panel***

Our Grading Panel consists of members of our management committee and include independent, 'non-involved' selectors where possible.

No member of the Grading Committee will grade their child. No coach will be involved in the grading of their team.

Ormeau Pimpama Royals Netball Club ask that players and parents respect the complexities of grading and the difficulties that the Grading Panel have in creating teams that have a balanced group of players in different playing positions.



## ***Grading Process***

All players must be registered before attendance at grading sessions. Any player who hasn't paid their registration fee or be in an approved payment plan, will not be allowed to take the court for grading due to insurance requirements.

Following registration; all players are required to attend the Grading day(s) allocated to their age group, where the Grading Panel will assess the player's ability, effort, and skill level during game play.

Attendance at Grading Day is in the best interests of all players and the Club. Players will have the opportunity to play at least once in their two preferred positions. The objective of the grading process is to assess players in an unbiased, fair manner.


The Grading Panel considers the best mix of players including the number of defenders, mid-court players, shooters and attack players to ensure the competitive composition of the team.

Players must trial in their registered age group. However, the potential to be selected for a team at a higher age level is available, at the discretion of Club Management, depending on registration numbers, positions available and following discussion with player's parents.

## ***Grading Criteria***

**During the assessment process the following will be taken into consideration**

- ball handling skills - foot work
  - movement - attacking skills
  - defending skills - speed and agility
- sportsmanship - attitude
  - fitness - decision making
  - perception - versatility



Players will have the opportunity to trial in their preferred positions and they may be asked to play in position that is not their preferred position, they will not be graded in their non preferred positions.

Parents, players and non-coaches are not to approach the grading panel at any time during the grading process in an attempt to influence grading and team formation.

## ***Friendship Requests***

Ormeau Pimpama Royals Netball Club acknowledges that players enjoy playing with friends therefore we envisage that most players should be placed with 1 friend of similar ability.

However, this is not always possible and the Ormeau Pimpama Royals Netball Club recognises that playing outside these friendship groups is a good opportunity to meet new friends.

## ***Forming Teams***

Ideally numbers of players placed in a team will allow maximum court time for all players in the grade. We aim to have to form teams of 8 players and a maximum of 9 players in any one team.

Several factors affect team formation:

- Number of players in each age group (some players may be asked to play up due to numbers and ability)



## ***Team Announcements***

It is our goal that PRELIMINARY squads will be announced following our club grading day. Please note that changes may occur, including player movement throughout preliminary squad training and the Northern Gold Coast Association Grading. This decision will be made by the Ormeau Pimpama Royals Netball Committee in consultation with coaches and managers. It is **after** the Association Grading that team will be final and binding.

The Grading Committee must not be contacted directly in relation to team announcements. Any concerns/questions can be made via email to [ormeaunetaballroyals@gmail.com](mailto:ormeaunetaballroyals@gmail.com) .

Here's to another great season – Look forward to seeing you all at the courts!