



GRADING AND TEAM SELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. **POLICY STATEMENT:** Rossmoyne Netball Club encourages a love of netball for life and strives to continue to support players in enjoying the benefits of community sport in a positive team environment.
2. **PURPOSE:** This grading and team selection policy and procedures is to outline the grading and team selection process which forms part of the Rossmoyne Netball Club (RNC) player registrations.

This document is a guide for players and parents so that they can be better informed on the grading and team selection process, and the level of involvement and thought that goes into grading and team selection by our RNC volunteers.

3. **SCOPE:** All players, members, executive committee representatives and volunteers of the RNC.
4. **GUIDELINES:** Listed below are guidelines for each individual player/group that are to be followed by anyone proposing to register as a player of the Rossmoyne Netball Club. Individual guidelines and information can be found under each player group.
 - a) The club aims to provide all players with the opportunity to demonstrate their netball skills in an unbiased and fair environment.
 - b) The club encourages parents and players to be reasonable in their expectations and encourage positive feedback so that players will be happy in the teams in which they are ultimately placed.

NET SET GO

Net Set Go is the official starter program for girls and boys aged 5 to 10 years old, that provides RNC players with a chance to learn the basic skills of netball, get outside and make friends. It is divided into three tiers, with modified rules and as players move through the tiers, they will develop their skills in a club that promotes a love of netball for life.

5. NET PROGRAM

The Net program is a separate 8 week introductory program that is about kids having fun with their friends, learning basic movement skills, and ball development. The program is designed for players aged 5 – 6 years old, however 7 and 8 year old's can also join if they have limited or no netball experience.

The Net Program commences mid-way through the Fremantle Netball Association (FNA) season. Registrations will open once the netball season commences and is advertised on the RNC website.

This program does not play games on a Saturday at FNA.

The RNC Net Set Go program aligns with the Suncorp NetSetGo Netball WA intention of providing 'a fun and safe introduction to netball and is the best way for girls and boys aged 5 to 10 to have fun with their friends, keep active and learn basic skills of netball in a safe and social environment'.

Further information can be found at <https://wa.netball.com.au/suncorp-netsetgo>

6. SET AND GO

GUIDELINES:

- a) GO F Grade (10 year olds) – players are required to attend a formal skills based assessment session.
- b) GO G and SET grades (7, 8 and 9 year olds) – players are required to attend a skill based assessment session rather than formal grading, if more than one team of registrations are received and it is deemed necessary by the Grading and Team Selection Committee.

The team selection process for Set and Go involves three stages:

Part 1- Player Observations

During the last few rounds of matches in the season prior, members of the Grading and Team Selection committee observe all teams to gather additional player information for team selection, if required.

Part 2- Coaches Reports

Consideration will be given to the previous season's Coaches Report which will include comment on ball skills, footwork, court sense, athleticism, determination, and attitude.

Part 3 – Skills Session

Players are required to attend a skill-based assessment session, where more than one team of registrations are received.

Skills sessions involve player warmups, ball skills, movement activities and match play. The sessions are hosted in a fun environment where participation is encouraged.

Sessions are overseen by a RNC Coordinator and RNC selectors.

GO F

The Go F Grade sessions will be more structured involving match play, to ensure a smoother transition for participants into Junior netball and the formal grading process the following year.

Players maybe requested to nominate their preferred positions and play in these during match play.

Skills Sessions will be run in February/March of each year with the schedule posted on the RNC website prior.

The Grading and Team Selection Committee will make the final decision on team selection from information gathered from the player observations, coaches' reports, and the skills sessions.

Please note: player selections are based on year of birth not school year as per FNA policy. Some players may play across different year levels if not enough registrations are received for a particular year group.

Team Requests Set and Go G Only

As deemed appropriate by the Grading and Team Selection Committee, team requests **maybe** considered only for the Set and Go G tier levels. No other grade will be considered.

RNC do not guarantee friendship requests will be able to be accommodated

Any requests for team placement need to be lodged at the time of registration by entering one friend's name when completing the online registration process through PlayHQ.

JUNIOR, U17, U19 AND SENIOR

Rossmoyne Netball Club is a grading-training-playing Club. The club selects teams based on playing ability and performance. Players are expected to train and play on a regular basis.

RNC recognises that:

- The playing ability of individuals may change (i.e. improve or stagnate) from year to year.
- During the grading sessions the following will be taken into account: The skill with which a player uses footwork, ball-handling, speed and agility, body control, attacking skills, game perception and sense, shooting accuracy, defending skills, sportsmanship and attitude, fitness and versatility.

7. PROCESS

The Grading and Team Selection Process involves three stages:

Part 1 – Player Observations

During the last few rounds of matches and finals in the season prior, members of the Grading and Team Selection committee observed all teams to gather additional player information for team selection.

Part 2 – Coach Reports

Consideration will be given to the previous season's Coaches Report which will include comment on ball skills, footwork, court sense, athleticism, determination, and attitude.

Part 3 – Grading Sessions

Players are required to attend 2-3 sessions of match play against participants of the same age group in February/March of each year.

All players are graded on their assessed skill, commitment level, and ability to fit into various team combinations to promote team balance. Ability alone does not necessarily determine where a player is graded.

8. GRADING SESSIONS

Grading sessions are tailored to each age group.

Players are required to attend 2 – 3 grading sessions, in the below categories

- Seniors
- 19 & Under
- 17 & Under
- Junior A, B, C, D and E grades

Grading sessions involve 10 minute warm ups then match-play, lasting for 10 minute games over a 1 – 2 hour period.

The sessions will be overseen by one Grading Coordinator and a team of RNC selectors, made up of past and present coaches, senior players, and people external to the club.

Players are requested to nominate their two preferred positions at registration. If during the session they don't have an opportunity to match-play in both of these positions it is the players responsibility to notify either the Grading Coordinator or selectors after the session.

If they wish to change their preferred positions, then the player needs to advise the RNC Grading Coordinator before the session commences.

Attendance at the grading sessions is compulsory for all players and non-attendance may impact on team selection. If a player is unable to attend any grading sessions, that player will be placed in a team at the discretion of the Committee.

Players need to notify the club providing at least one weeks' notice if they will not be attending a grading session by emailing info@rossmoynenc.com.au.

Players will only be able to trial at grading if they have paid full registration fees for the season. The Grading and Team Selection committee retains the right to hold an additional grading session if required.

The Grading and Team Selection Committee will make the final decision on team selection from information gathered from the player observations, coaches' reports and the grading sessions.

Please note: players are selected into teams based on year of birth, not school year as per FNA policy. Some players may play across different year levels if not enough registrations are received for a particular year group.

Media Consent: a photo of each player is taken at the commencement of the first grading session to be used by the grading and selection committee to assist in identifying players. It is not used or distributed for any other purpose, however if a player does not wish for the photo to be taken, they must advise the coordinator at the commencement of the first grading session.

RNC Player Development Program: the grading process is also used to assist with selection for the RNC Player Development Program.

9. TEAM REQUESTS

RNC does not accommodate general requests for team placement for the Junior and Senior players based on siblings, friendships, carpooling arrangements or other general reasons.

As deemed appropriate by the Grading and Team Selection Committee, team requests will only be considered subject to the following guidelines:

- a) A request due to extenuating circumstances.
- b) The request must be made at least one week prior to commencement of the formal grading sessions. Requests will not be considered once formal grading commences.

If another player is negatively impacted by a team request, then the player request will be declined for this reason.

If you would like the committee to consider an extenuating circumstance request, please email the committee direct at info@rossmoynenc.com.au. Please include player name, Netball ID, division and detailed reason in the request.

10. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

All team announcements will be finalised and posted on the RNC website at rossmoynenc.com.au. Announcements will be made four weeks prior to season commencing unless delays by FNA in their division grading schedule.

Once team announcements are made RNC enters a one week 'cooling off period' where players and parents are asked to not enter into any correspondence regarding team selection, and during this time consider the grading process and the level of involvement and thought that goes into grading and team selection **by our RNC volunteers**.

11. COMPLAINTS

If an issue arises over the application or outcome of the grading and team selection placement, please contact the club directly at info@rossmoynenc.com.au.

All complaints are to be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the RNC Grading and Team Selection Committee and can be escalated to the President of the RNC where required.

Please note: the ‘Cooling off period’ referenced under Point 10 Team Announcements.

12. PRE-FORMED TEAMS

Please refer to the separate RNC Pre Formed Team Policy under Registrations on the RNC website, follow link [Player Registrations - Rossmoyne Netball Club \(rossmoynenc.com.au\)](http://rossmoynenc.com.au).

13. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRADING AND TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Grading and Team Selection Committee will consist of the following committee positions.

- President
- Senior Grading Coordinator
- Junior Grading Coordinator
- Assistant Grading Coordinator
- Net Set Go Coordinator
- Coach Coordinator
- Coach Assistant Coordinator
- Registrar

All members have extensive knowledge of netball, including its rules and regulations.

No member of the grading committee or selectors will be involved in the grading and team selection of their own family.

14. KEY CONTACTS

General Enquiries and Grading and Team Selection Committee : info@rossmoynenc.com.au

15. APPROVAL

Rossmoyne Netball Club 2021 Committee

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