



GREENWICH SPORTS CLUB

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NetSetGo and Netball Player Selection and Grading Policy

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1. Player Allocation to Age Groups – applicable to all teams

Many teams have a limit on player numbers and sometimes there will be more players than places available in an age group. In these circumstances, players will be allocated to age groups based on the following criteria:

1. First preference will be for players who register within the Priority Registration Period (as shown on the Club calendar).
If the number of players who registered within the Priority Registration Period exceeds the number of available places, then:
2. Next preference will be for players who are not eligible to play in a younger age group.
If the number of players who registered within the Priority Registration Period and who are not eligible to play in a younger age group exceeds the number of available places, then:
3. Next preference will be for players who played for Greenwich Sports Club (in any team or sport) in the prior year.
If the number of players who registered within the Priority Registration Period and who are not eligible to play in a younger age group and who played for Greenwich in the prior year exceeds the number of available places, then
4. Next preference will be for players in order of the earliest registration received.

(Note: the effect of the above is that players from the previous season will have preference over new players, but only if they register within the Priority Registration Period and are not eligible to play in a younger age group).

2. Netball Team Selection and Grading

The objective of the netball team selection and grading policy is to ensure that players are placed in a team appropriate to their skill level so that they enjoy their netball and develop as players, and enable our teams to be competitive at all grading levels against other clubs. Team selection and grading processes will be fair, and seen to be fair, for all players.

Junior Teams

Greenwich Sports Club regards the grading process as being an important part of the season's preparation. We have found that players who are not graded properly do not have as much fun playing as they otherwise could. Our emphasis in the junior age groups is very much on fun, but we also like to make sure the players are given every chance to improve their netball skills and to try to make sure they come back to netball year after year.

NetSetGo (Under 8 and Under 9)

NetSetGo teams will not be graded. They will be social teams with the opportunity to nominate to play with friends (subject to player numbers). Players may indicate 1-2 friends they would like to play with on their registration form. We endeavour to place players with 1 nominated friend, although this cannot be guaranteed.

Junior Teams (Under 10 to Under 12)

Teams in these age groups will be fully graded, subject to there being sufficient player numbers to form more than one team.

Playing up in older age groups

Players may register in an age group for which they are a year younger than the age requirement for that age group (ie play up a year). However if that age group is fully allocated with players who are the correct age, or if the player's own age group has insufficient numbers, players may be allocated to their correct age group.

General team allocation

The Club reserves the right to add and move players between teams and age groups to ensure that teams and team numbers are balanced and to minimise turning players away.

Senior Teams

Allocation to the senior teams is at the discretion of the Netball Convenor. New players are usually allocated to the lowest graded team for their first season.

2.1 Grading Process

Grading Panels will be formed by the Netball Convenor as required to conduct grading processes and determine team selections for different age groups.

Grading panels will conduct a process to assess players that may include skills grading sessions, trials, and discussion with previous coaches, as considered appropriate.

The conduct of all grading and team selection is at the discretion of the Netball Convenor and any reviews or disputes arising out of team grading and selection will be referred back to the Netball Convenor for final determination.

3. Final Allocation of Teams

After registrations have been received, the Netball Convenor will coordinate any necessary team or age grading and team formation will take place at times to be advised.

The actual makeup of the teams cannot be finalised until registration with the Club is completed. As Greenwich Sports Club only fields a small number of netball teams, we have to be flexible as to how the teams are formed. Every effort will be made to give every registered child a chance to play. If after all attempts have been made to field a team this is not possible in a particular age group, we shall let you know promptly.

Please be aware that teams (as is the case in the majority of sports) are generally grouped according to age rather than school years. This means that if your child is born in the same calendar year as a child who may be in a school grade which varies from your child, they could be playing in the same netball age group.
