

Grading and Age Policy 2013

Competition Divisions:

Competition	Competition Category	2013 Age Group	Graded	Ball Size	Umpiring Rules
Introduction	Net Set Go	5 to 6 combined	NA	Size 4	Not Applicable
Non Competitive	Netta	7 to 8 combined	Divisions	Size 4	Modified
	9 & 10 Years	9 years 10 years	Divisions	Size 5	Moderate Modification As per AANA (10 yrs)
Competitive	Junior	11 years 12 years 13 years	Divisions	Size 5	As per AANA
	Intermediate	14 to 15 combined	Divisions	Size 5	As per AANA
	Senior	Cadets (16 to 19 years)	Divisions	Size 5	As per AANA
		16 to Adult combined	Divisions	Size 5	As per AANA
		(A) Grade (A) Reserve	NA	Size 5	As per AANA

GRADING

For the 2013 season(s) WDNA will be paper grading all teams in the 1st instance. This will be subject to a review process.

GRADING REVIEW PROCESS

Divisions will be reviewed at the end of Round 3. Clubs can submit a request to WDNA for Division movements within the same Age Group. These will be reviewed by the Committee. If a team moves up or down a division they will be awarded half the possible competition points for the games played to date.

Example: If 6 games have been played a team will move with 3 competition points regardless of how many games have been won or lost.

Age Policy Rules & Guidelines

1. Any player a club wishes to play out of their **2013 Age Group (listed above in the Competition Division Table)** requires a Full Season Age Policy Request to be completed.
Example: If I have a 12 year old player that I wish to register in a 13 year old team, I must complete a Full Season Age Policy Request Form for that player.
2. A Full Season Age Policy Request must be submitted using a WDNA Full Season Age Policy Request Form for every player a Club wishes to play out of their **2013 Age Group**. These must be submitted by the due date specified by WDNA at the start of each season. Failure to do so may result in your Full Season Age Policy Request being rejected without review.
3. A Game Day Age Policy Request must be submitted where a player is required to fill in for a team where the team is in a different **Competition Category (listed above in the Competition Division Table)** from the team the player is registered in.
4. Clubs do not need to submit a Game Day Age Policy Request if the player is filling in for a team within their **Competition Category**. If a Club wishes a player to fill in for another team within a Competition Category it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that the player has the capacity and ability to do so.
5. Players in the 'Introduction' Competition Category (listed above in the Competition Division Table) are not permitted to fill in for any team on Game Day. For further information refer to the Junior Netball Policy of Netball Aust
6. The Club is responsible for ensuring all Game Day Age Policy Requests are submitted to the WDNA Office. This must be done by the commencement of the game two rounds prior to the game the player is needed. Example: If a player is required for an 11.00am round, the form is required to be submitted at the start of the 9.00am round. If the player is required for the first round, each club is responsible for ensuring these requests are submitted to the WDNA email by 4.00pm each Friday afternoon or submitted to the WDNA Office one hour prior to the first round commencing on Saturday. Where a player is required to fill in due to illness or injury on the day, the Game Day Age Policy request **MUST** be signed off prior to the player taking the court.
7. A Fill in Player requiring a Game Day Age Policy Request is not permitted to sign the card or take the court until the Game Day Age Policy Request has been approved by WDNA. Should a fill in player take the court without the appropriate completion of the Game Day Age Policy Request this will be considered a breach of the Age Policy. *See rule 15 for penalties.*
8. It is the responsibility of the Clubs to ensure that no breaches of the Age Policy Occur during the Competition Day. If a breach occurs then penalties will be applied to the team and the club. *See rule 15 for penalties.*

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9. It is the responsibility of the Clubs to ensure that all players sign the Scorecard prior to taking the court for each game they play during the competition day. This includes all fill in players. Fill in players must include the team and division they are registered to play in for that season in the space provided. If a player has taken the court who is a fill-in from another team and they have not signed the card, this will be considered a breach of the Age Policy. *See rule 15 for penalties.*
10. The WDNA Committee will review all Scorecards and may require Clubs to explain any anomalies.
11. During the Finals Series a Game Day Age Policy Request must be submitted to WDNA by 4.00pm on the Friday prior to the Finals Competition Day for any movement within teams regardless of Age/Division/Competition Category. Your Club secretary will be notified of any issues with any requests.
12. Players are permitted to play up three (3) times during the season. Regardless of whether the player has filled in for three (3) different teams during the season or the same team three (3) times, on the fourth occasion a player who plays up/ fills in during the competition season (including finals) will make a permanent move to the team in which they played their fourth game. They will no longer be able to play in their Registered Team for the rest of the competition. This does not apply to (A) Grade and A Reserve. *See Rule 13.*
13. Players in (A) Grade and (A) Reserve may play up or down as many times as required within these two grades – excluding Finals Games see rule 14.
 - 13.1. However, a player is only permitted to participate in both games on one day a maximum of 3 times during the competition season.
 - 13.2. Once a player has played 8 games for either (A) Grade or (A) Reserve that player will be deemed to be a permanent member of that team for finals purposes. *See rule 14.*
14. Clubs are required to name their final (A) Grade and (A) Reserve teams prior to the commencement of the Finals Series. A due date will be advised by WDNA.
 - 14.1. (A) Reserve players may still fill in for an (A) Grade Team during the finals series.
 - 14.2. Rule 13.1 will apply to any (A) Reserve player filling in for an (A) Grade team. (Example: If a player has already played both games in one day for (A) Grade and (A) Reserve on 3 occasions during the season, that player will not be permitted to play up during the final series.

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- 14.3. A named (A) Grade player for the final series will not be permitted to play down in the (A) Reserve competition once the finals series commences.
15. If any breach of the above rules occur:
 - 15.1. The team who has breached any Grading and Age Policy rules will lose any competition points gained from that game.
 - 15.2. The 'for and against' score recorded in the points table will be adjusted to read (0) in the 'for' column. The 'against' score will be recorded in their competition points.
 - 15.3. The offending Club will be also fined \$50.00

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Grading

- Each Club will be responsible for nominating their teams into their respective Age Group Divisions. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the teams are graded appropriately and documentation submitted on the correct paperwork and by the due date.

Age Policy

- Each Club will delegate a Club Official, who will ensure they have a comprehensive understanding of the WDNA Age Policy Rules and Guidelines.
- The Club Official will be responsible for ensuring all "Full Season" Age Policy Requests are submitted to WDNA using the required paperwork and by the due date.
- It will be the responsibility of the Club Official to ensure game day Age Policy Requests are submitted on time to the WDNA Office.
- The Club Official will be responsible for ensuring all coaches are aware of the Age Policy Rules.
- The Club Official will be responsible for ensuring all coaches are aware of the consequences of any Breach of the Age Policy.