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SOUTHERN TASMANIAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

GRADING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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STNA Grading Policy and Procedures

PURPOSE

The STNA is committed to providing a competitive, fair and equitable match play environment for all netball teams competing in the STNA's Winter Roster competition. The purpose of this Policy is to outline the policy and procedures underpinning this commitment.

POLICY

Initial grading of teams will be based on preference indicated by Clubs for each of their teams. Team entries will be reviewed by the STNA Staff with the view to ensure viable competitions in each Grade/Age Division.

The first rounds of competition are viewed as both competition games, that count towards final ladder positions, and grading games with the results used to inform regrading decisions.

Regrading will be conducted by the STNA Netball Manager, under the delegation of the Roster Convener. The STNA Netball Manager will grade and re-grade teams as required into age divisions and grades as fairly as possible based on their standard of play, results and playing history. The STNA Netball Manager may also take into consideration other factors, including but not limited to the evenness of each Age Division and Grade competition (e.g. creating the need for 'byes').

The grading and re-grading of teams must follow the procedures and guidelines described in this Policy.

Using these guidelines, the STNA aims that players in all teams will participate in competition at STNA that is competitive, fair and equitable.

PROCEDURE

1. As per the Conduct of Roster (CoR), Clubs will submit their team entries by the date specified by the STNA Netball Manager each year. The team entry should consist of the following information:
 - Minimum of seven (7) players must be named, noting the grades played in previous years (if applicable) and previous STNA club (if applicable).
 - Grade/Age division must be nominated.
 - Players joining a team after the STNA Team Registration Form has been submitted and graded, will have their team reviewed as part of the re-grading process.
 - Where individual players join a team after the re-grading process, the STNA office should be notified, and an exemption request sought should the player be outside of the Bylaws.
 - A Team Registration fee will be charged.
 - 17&U Stingas will be graded as per a recommendation from the Coaching Subcommittee.



2. When entering teams and players in Grades/Age Divisions, clubs should refer to the Order of Grades (see Appendix A of this Policy).
3. The STNA Staff will collate entries into Grade/Age Divisions and will advise the Roster Committee of any potential rostering issues, including but not limited to minimal entries in a division, and work with them to provide an acceptable solution.
4. Rosters will be drawn up by the STNA Office upon completion of any required decision making by the Roster Committee.
5. During the first five (5) rounds of the competition the Roster Convener and Netball Manager will monitor the results of each Grade/Age Division.
6. At the time of regrading the Netball Manager, Roster Convener and Roster Subcommittee will set ladder and percentage parameters to flag teams for review. Any teams falling outside these parameters will be looked at for regrading.
7. The date for the STNA Netball Manager to begin regrading will be set between Rounds 5 and 10 should it be required based on the parameters set.
8. Information on these teams will be collated by the STNA Netball Manager for their review.
9. Information that will be considered by the STNA Netball Manager when reviewing teams for regrading are as follows:
 - Team make-up;
 - Team and player playing history;
 - Stingas and Representative Team selection;
 - Data from results, ladders, scoresheets including win/loss ratio, percentages, fill ins required, and the like;
 - Team changes/ongoing injuries;
 - Observations and feedback;
 - Recommendations/requests from Clubs; and/or
 - Any other information it deems relevant to the decision-making process.
10. Clubs (through their Roster Delegate) are to provide written applications for exceptions to regrading, based on the parameters set, prior to the advised regrade date. Any request for an exception should outline any and all reasons why a regrade should/should not occur.
11. The STNA Netball Manager will review each team to be considered for regrading and all pertinent information regarding these teams. Their focus will be on consistency across all levels of competition.
12. The STNA Netball Manager may choose to place teams on a 'watch list' to review in subsequent rounds providing this is done prior to Round 10.
13. Club Roster Delegates will be informed of changes affecting their teams to report to their respective clubs.
14. The STNA Office will commence re-rostering immediately following the regrading. The STNA Office may release a single round initially, then subsequent rounds as soon as possible thereafter.



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15. In the event of a team being regraded, they shall take their accrued points to that Grade/Age Division, however their percentage will be adjusted to 0%.

APPEALS

As with Roster Committee decisions, a Club may appeal the decision of the Roster Committee or the STNA Netball Manager to grade/re-grade a team or teams. Any appeal will be dealt with by the STNA Netball Management Committee (NMC) whose decision will be final.

1. A Club may appeal any decision made by the Roster Committee or the STNA Netball Manager in relation to grading and re-grading of teams. This must be done in writing within three (3) days of notification of the decision.
2. To be considered the grounds for appeal must be either:
 - Significant new or additional information has become available.
 - The Roster Committee or the STNA Netball Manager failed to follow the Grading Policy and Procedures, including providing consistency with grading/re-grading across all Age Divisions and Grades.
 - The decision made is considered to be excessive or lenient.
3. On receipt of the appeal a panel will be formed consisting of three (3) members of the NMC, including a nominated Chair.
4. The Panel Chair will contact the Roster Convener and/or the STNA Netball Manager for information and reasoning behind the grading/regrading decision made.
5. The Panel Chair will collate all information supplied for the Panel to review, discuss and uphold or overturn the Roster Committee or the STNA Netball Manager's decision. This will be done within four (4) days of receipt of the appeal.
6. All parties to the appeal, the Club, the Roster Committee and the STNA Office, will be advised of the outcome in writing.
7. The decision of the Appeal Panel is final.

OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES

- Southern Tasmanian Netball Association Bylaws



APPENDIX A – ORDER OF GRADES

Subject to the Age Requirements outlined in Bylaw 10, the following Order of Grades and Age Divisions will determine the eligibility of player movement when a player is sought to play as a fill-in with another team during current playing season.

Age and Grade							
9	11	13	15	17	21	Grade	Tasmanian Netball League
							TNL Open
						Premier League	
						Men's *	TNL 19
						1st Grade	
						2nd Grade	
					Division 1		
				Division 1		3rd Grade	
			Division 1	Boys *			
						4th Grade	
					Division 2		
						5th Grade	
				Division 2			
						6th Grade	
						7th Grade	
					Division 3		
				Division 3			
			Division 2				
				Division 4			
		Division 1					
			Division 3				
		Division 2					
			Division 4				
			Division 5				
	Division 1						
		Division 3					
		Division 4					
		Division 5					
	Division 2						
	Division 3						
	Division 4						
9 & Under							
9	11	13	15	17	21	Grade	TNL

* Gender restrictions apply. These divisions are boys/men's only divisions. Those playing in 17Boys are able to fill in for the Men's division. Those playing in the Men's division who are age eligible may fill in for the 17Boys division.