

GRADING AND TEAM SELECTION



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Trials

Trials/grading at Coastal Sparks Netball Club is conducted in a similar format to those conducted by Netball WA. This format is considered a fair and efficient way to view players.

Trials/grading consists of two stages.

Stage 1 Trials:

Following an expression of interest, new players will trial for a position at Coastal Sparks Netball Club. Former members (who did not play the season prior to now) will also be required to trial.

- New players will trial for a position at the club. Selectors consider new players based on ability, development potential and position suitability (team balance).
- Former club members (i.e. played previously for the club, but not in the season prior) will also be required to trial for an available position. These players will be given preference subject to team balance/positions available, but a position is not guaranteed.
- Existing club members (i.e. played the previous year) retain their position at the club for the next season.

Stage 2 Grading:

All players, including successful players from stage 1 trials, will attend grading sessions. Grading may consist of up to 3 separate sessions, to allow selectors ample opportunity to see all players sufficiently.

Following the completion of stage 2, players will be allocated a team. The grading process will decide the composition of teams which, where possible, will have a balanced group of players of similar ability across all playing positions.

Trials/Grading Attendance

Trials/grading is compulsory. Players are required to attend all trials/grading sessions. If a player is unable to attend a trial/grading session for any reason, they must advise the Development Officer in writing prior to the trial/grading date: coastalsparksnetball@gmail.com

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Court Time during Trials

Players will be provided balanced on court time during trials/grading. There are times where some positions may have more players vying for positions than others. For example, a centre court player may receive less court time at trials than a circle defender or goal shooter. All players will have sufficient opportunity to be seen by selectors. A player may be asked to play a position that is not their preferred position/s to aid the grading process. If this happens, players will be marked as playing out of position.

Selector Information

- Selectors will attend trials/grading sessions and grade players under the direction of the Development Officer
- Selectors will remain neutral, confidential and transparent in the grading process
- Parent selectors cannot select for their own player's age group

Team Selection

Teams are created taking into account (but not limited to):

- Selector's scores from grading
- Forming a balanced team of similarly skilled players
- Ensuring an even mix of team positions per team

Number of players per team

- Teams generally consist of up to ten players
- When teams consist of Western Australian Netball League and/or State Representatives, it may be necessary for teams to have more than 10 players

Non Training teams

Teams that play socially and do not train, are generally not required to attend trials/grading. Such teams will be subject to places available and the ability to create a full team. Social and non-training players are not placed into teams based on skill level, rather team placement availability.

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Post Team grading

- New players to Coastal Sparks Netball Club will be assessed as fairly as possible and will be placed into a team according to their known history and performance during grading
- Should there be an available space in teams for any age group, Coastal Sparks Netball Club reserves the right to accept new members post-grading
- Decisions made by the Development Officer and Coastal Sparks Netball Club Committee will be final

Financial Considerations

- If Coastal Sparks Netball Club is unable to offer a player a team placement, a refund of fees paid will be applicable
- If a player withdraws prior to trials, during the trial process, following trials, or once teams have been announced a \$50.00 non-refundable administration fee will be retained by the club
- For fees paid to the Association, Netball WA and Netball Australia, please refer to their individual policies and procedures regarding withdrawals and refunds
- All fees must be paid by the due date specified by Coastal Sparks Netball Club during registration

Club Policies & Procedures

Members are encouraged to read and be familiar with all Association and Club policies, procedures, constitution and by-laws. This policy should be read in conjunction with other Coastal Sparks Netball Club policies.