

NTNA Grading Policy and Procedures



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This policy covers the rules of grading of NTNA rosters as required by the roster.

The aim of grading is to select teams that are competitive for their division and provide an enjoyable season for the players.

Grading rounds will be used to ensure nominated teams meet the skill level required for that division. Nomination to a division does not confirm placement within that division.

1. Team Nomination

- 1.1 On receipt of team nomination the NTNA will confirm:
 - 1.1.1 Players age – to ensure they meet the age criteria for the roster.
 - 1.1.2 Player registration
 - 1.1.3 Coach accreditation and registration
 - 1.1.4 Umpire accreditation and registration

2. Grading Division Allocation

- 2.1 The NTNA will assess each nominated team from the information given and the past experience of the team/players and allocate the team to the best fit division within the roster.
- 2.2 Any changes to team lists must be emailed to the NTNA. Updated team lists must be submitted 24 hours before each game.
 - 2.2.1 Any changes that the NTNA deem to be unreasonable and will affect the division the team has been placed in greatly, may not be accepted.

3. Player Expectations

- 3.1 In grading rounds, all listed team members must play within that team at least 75% of grading rounds to allow the NTNA the opportunity to assess the true ability of that team.

4. Grading Duration

5. When the roster calls for grading, the NTNA have four (4) options:

6. 4.1.1 Two weeks of grading rounds, with no points allocated, with an optional further three (3) rounds of the roster which will accumulate premiership points.
7. 4.1.2 Five (5) rounds of the roster which will accumulate premiership points.
8. 4.1.3 Round Robin over two (2) weeks with no premiership points or Best & Fairest votes allocated.
9. 4.1.4 Round Robin over three (3) weeks with no premiership points or Best & Fairest votes allocated.

10. Team Assessment

- 5.1 Team performance is the main indicator.
 - 5.1.1 The NTNA may co-opt additional experienced members to assist with viewing teams within the grading rounds. Feedback to be given on the appropriate form.

11. Division Allocation

- 6.1 At the conclusion of the grading rounds, teams will be notified by the NTNA of their allocated division.
- 6.2 Junior teams have the right to decline a promotion to a higher age group.

12. Appeals

- 7.1 Teams who do not meet the criteria in clause 3 Player Expectation of play a non-registered player will have their right of appeal forfeited.
- 7.2 In the event a team is placed in a division they deem to be incorrect, the club may apply for a hearing with the NTNA via a (NTNA Division Appeal Form) showing sound evidence to justify their reasoning.
 - 7.2.1 The form must be received by the NTNA within 48 hours of notification of divisions.
 - 7.2.2 The NTNA will respond within two (2) working days and if necessary will hold a hearing within the next three (3) working days.
- 7.3 Should a resolution not be reached then the club has the right to lodge an appeal to the NTNA via the defined appeal process.

