

Morialta Uniting Netball Club Inc.
CHILD SAFE / CHILD PROTECTION

**TEAM SELECTION
POLICY**

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1. Philosophy & Objectives

The Morialta Uniting Netball Club Inc. is a grassroots community club. The selection and grading of players is a comprehensive process involving many hours of volunteered time. The club will endeavour to place a strong, competitive team in Division 1 in as many age groups as possible, while ensuring all players are provided an opportunity to develop and enjoy their netball.

2. The Grading Committee

- Teams will be selected by a Grading Committee consisting of experienced club coaches and senior players, including at least one Executive Committee member.
- The Committee will determine the exact composition of the Grading Committee each season and appoint a **Selection Supervisor**.
- **Conflict of Interest:** No parent/guardian may be involved in the selection or grading of their own child. If a committee member's child is in the age group, that member must step aside from discussions regarding that specific player's placement.

3. Selection Criteria

Teams will be selected based on a holistic view of the following criteria (no player's prior grading is guaranteed as change in age, growth and ability may occur between seasons):

- Performance and agility at trials.
- Feedback from previous coaches and/or Coach Coordinators.
- Nominated positions and overall team balance.
- Technical skills, decision-making, court awareness, work ethic and readiness to compete at a higher level.
- Past commitment, attitude, and availability for games and training (Winter).
- Availability to attend fixed training nights (or split nights for U17/Opens) in Winter and games
- Scope for further development.
- Selection may occur based on nominations (where there are limited numbers in an age group); however, where this is the case a member from the selection committee will endeavour to observe games from a prior season.

4. Special Circumstances

- **Playing Out of Age Group:** This is generally **not** recommended. It will only be considered on an individual basis if there is no appropriate team available in the player's true age group, or during the Summer season if a player is unavailable on their primary age-group night. Existing/former club players will receive preference.
- **Injuries/Absence from Trials:** For injured/absent existing players, selection will be based on previous coach feedback and prior season observations. For players new to the club, the committee will endeavour to seek external feedback regarding the player's ability.
- **Friendship Requests:** Consideration may be given to **reciprocal** friendship requests nominated at registration. In these cases, both players will be graded to the level of the lower-ability player. Friendship requests will generally not be accommodated for Division 1 teams.

- **Training Commitment & Fixed Nights:** For age groups with fixed training nights, players are expected to attend the night designated for their age group. For **U17 and Open teams** where training nights may be split/varied, players must indicate their availability upon registration. If a U17 or Open player cannot commit to the designated practice night/time determined by the coach and the club, they will be placed into a lower team where their training schedule can be accommodated.

5. Feedback & Appeals

A player or parent may seek feedback regarding selection by emailing the club. Written feedback will be provided by the Selection Supervisor, in consultation with the panel, focusing on constructive areas for player development.

6. Withdrawals & Refunds

If a player elects to withdraw their nomination, the following refund guidelines apply:

- Withdrawal prior to team announcement: Full refund less a \$30 administration fee.
- Withdrawal after team announcement: No refund available.
- *Note: Committee discretion applies for exceptional circumstances (e.g., severe injury) to ensure families are not unduly disadvantaged.*

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