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## GRADING POLICY

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### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to be clear and transparent as to the process of grading teams into the appropriate division. This policy relates to both the Darwin Netball Association (DNA) junior and senior competitions.

### Process

- DNA will conduct a round robin competition over two weeks prior to the commencement date of the season. This will include all grades for seniors and juniors excluding Premier League and Premier Reserve Grade.
- The DNA Management Team will meet following the conclusion of the round robin competitions and review results for all grades.
- Any recommended changes to nominated divisions will be made before the draw for the first round is distributed to Clubs. Clubs will be notified of the changes at this time.
- The Junior Coordinators meeting will be held following the conclusion of the junior round robin competition and Clubs can put forward reasons for team nomination in that grade.
- If the DNA Management Team decide grading changes need to be made after the competition has started any changes to the division will be made after the third game and before the fourth game.
- The decision of the DNA Management Team will be final.

### Considerations to Note

- The DNA Management Team takes into consideration the overall scores of matches during the round robin competition. These scores are compared with the strongest and weakest teams in the division prior to raising or lowering teams from their nominated division.
- It is the intent of the DNA Management Team that a strong competition is maintained during the season and ensuring that the games remain competitive.
- Depending on how many teams are nominated in the senior competition of Division 6, there may be times when it is warranted for Division 5 and Division 6 to be amalgamated.
- This will include all grades for seniors and juniors excluding Premier League and Premier Reserve Grade.

### Appeals

- If a player or team is not happy with the grading decision based on their playing skills and scores during the round robin competition, they may appeal requesting a review of the grading decision.
- All appeals must be in writing and directed to your Club who will then raise the appeal with the DNA Management Team at [Darwin.netball@gmail.com](mailto:Darwin.netball@gmail.com)
- The decision of the DNA Management Team will be final.