

2021 Grading Policy



2021 Physical Grading Information

All players from U11's to Seniors are required to take part in physical grading. Details for 2021 are as follows:

- **Where:** Genesis Christian College
- **When:** 6th March 2021 and 13th March 2021
- **Time:** This will be advised.

Please note these will be closed grading sessions, parents will be asked to remain away from the courts.

- **Arrival:** Please arrive ½ hr prior to grading time to have numbers allocated and mark off attendance
- **What will happen:** Players will play at least 2 short games in their 2 nominated/preferred positions (positions nominated at time of registration so please ensure you check with your child to ensure you are nominating their favourite positions). To determine each player's grading, the grading committee will also refer to previous coach's feedback collected at the end of last season.
- **What to wear:** White shirt/singlet and black pants/bike pants. NO REP, DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOL OR OTHER ITEMS/CLOTHING TO BE WORN. Sneakers, appropriate footwear for playing game of netball, no jewellery, no long fingernails, long hair tied back.
- **What to bring:** Water, light snack and towel

PLEASE NOTE: UNREGISTERED/UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GRADE

Grading Policy Detail

1.0 Structure & Reporting

- 1.1 The grading committee will report to and operate under the Management Committee positions of Director of Coaching (DOC) and Assistant Director of Coaching (ADOC) who will be present for all grading meetings, trials and team selections.
- 1.2 The DOC and ADOC however will not be present for any grading discussions or team selections if their child or children are trialling in that group. In this case another member of the United Starz Management Committee will be utilised.
- 1.3 The grading committee will maintain open communication with the DOC and ADOC who will be briefed prior to and following each age-group selection on the process and results.
- 1.4 The DOC and ADOC does not perform selections or team formations however can be called on if disputes about process or decisions arise amongst the grading committee.
- 1.5 Grading Policy & independent sub-committee were voted on and approved at the United Starz Netball Club General Meeting on 18/1/21 and are as follows:
 - **Grading committee:** to be confirmed
 - **Coaching Officers:** Kristy Smith (DOC) and Robbie Hopper (ADOC)

2.0 Grading format & age restrictions

- 2.1 Note: - United Starz Netball Club grading will be conducted for U11 through to Seniors.
(Modified 7/8/9/10 ie born 2011 to 2013 will be co-ordinated into teams as appropriate in consultation with coaches).
- 2.2 Each player will be graded according to the age they will turn in the current calendar year. Based on their age, the players will either be Junior (born 2007 to 2010), Intermediate (born 2004 to 2007) or Senior Players (born 2003 or earlier).
- 2.3 All players will grade in their age, however may be invited to attend grading for a different age at the discretion of the grading committee.

Divisions 1 to 3 and Intermediate (levels to be Confirmed) will be played on Monday nights in 2021. All other divisions will be played on Saturday.

Modified netball will be players turning 7, 8, 9 or 10 years.

Competitive Junior Divisions (Junior 1 – 4) will be players turning 11 through to 14 years.

Competitive Intermediate Divisions will be players turning 13 years to 17 years.

Competitive Senior Divisions will be for players turning 14 years and older.

- 2.4 Emphasis with this needs to be that all players **MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO 28 FEBRUARY 2021**. The grading committee will not accept players for placement into teams unless they are **REGISTERED AND PAID IN FULL**.

Note: - Players that have 'turned' 14 years or above only will be eligible to play in the Senior Divisions. **During the paper grading session and following the Intermediate trials**, eligible players may be identified and invited to attend Senior grading as the need arises and at the discretion of the grading committee in consultation with our Club DOC and ADOC.

3.0 Paper grading

- 3.1 The grading committee will utilise 'paper' grading initially to determine potential team make-up. This will be largely driven by 2020 Coaches Feedback reports and grading committee knowledge.

4.0 2021 Physical Grading Day

- 4.1 The grading committee intends to simplify the physical grading days for each age-group. The purpose of the physical grading day trials is to verify/confirm the player's skills based on information from coach reports, skills sessions or any other information source known to the grading committee (ie representative selection, talent Id, school selection District/Regional)
- 4.2 On physical grading day - players will play a series of games of approximately 8 min halves. Each player will play at least once in **both of their two nominated positions**. Grading will not cease until this has been achieved. Selectors will agree that they have sufficiently seen each player in order to confirm an assessment of them. Selectors will utilise a grading game sheet to record notes on a player's skills and abilities.
- 4.3 Players may be required to also play a game in a position other than their nominated position. This occurs when gaps are needed to be filled to ensure the required amount of games are played. It will be noted and acknowledged by the selectors that they are not in their trial position and no adverse comments will be made.
- 4.4 The grading committee will then convene and collate all notes. They will use this information to draft the players into unofficial teams based on all factors learnt throughout the selection process.

5.0 Divisional Team Placement

- 5.1 The United Starz grading committee will be bound by the PRNA Club Grading Guide. United Starz Netball Club will nominate teams in divisions/grades deemed appropriate based on age & skill level of the team.

6.0 Complaints

- 6.1 Any concerns/complaints regarding grading process or player team placement are to be addressed in writing to the DOC starzcoach@outlook.com or ADOC starzassistantcoach@outlook.com . The grading committee can

then be called on to provide feedback/justification for any decisions. The grading committee will maintain all selection documentation for later reference.

7.0 Caveat to all Grading

7.1 Please note that as a caveat to all club grading activities, United Starz can only propose grades for teams and therefore, players to our parent association. Ultimately it will be the Association (PRNA) grading committee that will place the team in the grade they determine to be appropriate for the team.

