



## St Joseph's Bardon Netball Club Grading Information

### How does grading work?

Players in the 11 and 12 years are required to attend a minimum of two sessions in relation to Grading. The first is a 3 hour skills based session and the second is 4 hour playing session where an independent Grader conducts the "Grading" as such. The grading time and dates are available on the Club's Website and also in the School Newsletter.

All sessions are compulsory. Any player who hasn't registered will not be allowed to take the court for grading due to insurance requirements.

Players need to be at the Hall at least **10 minutes before the start of their session**. This is to allow time to sign in, have a number written on their legs so the graders can easily identify them on court and to warm up.

Don't forget plenty of water and to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for strenuous physical activity. Representative players are asked not to wear their rep uniform to grading.

Players will be assessed for their requested position/s but may be asked to play in other positions. Sometimes our graders see potential in a player in another position and sometimes a gap needs to be filled due to absence. Girls may only spend a small amount of time in their preferred positions as some players are quite easy to grade, that is, the graders can quickly identify their skills in that position. This does not mean they haven't been given an equal opportunity to be placed in an appropriate team.

While we are a school based Club, Grading occurs first and foremost by the correct age group, please make sure your daughter understands that her year level at school is not taken into account and if attending Grading, she is aware she will be graded in accordance with her age group first and foremost.

**Grading shouldn't be a stressful time for players.** As a parent it is advised that you help keep the process in perspective, be prompt at arrival and pick-up times and try not to 'hang around' during grading as this often makes the girls nervous and less likely to play well.

### Grading Up

The Graders reserve the right to request for a player to trial in a higher age group. This permission will be requested in writing and discussed with the player. If after grading the player elects not to play in the higher age group they will be graded accordingly in their original registered age group.

### Other information

Teams are emailed to the registered parent/guardian's email address.

While The Club is technically able to move players during the first three games of the season, being a school based Club we elect not to in order to minimise the stress and disruption to the girls so the announced team allocation is final.