

REGRADING POLICY

1. INTENT OF POLICY

This policy is to ensure that Mandurah Netball Association Inc. ('MNA') provides clear guidance for Clubs on the procedure for regrading of teams after the winter netball season has commenced.

2. HOW THE POLICY WORKS

The policy sets out the steps to be followed by MNA in dealing with **at-risk-teams** in a grade (i.e. teams that show a consistent pattern of win or loss by a large margin).

3. THE POLICY

- a. Regrading will be considered by the Competition Committee after the first 4 games of the season for **at-risk-teams**.
- b. Should regrading occur in grades that do not play finals (i.e. NetSetGo grades), these teams shall retain their points and goal percentage.
- c. Should regrading occur in grades that play finals, the following point allocations will be made:
 - i. A team promoted up will be allocated half the total points of the top team in the grade they are promoted to, and;
 - ii. A team moved down will have a nil points allocation (the principal of this movement is to give the team an opportunity for an improved competition).
- d. Should regrading occur in grades that play finals, the teams that have been regraded will commence in their new grade with a nil percentage.
- e. Teams in grades where regrading has occurred, but who were not involved in the regrading, will retain their points and percentage as scored when the regarding process was initiated.
- f. The Competition Committee has the discretion to regrade teams up or down, regardless of a request being received, if it is felt it will improve the competition.
- g. All decisions of the Competition Committee in relation to regrading changes are final.

4. PROCEDURES

In situations where regrading requests from Clubs are being considered:

- a. Where a team is requesting to be regraded down, the Committee will only accept requests from teams on zero points and who have had repeated large losses of 25 or more goals.
- b. Where a team is requesting to be regraded up, the Committee will only accept requests from teams who are sitting alone on top of the ladder and who have been having large wins.
- c. The Committee cannot guarantee that a team will be regraded as this depends on the suitability of the division above or below them.

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- d. For Set and Go grades (8U, 9U, 10U) the Committee looks at teams with repeated losses who they feel are struggling in their division, bearing in mind there is still a lot of first-time players in the Set divisions.