

Grading Of Teams And Players For Winter Competitions

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ILLAWARRA DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document details the procedures to be utilized for the allocation of teams into grades and competitions, the limitations for the registration of players into teams after team nominations have been closed.

The intent of the document is to standardise the processes, to ensure processes are fully understood and followed by Clubs and the Board, and to provide coaches, parents, and players the opportunity to understand all of the processes involved.

This document includes:

1. The procedures clubs should be using for the registration of teams for competitions conducted by Netball Illawarra for its winter competition.
2. The information that clubs are to provide for all players registered in their teams.
3. The means for clubs to identify the competitions and possible grades available for their teams, based on the information that the clubs should have regarding their players.
4. The processes used to determine the initial grades that each team will be placed in for the on-court grading of teams.
5. The processes used to determine the final grade in which a team is placed for the first 3 rounds of a competition.
6. The right of clubs to submit a team for consideration for regrading based on the results from the first 3 rounds of a competition.

2 ANNUAL REVISION OF THIS DOCUMENT

The Information provided in this document is to be reviewed at the completion of each winter season. An annual edition will be issued no later than 1 March each year.

3 DEFINITIONS

In addition to relevant definitions contained in the Constitution and Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Competition – means any one of the 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, Intermediates, Cadets, Seniors

- Grade –** This is a general classification to represent the relative skill levels and abilities of teams and players in an age group or competition when compared to other teams in that same age group or competition, designated by a letter (A, B, C etc) or by a letter and numeric (A1, A2, A3 etc)
- Import Player –** any player that has been selected in any of the Illawarra representative teams and wishes to register with a club other than the club with which they were registered when first nominated for representative team selection.
- Player With a Disability –** A player who, because of permanent physical or mental limitations, has been deemed, by the Board, to be eligible to play in a competition where the age limitations for that competition do not apply to that player.
- Program -** This is terminology to identify a form of competition being made available to 5-year-olds and 6-year-olds as an alternative to NetSetGo-Net. It is a combination of a 30-minute skills session followed by 30 minutes of game time.

4 THE REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

4.1. General

- (a) The initial nomination of a team for a competition and grade that is appropriate for the age and skill level of the players in the team is the responsibility of the clubs.
- (b) The registration of the Illawarra representative teams in competition, as specified in this document, is the responsibility of the Board.
- (c) Each team being registered must have a minimum of six (6) registered players. Should a team at any time have five (5), or less, registered players then that team will be withdrawn from the competition.
- (d) Each team being registered shall have a maximum of twelve (12) registered players.
- (e) Where a player has been de-registered from a team, that player must apply to the Board for reinstatement as a player for that team.
- (f) For a team being registered in a competition that is defined by an upper age limit for players, the age of the oldest player, excluding any player with a disability in the team, shall govern the competitions into which the team can be registered.
- (g) A club may register a team in a competition where the upper age limit is older than the oldest player in the team, however, a team may only be registered in one competition in any winter season.
- (h) All players in a team must be no younger than the minimum age specified for the competition for which the team has been nominated. Refer to the Rules of Competition Borrowing of Players Appendix.
- (i) For NetSetGo, Junior, Intermediate and Cadet teams, players with a disability, who are older than the upper age limit of a grade may be registered in a team in that grade, subject to authorisation for the registration being given by the Board.
- (j) Illawarra Netball's representative teams for the 12, years through to 15 years State Titles, may be registered in an appropriate competition, grade by Netball Illawarra.

4.2. Netball Illawarra State Titles Representative Teams

- (a) Players in the Illawarra Representative 12-years to 15-years teams shall be permitted to play 2 games on any competition day. One game for their club team and the second game for their representative team.
- (b) Players in a development team for a representative team may be borrowed by the representative team playing in the Netball Illawarra competitions.

4.3. Requirements for the NetSetGo Competitions

- (a) The NetSetGo competition is for teams consisting of players who are between 6 and 9 years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (b) The NetSetGo competitions will be designated as an 8-years competition and a 9-years competition.
- (c) Within each age group there shall be one or more grades based on the number of teams entered and the level of netball experience of the players in each team. Such grades shall be identified by colours to avoid potential identification of player standards.
- (d) For teams being registered in the 8-years competition, all players must be between six (6) and eight (8) years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (e) For teams being registered in the 9-years competition, all players must be between six (6) and nine (9) years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.

4.4. Requirements for Junior Competitions

- (a) The Junior competitions are for teams consisting of players who are between 8 and 12 years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (b) The Junior competitions shall be designated as, 10 years, 11 years, and 12 years competitions.
- (c) For teams being registered in the 10 years competition players must be between eight (8) and ten (10) years of age on 31 December in the year of registration. Players with a disability who are older than 10 years of age may be permitted to play in the 10-years competition, subject to Board approval.
- (d) For teams being registered in the 11 years competition players must be between nine (9) and eleven (11) years of age on 31 December in the year of registration. Players with a disability who are older than 11 years of age may be permitted to play in the 11-years competition, subject to Board approval.
- (e) For teams being registered in the 12 years competition players must be between ten (10) and twelve (12) years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (f) Within each age competition there will be grades, the number of which being based on the number of teams nominated for a competition, the previous playing experience of the players in a team and the performance of the team during visual grading.
- (g) Each grade shall consist of 6, 7 or 8 teams. Where there are 17 teams in a grade, one grade shall have 5 teams competing. No grade shall have more than 8 teams.
- (h) In circumstances where the top 8 teams are placed in a grade but there is a significant divide between the standard of the top 4 teams and the bottom 4 teams, that grade may be designated as a split grade where all teams play each other twice in the 2

rounds the teams and the teams that finish 1st to 4th will compete in the top grade and the teams that finished 5th to 8th will compete in the lower grade for the finals series.

4.5. Requirements for Intermediate Competitions

- (a) The Intermediate competition is for teams consisting of players aged between 11 and 15 years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (b) The Intermediate competition shall consist of grades where teams are placed in a grade based on the previous playing experience and past performances of the players, team performance for visual grading, as well as the number of teams nominated for the competition. Excluding the limitations given in clause (a), there are no age restrictions for players in any team competing in the Intermediate competition.
- (c) Each grade shall consist of 6, 7 or 8 teams. No grade shall have less than 6 teams or more than 8 teams.
- (d) In circumstances where the top 8 teams are placed in a grade but there is a significant divide between the standard of the top 4 teams and the bottom 4 teams, that grade may be designated as a split grade where all teams play each other twice in the 2 rounds the teams and the teams that finish 1st to 4th will compete in the top grade and the teams that finished 5th to 8th will compete in the lower grade for the finals series.
- (e) If required to play in the winter competition, the Illawarra 12 years Junior State Titles team will compete in the Intermediate A1 grade.

4.6. Requirements for Cadet Competitions

- (a) The Cadet competition is for teams consisting of players aged between 13 and 17 years of age on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (b) The Cadet competition shall consist of grades where teams are placed in a grade based on the previous playing experience and past performance of the players, team performance at visual grading and the number of teams nominated for the competition.
- (c) Each grade shall consist of 6, 7 or 8 teams. Where there are 17 teams in the competition one grade shall have 5 teams competing, otherwise, no grade shall have less than 6 teams or more than 8 teams.
- (d) In circumstances where the top 8 teams are placed in a grade but there is a significant divide between the standard of the top 4 teams and the bottom 4 teams, that grade may be designated as a split grade where all teams play each other twice in the 2 rounds the teams and the teams that finish 1st to 4th will compete in the top grade and the teams that finished 5th to 8th will compete in the lower grade for the finals series.
- (e) If required to play in the winter competition, the Illawarra 13 years Junior State Titles team will compete in the Cadet A1 grade.

4.7. Requirements for Mixed Cadet Competitions

- (a) The Mixed Cadet competition is for teams consisting of players aged between 13 and 17 years of age on 31 December in the year of registration with at least one and no more than 4 male or transgender registered players.
- (b) Intermediate Players may also be registered with a Mixed Cadet team.
- (c) Female players playing in a mixed team are only permitted to play for 2 teams in any one day.

- (d) Female representative players are not to be registered with a Mixed Cadet team.
- (e) A male or transgender player with a disability older than 17 years of age may apply for permission to play in a Mixed Cadet team in accordance with the processes identified in the "Player With A Disability" document.
- (f) The Mixed Cadet competition shall, where the number of teams entered permit, consist of grades where teams are placed in a grade based on the previous playing experience and past performance of the players, team performance at visual grading and the number of teams nominated for the competition.
- (g) Each grade shall consist of 6, 7 or 8 teams. Where there are 17 teams in the competition one grade shall have 5 teams competing, otherwise, no grade shall have less than 6 teams or more than 8 teams.

4.8. Requirements for Senior Competitions

- (a) The Senior competition is for teams consisting of players aged 14 years of age, or older, on 31 December in the year of registration.
- (b) The Senior competition shall consist of grades where teams are placed in a grade based on the previous playing experience and past performances of the players and the number of teams nominated for the competition. Excluding the limitations given in clause (a) there are no age restrictions within the Senior Competition.
- (c) The highest grade in the Senior Competition covered by this document will be the Senior A1 grade. The Premier League competition is now covered by the Rules of Competition specifically covering the Premier League.
- (d) All grades shall consist of 6, 7 or 8 teams. No grade shall have less than 6 teams or more than 8 teams.
- (e) The Illawarra 14 years Junior State Titles team will compete in the Senior Competition in a grade agreed to by the Coach and the Board.
- (f) The Illawarra 15 years Senior State Titles team will compete in the Senior Competition in a grade agreed to by the Coach and the Board.

4.9. Requirements for Mixed Senior Competitions

- (a) The Mixed Senior competition is for teams consisting of players aged 14 years, or older, on 31 December in the year of registration with at least one and no more than 4 male or transgender registered players in the team.
- (b) Intermediate and Cadet players aged 14 or older may also be registered with a Mixed Senior team.
- (c) Current representative players, or players with a Premier League or Senior A1 grading shall not be eligible to play in or for a Mixed Senior Team.
- (d) The Mixed Senior competition shall, where the number of teams entered permit, consist of grades where teams are placed in a grade based on the previous playing experience of the players, the team performance at visual grading and the number of teams nominated for the competition.
- (e) Each grade shall consist of 6, 7 or 8 teams. Where there are 17 teams in the competition one grade shall have 5 teams competing, otherwise, no grade shall have less than 6 teams or more than 8 teams.

5 THE REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS WITH A TEAM BY A CLUB

5.1. General

All players registered with a club, prior to the initial grading of teams, with the intent of competing in a Netball Illawarra competition, shall be allocated into teams of the club, to allow the determination of the initial grading of the teams.

5.2. Players With A Disability

For a family with a player with a permanent disability who desires to participate in a competition that has a maximum player age that is younger than the player seeking to play refer to the document regarding "Players With A Disability".

5.3. Male and Transgender Players

- (a) NetSetGo and Junior teams do not have any limitations regarding the gender of a player, therefore clubs may register males with a team to play in these grades.
- (b) For players who are aged 12 years, or older, who are male, or who identify as transgender players, shall only be eligible to compete in a competition specially identified as a mixed competition. Male and transgender players shall not be permitted to register with a team competing in the Intermediate, Cadet or Senior competitions.

5.4. NetSetGo and Junior Competitions

- (a) For NetSetGo and Junior grades, players shall be registered with a team in which they comply with the age limitations.
- (b) A 12-years team may not register an import player without approval from the club that the player is leaving. Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 2 import players.
- (c) For players involved in NetSetGo and Junior competitions, boys may register in a team without the need for any discussion on their eligibility, other than the age constraints for that competition and grade.

5.5. Intermediate and Cadet Competitions

- (a) Age limitations apply for the Intermediate and Cadet competitions.
- (b) Intermediate or Cadet teams may not register an import player without approval from the club that the player is leaving. Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 2 import players.

5.6. Senior Grades

- (a) Age limitations apply for the Senior competitions.
- (b) Senior teams may not register an import player without approval from the club that the player is leaving. Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 2 import players.
- (c) Additional constraints on the registration of players in Senior grades are detailed below:

5.7. NSW Premier League Players

- (a) A player registered to play in a NSW Premier League Team may only play in a Netball Illawarra Premier League Team, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) A player registered as a NSW Premier League Team training partner may only play in a Netball Illawarra Premier League Team, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (c) A player whose last participation in netball in the previous 3 years, was in a NSW Premier League team, or as a training partner for such a team, or at a higher level, or an interstate equivalent, shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Premier League grade, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (d) The inclusion of such a player into a team does not guarantee automatic inclusion of the team into the Illawarra Premier League Competition.
- (e) Where an application has been made to the Board for such players to play in a lower grade, such an authorisation shall be for no grade lower than Senior A1.

5.8. Metro League 1, 3 or 3 Players

- (a) The registration of a player to play in any of the Netball NSW Metro League 1, 2 or 3 competitions shall only be permitted to play in Illawarra's Premier League unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) A player whose last participation in netball in the previous 3 years, was in the Netball NSW Metro League 1, 2 or 3 competition or an equivalent series from another state, shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Premier League grades, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (c) The inclusion of such a player into a team does not guarantee automatic inclusion of a team into the Illawarra Premier League Competition.
- (d) Where an application has been made to the Board for such players to play in a lower grade, such an authorisation shall be for no grade lower than Senior A1.

5.9. Metro League 4, 5 or lower Development League Series

- (a) The registration of a player to play in any of the Netball NSW Metro League 4 or 5 competition or the Netball NSW Development Series shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Senior A1 or Premier League grades, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) A player whose last participation in netball in the previous 3 years, was in the Netball NSW Metro League 4 or 5 competition or the Netball NSW Development Series, or an equivalent series from another state, shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Premier League or Senior A1 grades, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (c) The inclusion of such a player into a Premier League team does not guarantee automatic inclusion of that team into the Illawarra Premier League Competition.
- (d) Where an application has been made to the Board for such players to play in a lower grade such an authorisation shall be for no grade lower than Senior A2.

5.10. Players From Illawarra Senior Competitions

A registered player whose last participation as a player in an Illawarra senior competition, or equivalent, in the last 3 years, was one of the following grades, shall be limited to be a member of team in the grades identified below:

- (a) **Premier League grade** – players who have been so graded in the previous 3 years shall only be allowed to be registered with a Premier League or Senior A1 team, after teams have been graded.
- (b) **Senior A1 grade** – players who have been so graded in the previous 3 years shall only be allowed to register with a Premier League, Senior A1 or Senior A2 team after teams have been graded.
- (c) **Senior A2 to A4 grade** – players who have been so graded in the previous 3 years shall only be allowed to be registered with a team that has been graded no more than two (2) grades below their previous grading.
- (d) The grading for a senior player shall be the highest grade of the team in which they played in the previous three years of the competition.

6 GRADING OF TEAMS

6.1. Team Nomination Process

- (a) For each team, the club shall:
 - (i) identify the players that will compete for the team in the competition for which the team has been entered.
 - (ii) identify the competition in which the team is being entered.
 - (iii) provide a team name under which the team is to be registered.
 - (iv) identify the competition in which the team is nominating to compete.
 - (v) identify a grade that they consider the team might be best suited for.

As clubs are not aware of the number of teams being nominated for a competition, or the standard of teams nominating for a grade, clubs must recognise that the initial grading for a team may be higher, or lower, than the grade for which a team has been proposed.

- (b) For each team, the club shall provide the grading of players in their last year of registration, going back for a maximum of 3 years.
 - (i) The playing experience of the players who played in an Illawarra Netball competition in the previous year.
 - (ii) Previous representative experience in the previous 3 years, where appropriate.
 - (iii) Where a player did not play in previous year's Netball Illawarra winter competition, the highest grade in which they played, and the Association they played in, or for, in the previous 3 years. This would include any representative teams.

6.2. Initial Team Grading Process

Following the close of nominations, the Board shall undertake the initial placement of teams into grades in accordance with the following:

Step 1: determine the number of teams that have been nominated for each competition and determine the likely number of teams that will be placed into each grade.

Step 2: determine how many teams that competed in the previous season, have been nominated for the new competition with substantially the same players, and to look at the previous experience of those players that have been brought in to these teams, based on the information provided by the clubs and information available to the Board.

Step 3: determine what might be a suitable grade for those teams that have been created by a club with players of various levels of playing experience, based on the information provided by the clubs and information available to the Board.

Step 4: determine the teams that would be most suitable for placement in the highest grade for a competition, taking into consideration the number of places available in that grade and the potential level of competition between those teams.

Step 5: determine the teams that will be graded in the highest grade.

Step 6: repeat Step 4 and then Step 5 for the each of the remaining grades and teams.

6.3. Visual Grading

As part of the process to determine the grades into which teams are to be placed, a visual grading day is to be scheduled prior to the determination of final grading. The purpose of this day being to fine-tune the grading that has already been done.

- (a) Junior, Intermediate and Cadet visual grading
 - (i) Following the initial grading, teams in the Junior, Intermediate and Cadet competitions shall participate in a visual grading round robin day.
 - (ii) Teams that have been initially placed in a grade will play the other teams in the same grade to determine the suitability of their placement.
 - (iii) The results of these games are then used to determine the grading for each team.
 - (iv) If the visual grading day is cancelled due to weather, the initial grading of the teams will be submitted as the final grades at the grading meeting.

Following the visual grading games, the Board will make any changes to the grading for all teams for presentation to the grading review meeting to determine the final grading of teams.

6.4. Final Grading

The grading review meeting will be held with the Board plus one (1) delegate and one (1) observer from each club, to review and finalise team grading. The grading of teams resulting from this meeting shall be the gradings used for the first 3 rounds of the competitions.

7 RE-GRADING OF TEAMS

Following the completing of the 3rd round of competition, clubs, and the Netball Illawarra Executive, may submit to the Board an appeal for a review of a team's grading via email by the closing date specified for such requests. All such requests will be discussed at the Council Meeting, prior to the fourth game.

Any proposal by a club for a team to be re-graded by moving out of one competition and into another competition for which the players may be eligible to play shall be rejected outright. (Example: Move from Cadet to Senior)

Where an application to regrade a team, submission to the Council Meeting shall be considered provided that:

- (a) A suitable team of appropriate standard is available to replace that team in the competition, or

- (b) The movement of a team shall not result in a grade that has fewer than 6 teams competing unless there was an existing grade of 5 teams in the competition, or
- (c) The movement of a team does not result in a grade having more than 8 teams competing.

Should a team not be submitted by a club for regrading, and the Board is of the opinion that the team should be re-graded, then the Board will regrade the team. Such a re-grading will only occur if the conditions identified in (i), (ii) and (iii) above can be met.

Teams impacted by regrading by the Board will be notified through their club before the commencement of the 4th round.

Following the decisions made regarding the re-grading of teams, there shall be no right of appeal regarding such movement of teams resulting from the re-grading.

The final grade in which a team has been placed shall be the grade of all players registered in that team, irrespective of when the club placed the players into that team.

If the grading of a team is changed after the initial grading, then the players registered in that team shall also be regraded to that grade.

8 PLAYERS

8.1. Grading Of Players

- (a) For players who were registered with a team that contested the previous Netball Illawarra winter competition, the grade allocated to players shall be the grade of the team in which the players were registered
- (b) For players who competed for or in another Association, the grading to be considered will be the grade of the team in which the players were registered in for the previous winter season, taking into consideration the possible differences in standard of players in the different Associations.
- (c) For players who did not participate in a winter netball competition in the previous year, their grading shall be the grade of the team in which they were last registered in the previous 3 years.
- (d) For players who did not participate in a winter netball competition in the previous 3 years, those players shall not be considered to have a grading and therefore are eligible to be registered in any team.

8.2. Re-Grading of Players

- (a) Any player wishing to be regraded from one team to a team in a lower grade in the same club must apply for regrading through their club. The club shall apply to the Board for the player to be regraded, who may accept, or reject, the application.
- (b) If a player has been borrowed 4 times the player shall be transferred into one of the teams that has borrowed the player. The team into which the player is being transferred shall be determined by their club. This shall be the grade considered for the future grading of that player.

8.3. Late Registration of a Player with a Team

8.3.1. General

All players registered with a club, after the initial grading of teams shall be placed into teams by the club in accordance with the requirements of this section.

8.3.2. Players With a Disability

The requirements of this section are not applicable to the late registration of a player with a disability. The allocation of a player with a disability will be determined by the Board, in conjunction with the club involved and the player's parents/guardians.

8.3.3. NetSetGo and Junior Competitions

The age limitations appropriate to the competition into which a player is being registered shall apply. The following limitations shall also be applicable:

- (a) Any player who was registered in an Intermediate A1 to A4 grade in the previous season and is eligible to register in a junior grade in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team competing in the 12A grade, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) Any player who was registered in an Intermediate B1 grade, or lower, in the previous season and is eligible to register in a junior grade in the current season, shall be permitted to register with a team competing in any 12 years grade.

8.3.4. Intermediate Competitions

The age limitations appropriate to the competition into which a player is being registered, shall apply. The following limitations shall also be applicable:

- (a) Any player who was registered in an Intermediate A1 to A4 grade in the previous season and is eligible to again register in an Intermediate Team in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team that is no lower than one grade below the grade in which they played in the previous season, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) Any player who was registered in an Intermediate B1 grade, or lower, in the previous season and is eligible to again register in an Intermediate grade in the current season, shall be permitted to register with a team competing in any Intermediate grade.
- (c) Any player who was registered in a Cadet A1 grade in the previous season and is eligible to register in an Intermediate Team in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team competing in the Intermediate A1 grade, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (d) Any player who was registered in a Cadet A2 grade in the previous season and is eligible to register in an Intermediate Team in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team competing in the Intermediate A1 to A4 grade, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (e) Any player who was registered in a Cadet A3 grade, or lower in the previous season and is eligible to register in an Intermediate Team in the current season, shall be permitted to register with any team competing in the Intermediate competition.

8.3.5. Cadet Competitions

The age limitations appropriate to the competition into which a player is being registered shall apply. The following limitations shall also be applicable:

- (i) Any player who was registered in a Cadet grade in the previous season and is eligible to register again in a Cadet Team in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team that is no lower than one grade below the grade in which she played in the previous season, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (ii) Any player who was registered in a Senior A1 to A2 grade in the previous season and seeks to register in a Cadet Team in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team competing in the Cadet A1 grade, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (iii) Any player who was registered in a Senior A2 to A4 grade in the previous season and seeks to register in a Cadet Team in the current season, shall only be permitted to register with a team competing in the Cadet A1 or A2 grade, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (iv) Any player who was registered in a Senior B1 or lower grade in the previous season and seeks to register in a Cadet Team in the current season, shall be permitted to register with any team competing in the Cadet competition.

8.3.6. Players From a Past Illawarra Senior Competition

- (a) Players who last played in one of the following grades in the last 3 years in an Illawarra senior competition, or equivalent, shall only be permitted to be registered after the initial grading of teams in accordance with the following limitations:
 - (i) **A Premier League grade player** – shall only be registered with a Premier League or Senior A1 team. The inclusion of such a player into a team does not guarantee automatic inclusion of that team into the Illawarra Premier League Competition.
 - (ii) **Senior A1 grade players** – shall only be registered with a Premier League, Senior A1 or Senior A2 team.
 - (iii) **Senior A2 and A3 grade players** – shall only be registered with a team that has been graded no more than two (2) grades below their previous grading.
 - (iv) Any player who was registered in a Senior A4 or lower grade in the previous season shall be permitted to register with any team competing in any Senior grade.

8.3.7. Metro League 1, 2 or 3 Players

- (a) The registration of a player to play in any of the Netball NSW Metro League 1, 2 or 3 competitions shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra's Premier League, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) A player whose last participation in netball in the previous 3 years, was in the Netball NSW Metro League 1, 2 or 3 competition or an equivalent series from another state, shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Premier League grades, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.

- (c) The inclusion of such a player into a Premier League team does not guarantee automatic inclusion of that team into the Illawarra Premier League Competition.
- (d) Where an application has been made to the Board for such players to play in a lower grade, such an authorisation shall be for no grade lower than Senior A1.

8.3.8. Metro League 4, 5 or lower Development League Series Players

- (a) The registration of a player in a team playing Netball NSW Metro League 4 or 5 competition or the Netball NSW Development Series shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Premier League or Senior A1 grades, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (b) A player whose last participation in netball in the previous 3 years, was in the Netball NSW Metro League 4 or 5 competition or the Netball NSW Development Series, or an equivalent series from another state, shall only be permitted to play in the Netball Illawarra Premier League or Senior A1 grades, unless otherwise authorised by the Board.
- (c) The inclusion of such a player into a Premier League team does not guarantee automatic inclusion of that team into the Illawarra Premier League Competition.
- (d) Where an application has been made to the Board for such players to play in a lower grade such an authorisation shall be for a grade no lower than Senior A2.