

Bondi Netball Team Selection Policy

Winter Season (at Randwick Netball Association, Heffron Park)

Bondi Phoenix Netball Club is an inclusive club that wants all members to play & train to the best of their ability.

- As a relatively small club we normally have 1 or 2 teams in each age group.
- We do not grade Net Set Go teams, except by age range (if applicable).
- We grade teams from the 10s division onwards, in line with RNA.
- We do our best to group players according to ability after they have attended our grading Sessions in February/March before the Winter Season.
- For most players, this will mean playing with a group of girls of the same age and similar ability.
- We group players according to ability, not friendship groups. However, because we are a small club it is likely that players will know at least a few of the players in their team. If they don't, it's a great chance for them to make new friends.
- If there are only enough players for one team in an age group, all players will play together.
- At grading, if there are some players whose ability out-shines those players in their age group, these girls will be given the opportunity to play and train in an older team. We will consult with the player and their parents before making that decision.
- If the club has too many players in one age group & not enough in the age above, we may give a younger player the opportunity to play in an older age group. We will consult with the player and their parents before making that decision.
- Players that join the club after grading has occurred will be given the opportunity to join a team as close to their age and ability as possible. However, they might need to play in an older age group if the lower one is full.
- If a player is selected to play in a team older than their chronological age, we will consult with parents & player before making any final decisions.
- Team selections also depend on players' preferred positions. When creating the teams we need to make sure we have a balance of shooters, mid-court & defence. This will affect how teams are selected as we would not want a team full of defenders and no shooters.
- When completing your daughter's registration form, please consult with them about which positions they would like to be graded in. The Committee will assess their playing on the positions they grade in and place them in a team accordingly.
- Grading will be conducted by a committee which will be a mix of current, past and external coaches.

Our ideal number of players in a team is 9 or 10. This gives us enough players to cope with illness and injury through the season as well as planned absences, without having too many players.

Bondi Phoenix Grading Policy

- Grading occurs shortly after registrations have closed, normally at the end of Feb or beginning of March.
- We expect all players wanting to play in the Winter Season to attend grading.
- If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible and we might either watch your daughter playing in the Summer competition (if applicable) or we might ask them to attend a training session with a relevant team.
- You should have told us your daughter's preferred positions on your registration form. Please make sure you consult with her before completing the form. If you got these wrong, please email the club at: info@bondiphoenix.com.au as soon as possible with the updated information.
- If you join the club after the Grading day, we would expect your daughter to attend a relevant training session before we place them in a team.
- At the grading day, we will have coaches from Bondi Phoenix that know the girls as well as independent experts to ensure a fair selection.
- It takes a VERY long time to prepare the teams for a grading day and to ensure that every player gets a chance to play in their different positions. If you can't make it, please let us know as soon as possible.
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In Winter, we play at Randwick Netball Association (RNA) at Heffron Park. This Association has numerous divisions in each age group. The size of the competition allows us to request that teams play in appropriate divisions with teams of similar ability. However, RNA does not always meet our requests!