

Procedure For Player Request Higher Age Group

Samford Netball Club Competitive Teams

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Higher standard players may apply to try out for a team in the age group above their current age group. This is intended to provide suitable players the opportunity to be challenged by a higher level of competition at the Samford Netball Club.

This opportunity may be suitable for some Division 1 players but is also open to current Division 2 players.

Policy

1. Only players in the 12 years age group or above may apply.
2. Players can only apply to the age group immediately above their current age group, eg 12 years can apply for the 13 years group; 13 years can apply for Cadets ; Cadets can apply for Intermediates; Intermediates can apply for Opens.
3. Interested players must submit an application form. The Grading Subcommittee will then assess each application and decide whether the applicant will be invited to try out for the higher age group.
4. Successful applicants will be notified that they must attend grading tryouts for both age groups.
5. The final age group, division and team for successful applicants will be decided during the normal grading and team allocation process.
6. Playing standard, maturity, and ability to fit harmoniously into a higher age group team will all be taken into account by the Grading Subcommittee. This is to ensure that both the successful applicant and her team mates have an opportunity to develop a positive team spirit, and have an enjoyable season together.
7. If during the grading process, a younger player is considered to be of similar playing standard (ie not clearly superior) to an older player competing for the same position, then the older player will selected into that team rather than the younger player.

The application procedure is as follows:

1. Player, parents and two coaches fill out the **Request To Try Out For A Higher Age Group** application form, which will be included in the mail out to all families. Copies can also be obtained from the club.
2. Two coaches must sign the form to indicate that they believe the player is suitable to be considered for a higher age group. A parent cannot sign here. Coaches can be from Samford, from a former club (if you are a new member at Samford), an association or Rep coach, or a school coach.

Coaches may attach additional comments or a reference in support of the application, however this is optional.

3. Forward your application form to the Samford Registrar, who will pass a copy on to the Chairperson of the Grading Subcommittee. Keep your copy of the Policy and Procedure for future reference.

4. The Grading Subcommittee will review your application and may also talk to you, or your parents, or your coaches if additional information is required. This committee will then make a decision on each application, and will then discuss those decisions with the President and Vice President before notifying each applicant.
5. All applicants will be notified by telephone and in writing if your application to try out for higher age group has been successful or not. If successful you will be asked to try out during the normal grading trials in both age groups, otherwise you will try out in your normal age group.
6. The final decision on which age group, division, and team that you will be allocated to, will be made during the normal grading and team allocation process, and you will be advised during the normal team notification process.
7. If your application was unsuccessful for the higher age group, you are welcome to discuss this with the Grading Chairperson.

The committee and your coach will also encourage you to enjoy your new netball season with a positive enthusiastic, attitude. Please also remember that you can apply again next year if you want to.

After all teams have been announced, the Grading Chairperson will report to the next Management Committee meeting covering all applicants, the age group applied for, the age group(s) trialed for, and the final team allocation.

There is a different situation where a player may play in a higher age group. This can occur in lower divisions when there is a shortage of players for a team in one age group and a surplus of players of similar standard in a lower age group. One or more players in the lower age group may be invited to play in the higher age group to balance out the team numbers.

Players do not submit an application for this, and they will only try out in their own age group.