



Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

## **Tingara 2011 Grading Process**

The grading procedure adopted by Tingara is an extensive process which is designed to provide all players the opportunity to demonstrate their netball skills in an unbiased and fair environment.

The Grading Committee is made up of past and current players with extensive knowledge of netball including its rules and regulations. The Grading Committee grades over 230 players and as you can well appreciate, this is not an easy task. From time to time, some of you may not agree with the grading decisions made.

The Grading Committee would like to take this opportunity to outline the three stage grading process used prior to the team selections. The grading process involves:

- 1. Match play:** Each player is seen in match play 2-3 times a season. This has proved very beneficial for selectors particularly when the player has been playing different positions.
- 2. The coach's report:** This is an extremely valuable aid and is produced by each coach at the end of each season. The coach has known each player longer than a selector and therefore comments regarding attitude at training, versatility, playing under pressure and sportsmanship are all attributes considered.
- 3. Grading sessions:** The final stage of the process is the 2-3 week grading sessions held in February. During these sessions, all players in the same age group are competing against each other to gain selection in a team. It is important for both players and parents to realise that the positions they register are the positions they will mainly be trialled in. Being a versatile player often proves to be advantageous!

New players to the Club have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills to the Grading Committee on the grading evenings. It is essential, that all new players attend these grading sessions.

Finally it is important to note that all girls are graded in year of birth, not school year. Within that year group, players are graded on ability, NOT friendship groups - so please prepare your child for this outcome.

If you have any further queries regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Grading Co-ordinator or any member of the Grading Committee.

Regards

2011 Grading Committee