



2024 GRADING INFORMATION

JUNIORS (NetSetGO – 15 & Under)

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY (NetSetGO)
SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

TIME: 5.00 – 7.30 PM

MEET ON COURT 38

18, 21 & Under AND OPEN (TRAINING TEAMS)

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

TIME: 6.30 – 8.30 PM

MEET ON COURT 38

*NetSetGO players are only required to attend one grading session on the 11th February 2024.

Welcome to Venetians Netball Club for 2024

Grading is a very busy period for our Committee, Graders and Members so please take a moment to read the following notes:

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Full registration must be completed by the 16th February but we strongly recommend it is done prior to first grading session. Only players who have completed full registration will be covered by insurance.
- Full registration can be completed on PlayHQ by clicking one of the links below:
 - [NetSetGO](#)
 - [12&U – Open age groups](#)
- Please arrive 15 minutes early.
- Leg number must be written clearly, on the outside of **both lower legs** in thick black marker. Please apply at home before you arrive at grading. (*Leg number list is attached – alphabetical by surname*).
- Please be prepared: white top (**no Venetians merchandise**), black shorts or skirts (**no leggings**), no jewellery, hair tied back, strapping done, a jumper for cooler nights, a towel, at least 2 litres of water and any medication you may need.
- There will be a check-in desk located under the far court canteen near court 38. Please report to this desk first to have your name ticked off, then proceed to court 38.
- Please notify graders of any injury or illness.
- Spectators (parents/friends/partners) are not permitted on the sidelines. All spectators are welcome to sit undercover near the match office.
- When you are not on the court, please remain close by and pay attention as you may be called to take

the court at any time. Know your leg number and listen for it.

- If you have not taken the court for 2 games in a row, please notify the graders immediately before that third game commences.
- If you would like to try a different position, please let the graders know. We will select a balance of court positions in our teams; however, diversity is always welcome.

UNDERSTANDING OUR GRADING PROCEDURES

Grading Committee

The Grading Committee is comprised of the President, Development Coordinator and at least one other non-Committee member. Graders are chosen by the Grading Committee at the beginning of the year and usually consist of experienced open players, coaches and other officials from Venetians. The Grading Committee may decide to call on independent graders. These individuals will be sourced from other clubs or Associations to assist with the team selection process.

Grading process

The grading process will decide the composition of teams which must have a balanced group of players of similar ability across all playing positions. Venetians aims to ensure that the grading of players is conducted in a fair and consistent manner with the best interests of the players and Venetians in mind. The grading process will also be influenced by the number of registered players in any particular season or age group. Individual grading will be established by the following methods:

1. Paper grading conducted prior to physical grading and considers previous experiences.
2. Coaches reports from previous years and observation during the preceding year by the Grading Committee.
3. Physical trial matches on grading days viewed by the club graders and/or Grading Committee.

All players are required to attend all grading sessions. Any player not available to attend grading sessions for a viable reason, must notify the Grading Committee prior to the commencement of grading and will be placed in the most appropriate team by the Grading Committee according to their previous playing experience.

The following skills and attributes may be assessed, but are not limited to:

1. Ball handling skills
2. Footwork
3. Speed and agility
4. Attacking skills
5. Defending skills (four phases of defence)
6. Shooting style and accuracy
7. Fitness
8. Versatility
9. Ability to play as part of a team
10. Sportsmanship, effort and attitude
11. Commitment to the values of Venetians

A player may be asked to play in a position that is not their preference to aid the grading process. These players will be marked as playing out of position.

Team selection

Venetians will select a maximum of 10 players in each team. In special circumstances there may be additional players added to the team and this will be discussed with the members involved. When placing players in teams, consideration is given to:

1. Team members who have similar skill and ability.
2. Ensuring teams will have a suitable balance of court areas, that being shooting, mid court and defence.
3. Players are assessed against other players in the same court area. i.e. defenders will be compared to other defenders.
4. Player's attitude and approach to the game and their team and to training.
5. The possibility that should Venetians have insufficient registrations in an age group to form full teams, players may be placed in a higher age group, in a team of similar ability in order to place the player in a team.
6. Ensuring a team will be competitive for their recommended grade.

New players to Venetians will be assessed as fairly as possible and will be placed into a team according to their history and performance during grading. At the conclusion of grading, all players will be advised of when team announcements will be. In some circumstances, due to team numbers needs, a player (or parent of any player under 18 years of age) may be advised by the President or Player Development Coordinator that this player may be placed in a team outside of their age group. The decisions made by the Grading Committee will be final. Any correspondence regarding either pre or post team announcements will only be accepted in writing and forwarded to the Grading Committee.

See below the number of teams we will have in each age group.

Age group	2023	2024
Year 2	1	1
Year 3	1	1
Year 4	2	1
Year 5	2	4
12 & U	5	6
13 & U	4	5
15 & U	5	6
18 & U	5	4
21&U	N/A	2
Open	6	5

- Please remember that each year we have new members join the club and members will move up age groups which will change the dynamics of our teams.
- For example, we have 36 players who played in the 12&U age group last year, who are moving into 13&U with an additional 12 players who are new to the club also joining in the 13&U age group.
- We cannot guarantee that teams will stay together from previous years or that friends will be able to play together in the same team but we have taken note of those preferences from the registration process.

More information on grading procedures can be found in our [Policies](#) and [Member Handbook](#).

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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