

GRADING PROCESS

Each season, the club appoints a grading panel of at least 3 experienced netball people (usually coaches at the club - in the age group they are grading).

Grading is based on several factors:

- Current season coaches evaluations. These evaluations include ratings for player attitude, fitness level, training attendance, footwork and ball skills; along with an overall comment regarding the player's improvement and whether their current grade is suitable, or if they should be moved up or down.
- Graders will attend games where possible before and after the grading sessions. You may not see them, but they are out and about.
- Grading sessions where graders will watch skill levels, performance on the night and also potential to play at a higher level.

Players are allocated to teams based on all of the above. At any one time, there may be an excess of an attacking, defending or mid court player grading; or - likewise - a deficit, hence why players may feel as though they deserve a higher placement but do not achieve this. If any player requires feedback or has concerns regarding their placement, they must email the grading committee at secretary.hopevalleync@gmail.com, not approach any grader personally.

Teams are nominated to SADNA to be placed in the grade the club feels will be appropriate to the team's ability and potential in order to ensure they are challenged and will develop as netballers.

It should be noted that the club does not generally allocate teams in the same grade (unless there are more teams than grades in an age group). We do not want Hope Valley teams playing against each other, but due to the clubs success, strength and number of teams, SADNA have the final say as to team placement, and it will be their decision where to allocate a team - this can be a different grade to the grade that we have nominated.