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Tuggeranong Netball Association Playing Out of Year Level Policy



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Policy Overview and Purpose

As a general rule, Tuggeranong Netball Association (TNA) expects players to be in a team that correlates to their school year level.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for those circumstances where players may need to play out of level.

Team Level Requirement

TNA By-Law 8.1 provides that:

- Where a player has a school team, they must play in this team first
- Where school years are specified, teams may be made up from different school years
- Junior players are able to play a second game in a higher age group after playing in their school team first. For their second game, they may choose to play with a school or club of choice

As a general rule, school or club teams made up of multiple school years should play at the highest year level of the majority of team members.

Playing Down an Age Group

All requests for players to play in a younger year level **MUST BE** submitted in writing to the TNA Executive for exemption by emailing vpcomp@tuggeranongnetball.com.au. This exemption should be submitted **at least** one week prior to the competition game the exemption is sought for.

If a player is permitted to play down as set out in this policy, that exemption is valid for up to one season only and the player must remain in that lower age grade for the entire season.

Clubs and schools must notify TNA of teams that are of split grades as per the TNA Competition Grading Policy.



Playing Up an Age Group

Players may be placed in a team at a higher year level where there is insufficient room in a team at their own level. Clubs and schools must notify TNA where players have been placed in a higher team due to space issues as per the TNA Competition Grading Policy.

Any requests for a player to play in a year level two years above their year at school needs to be submitted in writing to the TNA Executive for exemption.

Example 1: Sam plays for her school in a year 3 team. Sam is able to play a second game for her school or a club in year 4.

Example 2: Billie plays for a club in the year 4 competition. The club is looking for players in their year 6 team. Billie must seek approval from the TNA Executive to be able to play in year 6 which is two years above her current year level.

Year 6 Players Playing up in Intermediates

According to TNA By-Law 8.1(c)(8) players in the Year 6 competition are able to play a second game in the Intermediates Group. Players should be graded into appropriate teams by their clubs based on their playing ability.

Year 10 Players

Year 10 players are not required to play in the Intermediates Group.

In accordance with TNA By-Law 8.8, if they choose to register in the Seniors Group only, they will be unable to play in Intermediates.

If a year 10 player chooses to play in both Intermediates and Seniors, to be eligible for Finals they must play an amount of games in Intermediates that is equal to or more than the games played in Seniors. All other Finals rules apply.



Seniors

Only players 14 years and over are eligible to play in the Senior Competition.

If a player is in Years 7-9, they must play in an Intermediates team before playing in a Seniors team for their second game. The player must be allocated to both teams in the TNA Winter Competition.