



Hills Raiders Basketball Association

Grading Procedure and Guidelines 2023/24

The Grading Process

1. Players are allocated to a team by Club Registrar or Independent Team Organiser via PlayHQ.
2. Clubs & Independents can nominate a grade for each team via PlayHQ.
3. Club Registrars to complete & return the 'Team nomination spreadsheet', noting any special grading considerations for their teams.
4. The HRBA Competition Manager will distribute the teams to allow appropriate numbers of teams per age / division.
5. The Grading Team meets and reviews team distributions and adjusts as necessary. They will consider:
 - Previous season results and ladder placement.
 - Registrars team nomination notes i.e., same team name but new players, WABL allocation etc.
 - How each team sits within their playing group. This can result in the team being viewed differently by the Grading Team compared to the Registrar's perspective.
6. The HRBA Competition Manager drafts proposed fixture matrix of paper graded teams.
7. HRBA Referee Coordinator reviews proposed fixture matrix to determine required referee resourcing. Changes may be recommended based on referee availability.
8. Competition commences.

Week 1

- Individual Grading Team members circulate and observe teams in play. Observations are collated for consideration by the Grading Team.
- Wins / Losses with a 30+ point margin are set for mandatory review.
- Round 1 ladder position, points and percentages are compared within the cohort.

Week 2

- Week 1 fixtures are reviewed – the Grading team may request a match- up between certain teams for further scrutiny.
- Individual Grading Team members circulate and observe teams in play. Observations are collated for consideration by the Grading Team.
- Wins / Losses with a 30+ point margin are set for mandatory review
- Ladder position, points and percentages are compared within the cohort.

Week 3

- Week 2 fixtures are reviewed – the Grading team may request a match- up between certain teams for further scrutiny.

- Grading Team circulates and observes all teams. Exceptions noted if further observation needs to be considered.
- Wins / Losses with a 30+ point margin are set for mandatory review
- Ladder position, points and percentages are compared within the cohort.

If a Team is Regraded:

- Clubs & Independent teams are advised that a team has been regraded.
- Fixtures are redrawn.
- Competition ladder commences as of round 4; no adjustment to competition points for rounds 1 – 3 required.
- Club Registrars & Independent team officials have one week to lodge a formal, written query disputing a team's regrading. After this time, grading will be considered final.

Grading Disputes:

If a Club or Team disagrees with any promotion or relegation of their team/s, then the following process must be followed.

- Write to the Association with the grading query / issue:
 - i. Clearly define and outline the query / issue.
 - ii. Provide any supporting documentation / evidence relevant to the grading dispute.
- Submissions from Coaches, managers or parents that have not been submitted via the Club will not be given consideration.
- Empowered Club representatives can informally discuss grading with Grading Team members or HRBA staff, but this will not constitute a formal query.
- Coaches, managers, or parents are not to approach the Grading Team regarding queries / issues. Furthermore, being abusive or badgering the Grading Team or HRBA staff regarding grading will result in implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy.

