Aberfeldie
NETBALL CLUB

We are looking forward to our Grading Day on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at the State Netball Centre Parkville.

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

ABOUT GRADING DAY:
Our Grading Day is also known as Team Placement Day.
The day allows our independent selectors to watch all of our netballers participate.
They want to see our players giving it their best while having fun in match play.
They are looking for basic skills like passing, catching, stepping, right through to court awareness and a positive attitude to our teammates.
Both Selectors have great experience as a selectors & Head Coaches for other netball clubs.
They currently coach, they play, and are involved in Community clubs in other associations.

We want this session to be a positive experience for all players.
All players will be guaranteed a minimum of 2 rotations and at least 1 game in their 1st preferred position.
The Selectors may ask players to try another position in a game.
Please don't be alarmed as it is recorded as filling in, but we may need a position filled for that game.
Please encourage your player to be willing to try anything on the day.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why do we have a Grading Day?
Aberfeldie Netball Club prides itself on being a Community Club, where we welcome everyone to netball, and hope everyone loves the game!
Enjoyment is a vital element to all sport, but it's also important to create well-balanced teams where everyone is supported, and every team member is valued.
We hope that a well-balanced team creates new friendships, personal & team development & the best experience for everyone.

What if I am unable to attend Grading Day?
If you cannot attend Grading Day, our club will place you in a team based on your coach's feedback from last season or the information provided on your registration form.
For new players to our Club, we will do our best to place you in a suitable team.
You must still complete the registration link to be considered.

Will I be placed in a team in 2027?
We are a Club that guarantees a team spot for anyone who wants to participate.
We are very proud that we can accommodate all of our current players, plus welcome new players.

Is there a Cost to attend?
There is no fee to join us at Grading Day.

What if I have never played netball before?
We would love to meet you, and place you in a team that supports your start in netball.
It's never too late.

What if I play at another Club right now? How would I move across to Aberfeldie Netball Club?
We understand that players choose netball for different reasons.
Some want to play for fun, perhaps learn a team sport.
Some want to play very competitively, trial for rep netball, and strive for the pathways into elite netball.
You might want to move for a change?
You might want to add an extra game to your weekly schedule?
Please call or email and we can chat about the options available to you.

What should I wear?
We ask each player to wear a White t-shirt or Singlet top, and Black or Navy shorts.
We also ask that the player is wearing appropriate runners, and that all jewellery is removed, earrings are taped or removed, nails are short, and any strapping is done prior.

Why do we write numbers on legs?
Our independent selectors don't know you at all, therefore they are making notes in the netball program against your number in the system.

What to expect in the session?
One of our Club coaches or the selectors will run a short warm up, and then get straight into Match play.

After the session?
Our independent selectors advise our Team Selection Committee of their recommendations and assessments of every single player.
Team placements are based on a number of assessments.
We have committee members watching our players across the season and at training.
We have our Lead coaches watching our teams weekly too.
And we ask our Team coaches for feedback when required to formulate a well-rounded assessment.
Team offers will be sent out after Grading Day, the timeline will be communicated to everyone who registered.

Can I request to play with a friend?
You can request to be with 1 friend, however, your team placement will be based on the lower assessment of the 2 players.
An example: Player (A) is graded as a Div 2 player, and Player (B) is Div 3, both will be placed in Div 3.
Requests must be submitted before Grading Day by email to: President@aberfeldienetball.com.au

Note for parents:
We ask that players and parents understand the challenges involved in grading.
As volunteers, we are doing our best to make fair and informed decisions, but these may not always align with your personal expectations or desired outcomes.
We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to create the most balanced and supportive teams for all players.

Our Grading Policy can be found on our website.

ON THE DAY

Parking alert – The Venue is large, and might be hosting other events, therefore please allow for traffic & parking. Please plan ahead, arrive early, or drop your player off while you find a spot.
When your player walks in the main doors of Entry A, we will ensure your child can see an Aberfeldie Netball Club person (Don't go up the stairs)

Courts:
We have booked Courts 6 & 7, however this can change on the day. We will ensure we are visible from the entry point.
Parents won't be permitted in the courts, but there are plenty of windows both on the ground floor and upstairs to watch from.

9 & Under – Come and try netball session
Registration opens at 8.15am
Session starts at 8.30am / sessions ends by 9.15am

11 & Under
Registration opens at 8.15am
Sessions starts at 8.30am / session ends by 9.30am

13 & Under
Registration opens at 9.15am
Sessions starts at 9.30am / session ends by 10.45am

15 & Under
Registration opens at 10.30am
Session starts at 10.45am / session ends by 12.00pm

17 & Under
Registration opens at 11.30am
Session starts at 11.45am / session ends by 12.45pm

To be prepared:

Please bring a water bottle for hydration.

If you need to contact us prior to Grading Day, please reach out to:

Email – president@aberfeldienetball.com.au
Mobile – 0419 324412

We look forward to seeing you all at our Club Grading Day.