



CLUB GRADING PROCESS

A club is welcome to provide constructive and timely, relevant information during grading. MDBA does not require clubs to provide us with results, that information is readily available to MDBA and is not the primary factor considered in grading. As grading is a time driven process, **feedback must be submitted by clubs between weeks 2 and 3 of grading only** to the MDBA Competitions Manager.

No grading feedback will be responded to after the above time.

Feedback will not be accepted by any club member who is directly associated with the team the grading enquiry is associated with.

Clubs have the opportunity to submit team changes to MDBA prior to the season commencing and failure to complete this feedback may result in your team/s being graded incorrectly.

Grading of all competitions from Under 10's upwards will be as follows: 14.1 14.2 14.3 14.4

Divisions are defined as ability levels within an age group i.e Division 1, 2, 3 4, 5.

A four-week grading phase fixture will be in place for all competitions. Competitions with one division at the time of grading, may at the discretion of MDBA Management commence the normal season without grading matches.

Teams will be graded based on their performance in the preceding season, performance during grading matches, taking into account the number of team registrations, team movement and available resources, which specifically takes into account:

- Number of teams that move up an age group;
- Number of teams that withdraw from an age group;
- Number of courts available;
- Number of byes needed to fit within the required timeframe on any given day/night;
- Number of referees available.

Ladder points, percentage, eligibility will be reset to zero after the grading games.

MDBA Management reserve the right to grade/regrade teams at any time during the season to ensure fair competition. If this results in a schedule change consultation will take place with the affected teams prior to the final decision being made.

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