



GRADING

The grading process at MDBA is undertaken over 4 weeks. In some cases, grading for 4 weeks will not be required i.e., in a case of only having enough teams for 1 division. It is important to remember that in every competition there will be teams that are much stronger or weaker.

MDBA understands that not all teams may be satisfied with their grading position, however we will not be responding to complaints or requests to move divisions.

Teams are graded based on previous season results and the following:

New players added or removed from a team which changes the competitiveness of the team

It is not uncommon for players in a team to change from season to season. On occasions MDBA is made aware of new players joining that strengthen a team or players leaving that weaken a team. Based on this information provided a team may move up a division, down a division or remain in the same division.

Moving up more than 1 division

Teams should not be surprised if they move up more than 1 division in a season. This occurs as teams that were in higher divisions move up an age group or when teams leave the competition. There are occasions when teams go from division 4 or 5 to division 1 or 2 simply because the composition of the age group has changed.

Representative players competing in domestic teams

MDBA monitors representative players in our domestic competition. There are rules around representative players, which can be found in the MDBA By Laws. Teams with representative players may be graded in competitions taking into consideration that generally they develop and improve during a season which can impact on a competition.

Time slot availability

On each competition day/night we are limited by the number of matches we can host. Generally during midweek competitions commence at 5pm and the last time we host a match will be 10.15pm. We are unable to host junior matches late into the evening, so sometimes we need to grade competitions to fit within a timeslot.

Byes

Byes are included in grading where we need to fit within a timeslot or may be added in where we do not need to see a particular teams results.

Age groups

All competitions at Mornington Basketball comprise of players that are top age and bottom age. This means that in any competition you can have up to 2 years of difference in a competition. Teams are graded based on ability and competitiveness not the age or size.

What is taken into consideration when grading

- Previous seasons performance is given consideration but is not the deciding factor on where the team is graded;
- Grading match results;
- Viewing matches either in person or via video where required.

My team lost or won during grading by more than 20 points will the team be regraded

This is dependent on where you are the ranked in the competition i.e if we are grading the first ranked team in the competition against the last ranked team in the competition, we would expect a 20 point/win loss as standard.