



# Menai Hawks Netball Club

## Grading Information Sheet

**Do I have to be registered?** Yes

**Do I wear my uniform?** Nope. Just wear clothes that are comfortable to run in including sneakers. No jewellery is permitted and nails need to be cut. Don't forget your drink bottle!

**Where and when?** All sessions are held at Menai Indoor Sports Centre. Please attend the two (one for 8/9s) grading sessions based on the age the child is turning this year. See the Menai Hawks website for times - [www.menainetballclub.com](http://www.menainetballclub.com)

**What to expect?**

- The children will have a number drawn on their arm and leg (so the graders can identify them)
- A coach will lead them in a warmup
- The children will be placed into positions pre-organised by the grading committee based on positions indicated during registration but they may also play in other positions.
- The children will play some short games. For a number of reasons the children may not play equal amounts of time
- They will be umpired by trainee umpires
- Children who haven't played before will be assisted by a coach
- We want the children to feel comfortable and supported. Grading day is a great opportunity to meet some new friends and get back on the court for a run around.

**Can parents/guardians watch?** Unfortunately not. It can add extra pressure for children playing before a packed crowd so we don't allow parents to enter the court area.

**Why do we have grading?** Menai Hawks Netball Club endeavours to place players into a team that reflects their ability so that everyone has the chance to have the best season. We feel it is important for the self-esteem and skill development of children to play in a team and against other players of similar ability.

**Who are the graders?** The graders are experienced coaches/ committee members from the Club. They are all volunteers.

**I can't attend!** Grading is compulsory. It's so important that you attend but if you can't please contact Chris Newman 0416 184 627 or Lesa Straker 0488 668 772.

**When will we find out the teams?** The teams will be posted on the Menai Hawks website by the end of February.

**Questions?** If you have any questions, please email [secretary@menainetballclub.com](mailto:secretary@menainetballclub.com) in advance or approach a committee member at the end of grading.