



Western Football Netball League

2025 Senior Football Re-Grading Policy

WFNL football competition's shall be aimed at building and establishing a level of competitiveness and predictability amongst all competing teams.

Regrading may occur if there are enough teams to field two or more divisions in the Under 18's, Women's or Thirds football competitions. Re-grading shall be at the absolute discretion of the League, and so far, as is practical shall be in accordance with this policy. After four (4) rounds the League will review competition grades on potential regrading of team/s under exceptional circumstances.

Objectives

The objective of regrading teams is to –

- Teams fielded in competitions are as equally matched as possible; and
- Provide the best opportunities for players to develop and display their skills.
- Ensure stability for teams and lessen the change of a team folding mid-season.

Considerations for Regrading

- Match results from current season
- The likelihood of the team being sustainable in the current division for that Season.
- Current experience of player/s in that current team.
- History from previous season ie results, transfers, team numbers.
- The disruption that may be caused to current and/or proposed competition;
- Any additional information requested by the League, including but not limited to feedback from opposition Clubs.

Process

Initial grading of applicable football teams shall be on the based on the previous season's results.

The following principles will apply:

- Teams that won the Premiership shall automatically be graded into a higher division;
- New teams will be allocated a division in consultation with the League; and
- Clubs will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the initial divisional gradings.

Re-Grading

Following the conclusion of Round 4;

- A Club may submit a request for a team to be moved into another division;
- In addition, the League, may at its absolute discretion, make the decision to re-grade any team regardless of whether a request for such has been received





Results and Ladders

The League will ensure that there is limited disruption to the competition/s affected by the re-grade. If there is re-grading in a Season the team will carry over their win/loss record into the other division. Results / Ladder adjustments will be made by the League where seen as fair as possible for all teams in the competition.

In Season

The League shall immediately re-fixture the divisions affected by any grading adjustments.

Re-grading can take place after Round 4.

Grading decisions made by the League are final.

