

Grading Policy 2026/2027 Season

Age Groups

1. Except in exceptional circumstances, children will play in their own age group, unless the club is unable to field a team in a similar age group.
2. WCMCC committee will consider requests to play in one age group higher than the child's nominal age group on a case by case basis. The Committee will take into account the views of the independent selector.
3. Under Cricket ACT Guidelines, girls are permitted to play in an age group that is one or two years below their nominal age group.
4. Boys may be able to play in one age group below their nominal age group with permission from Cricket ACT (For example where there is no team in their age group or other exceptional circumstance).
5. Division 1 Grading Trials for Stage 1 (U10s & U11s) Stage 2 (U12s & U13s) Stage 3 (U14s U15s U16s & U18s) will be looking to place players in team's dependant on skill and age. As determined through the selection process.
6. If your child wishes to be selected for Division 1, they will need to attend at least one of the two scheduled grading sessions, unless prior approval has been given due to exceptional circumstances.
7. Children wishing to trial for a division 1 team must have registered and either paid in full or have a payment plan in place prior to attending their first grading session
8. Children who nominate for an age group higher than their own when grading will not automatically be considered for selection in the division 1 team in their own age group if they are not successful in the higher age group. It is recommended that children attend at least one grading session for their own age group as well.
9. Where two children are graded similarly for a division 1 team and one is nominating for their own age group, while the other is nominating to play in an age group higher than their own, priority will be given to the child playing in their own age group.
10. Friendship groups will not be considered for division 1 teams. All children in these division 1 teams must earn their place on merit and attitude.
11. The grading process in age groups for Stage 1 to Stage 2 is for Division 1 only and all other Divisions, including Division 2 are by preference and availability.
12. The grading process in age groups for Stage 3 and COLTS will be assessed by relevant ability and ages associated within teams in this stage.
 - Saturday (Div1) for players aged 13-15 who graded and were assessed by the independent grader as being of a Div 1 standard
 - Sunday ungraded – for players aged 13-15 who did not grade or who did not make the Div 1 team
 - Colts 1 – for players aged 15 -18 who graded and were assessed by the independent grader as being of a Div 1 standard and/or where an available batting/bowling position exists within the team
 - Colts 2 or, if numbers permit an ungraded U18 team – for players aged 15 – 18, for players who did not grade or where there is no position available within the Colts 1 team.

Independent Selector

13. The grading process is managed by an experienced, independent selector on behalf of the WCMCC Junior Club.

14. The grading committee's decision is final.

15. Due to the complexity of undertaking grading of so many players with limited resources, individual feedback will not be given to players.

Conduct – parents and players

16. We expect all children attending grading to conduct themselves in a fair and friendly manner consistent with the spirit of cricket.

17. Any disruptive children will be asked to leave the trials and not considered for division 1.

18. Parents, we ask you to please give your children the opportunity to enjoy themselves during the grading sessions – shouting out instructions may not always be helpful for your child.

19. If a player decides to leave the club or chooses to move to another club after not being selected for a DIV 1 side, a refund of registration will only be provided once the club committee has discussed the individual request and an admin fee will be applicable.