NETBALL HUTT VALLEY GRADING GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEAMS

These guidelines are to help you decide what section to enter each team in when you submit NHV Form 1b. Please contact us if you would like to discuss your team's placement.

Final groupings allocated by NHV will depend on the total number of teams entered. The Year 5-6 group will have two grading weeks to help finalise their section for the first round. At the end of round one, teams are re-graded for round two.

PLEASE NOTE: We are not suggesting that you need to trial your players. We are suggesting that you look at the list of players for each of your teams and pick the grade/section that most closely describes them as a group.

Year 3-4 future FERNS Sections:

- 1. Team mostly Year 4 who have played previously. The team is likely of mixed abilities, but with a couple of confident players. Team plans to have a regular training session.
- 2. Mixed Year 3-4 teams, of mixed abilities. Players will have mostly played before and there may be more returning players/Year 4's than Year 3's in the team. Team plans to have a regular training session. Also strong Year 3 teams of returning players & taller players.
- **3.** Mixed Year 3-4 teams with players of mixed abilities, likely with a few more Year 3's than 4's. Year 3 teams that have played in the Year 1-2 programme fit here too.
- **4.** Team is mostly Year 3, some will have played netball before. Even if they haven't played before they are confident passers. Team is likely to have a training session at school.
- **5.** Team is mostly Year 3 who have never played netball. Team does not plan to have any training sessions. Most of team can not confidently deliver a longer pass.

Year 5-6 future FERNS Grades

- 1 & 2 Teams of mostly Year 6's who are returning players. They may use some simple team strategies for Centre passes, throw ins etc. Ability to use longer passes and to spread out and dodge into space. Taller teams, and those with players who have good energy and ball skills.
- 3 & 4 Mostly Year 6 teams of mixed abilities that have played before. Stronger mixed Year 5-6 teams also. Team might have several confident or taller players.
- **5 & 6** Mostly mixed Year 5-6 teams and also strong Year 5 teams of keen previous players who can move the ball through court. Team can to spread out to create opportunities.
- **7 & 8** Teams are mixed (more Year 5 than 6) or Year 5. Players often bunch up, they are working on passing confidence and learning to spread out.
- **9 & 10** Team is mostly Year 5's. Some will have played before but team is not quite so confident at bringing the ball through court. Team plans to train during the week.
- 11 & 12 Year 5's who have never played netball or struggle with passing/catching/footwork. Team will likely not train during the week