

# WAVL Grading Details

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## Summary

Each WAVL Division has a maximum of eight teams per gender. If more than eight clubs enter a team in any one WAVL Division then grading will occur. (WAVL Handbook Section 5)

Grading day is a one day competition which all teams entered into that Division are required to compete in. The final selection of teams will be based on the grading results.

## Grading Multiple Divisions

The top eight teams from the Division 1 Grading Day will remain in Division 1.

The remaining teams will automatically be guaranteed a spot in Division 2.

For clubs who enter teams in multiple divisions: if the Division 1 team gets eliminated from Division 1 they move down to Division 2, and the Division 2 team moves down to Division 3, and so on.

The remaining spots in Division 2 will be decided from the results of the Division 2 Grading Day. This competition will consist of any clubs who enter teams into Division 2, excluding the teams who were bumped down to Division 3 due to their Division 1 team moving down to Division 2.

Refer to **Appendix A** for an example.

## Grading Day Teams (Divisions Only)

Individual players who play on the Division grading day are required to play the first five rounds of the season in that same division.

On grading day, listed WAVL Development Players (max 2 per team) are encouraged to play in their original team. If a Division 2 Development Player is selected to play in the Division 1 team for grading day, they will be required to play the first **five** rounds in Division 1.

## Match Format for Divisions (including Grading Day) (WAVL Handbook Section 8.1)

All matches will be best of five sets. The first 4 sets will be played to 25 points and the 5th set will be played to 15 points. Timeslots for games to be capped at two hours, including warm-up. Once the two-hour timeslot is up, if the match is in the fourth set, the winner of the match is the team that won of two the previous three sets. If the match is in the fifth set, the winner of the match is the team who is up by at least two points. If the two-hour timeslot is up and the fifth set is tied or one team is up by one point, the game will continue until one team is up by two points

## Appendix A

### *Grading Multiple Divisions - Example*

Eleven Clubs have entered one team each into Division 1

#### Club A

- Division 1 team entered is unsuccessful in staying in Division 1 as they were in the bottom three at the end of Division 1 Grading Day.
- Division 1 team is guaranteed a place in Division 2
- Division 2 team is guaranteed a place in Division 3
- Division 3 team is guaranteed a place in Division 4

OR

- Division 1 team is successful in staying in Division 1 as they were in the top 8 at the end of Division 1 Grading Day.
- Division 2 team is unsuccessful in staying in Division 2 as they were in the bottom (unknown number) at the end of Division 2 Grading Day.
- Division 2 team is guaranteed a place in Division 3
- Division 3 team is guaranteed a place in Division 4

**Note:** Multiple teams in Divisions will only be allowed when there are less than eight clubs entering a team into a Division. It is possible that there may be an option for two teams from one club to be in Division 3, however this will not be decided until the results of the Division 1 and 2 Grading Days are known.