**cove Tigers netball club**

**POLICY FOR PLAYERS WISHING TO PLAY IN AN ADDITIONAL AGE GROUP**

**General**

* Cove Tigers Netball Club recognises that some of our players would like to play netball more than once a week.
* It also recognises that some players would like the opportunity to be challenged beyond their correct age group team.
* If the summer season will be the players last season in their correct age group, then they may register for the next age group in addition to their correct age group and play twice a week.
* Players wishing to play in the age group above their correct age group are only permitted to do so in addition to their correct qualifying age group, and by meeting the following criteria:
	+ Players will be required to trial in both age groups
	+ Only players achieving a grading result in the top 50% of players for the age group above their correct age group will be selected for that age group.
	+ Players that do not achieve a grading result in the top 50% of players for the age group above will then only be placed in a team in their correct qualifying age group, relevant to their grading achievement in the trials for that age group. In this circumstance any additional fee they have paid to play in both age groups will be refunded in full.
* Players who wish to play only in the age group above their correct age group, but not in their correct age group, should write to the Cove Netball Club Board (admin@covenetballclub.com.au) asking for an exemption and provide reasons for their request. Only in exceptional/unusual circumstances will the Board grant such a request.

**Process**

* Players must register online via the portal as normal; completing a registration for their natural age group, as well as an “Additional Age Group” registration;
* The cost for the additional age group option is set at $150

**Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects member expectations.