

**SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.  
REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS SELECTION POLICY**

**1. REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEES**

- i. The Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee shall be responsible for selection of the Association representative players and shall be conducted in accordance with Clause 4. e). iv. and Clause 5. b). vii. of the Constitution.

**2. COMPOSITION OF REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEES**

- i. There shall be two (2) selection panels:
  - a) Junior Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee;
    - i) Shall consist of four (4) elected members plus the relevant State Age Coach or the first elected reserve selector should the coach already be an elected member;
    - ii) Reserve selectors shall be in order of preference from election;
  - b) Senior Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee
    - i) Shall consist of five (5) elected members.
- ii. The Representative Liaison officer shall be the Convenor of both Selection Panels but shall not take part in the selection;
- iii. A Chairperson for each panel shall be selected by the respective panel. It may be the same Chairperson for both panels.

**3. OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES OF REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEES**

- i. Junior Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee shall;
  - a) identify and select up to 12 players in each of the 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs age groups to achieve success at the State Age Championships;
  - b) select a squad of up to 12 players in the 12yrs and 13yrs age groups after final selection of the team to experience specialised coaching in the developmental stages;
  - c) if a certain position is not filled in the team, the Panel may invite athletes of an appropriate standard to join the team;
  - d) selectors may, at any time during the trials, invite identified athletes to trial for selection before the final trial;
- ii. Senior Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee shall:
  - a) Identify and select up to 12 athletes in each State League team in order to achieve success in the State League competition.
  - b) The panel Chairperson shall advise the Representative Liaison Officer of the preferred Netball NSW grading;
  - c) Select up to 12 athletes in each relative age groups to achieve success in the State Championship competition;
  - d) Select up to 12 athletes for each Night Interdistrict team;

- e) Identify athletes for the 14 – 17 Year Development Squad, whom may have the ability, after specialist coaching and competition, to provide a 'feeder' system to State League. This squad is selected on potential for future years.
- iii. Reserve selectors shall:
  - a) Attend selection trials and assist with the Selection Panel as requested by the Chairperson;
  - b) Observe all phases of the selection process except the deliberations of the Selection Panel;
  - c) In order of election, assume the role of a selector should a member of the Selection Panel be unavailable for a phase of the selection process;
- iv. Should it be deemed that a member of the selection Panel has a conflict of interest in any area of selection then that selector shall step down from that process and be replaced by a Reserve Selector as per clause 3. iii c).
- v. A list detailing all selected squads must be submitted to Executive for ratification prior to final selections are announced;
- vi. In the event of a player withdrawing after selection;
  - a) Prior to the commencement of the event to be played in, selectors will consult the list of previous applicants and appoint a suitable replacement. If no player of a suitable standard in the specific position vacated is identified from the original nomination, selectors may invite a replacement player of their choosing. This player must be ratified by the Executive.
  - b) Due to injury, the Coach will consult with the Chairperson of the selection panel and a mutually agreed satisfactory player will be selected;
- vii. Notification of selection results
  - a) State Age squads and final State Age teams for all age groups will be posted on the SSNA website within one (1) week after selection.
  - b) Notification of senior squads and teams will be in a manner decided by the Selection Sub-Committee Chairperson and/or Selection Panel

#### **4. NOMINATION FOR PLAYER SELECTION**

- i. Applicants will be responsible for submitting completed official nomination forms to the Association office or the ground control at the Bellingara Netball Complex marked for the attention of the Representative Liaison Officer;
  - a) Nomination forms will be available on the Association's official website;
- ii. Junior nominees must be members of a club affiliated with the Association;
- iii. Nominees for State Age from outside of the shire or new residents not affiliated with a club must:
  - a) If prior to the netball season registration nominate in writing the club which they intend to join;
  - b) Prior to final selections must be registered with an affiliated club

## **5. PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SELECTION PROCESS**

- i. Players must nominate two (2) positions, but may not necessarily trial in both positions at selection. Clubs must liaise with junior players regarding their nominated positions before submitting the application;
- ii. Players unable to attend selection for a legitimate reason will be considered by the Selection Panel and the relevant player may be requested to join the training squad;
  - a) Certificate from a health professional may be required;

## **6. SELECTION PROCESS**

- i. State Age teams 12yrs:
  - a) Phase one (1) trials will be conducted outdoors;
  - b) Players will be placed in unspecified teams. This will be an elimination process until appropriate squad numbers are selected;
  - c) All selectors and reserve selectors are to be available for Phase 1 selections.
- ii. State Age teams 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs:
  - a) Selections shall be based on game trials with athletes of varying abilities, previous performances at carnivals and State Age squads;
  - b) Up to 20 athletes will be selected;
  - c) Final team selection shall be conducted at least 10 weeks prior to State Age.
- iii. Junior Representative Development Camp
  - a) Only players who have been ratified by the Selection Panel following the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase trials will be eligible to attend the Junior Representative Development Camp.
- iv. State Championship teams:
  - a) The Selection Panel may choose the method of grading as appropriate each year i.e practical or paper grading.
- v. Night Interdistrict teams;
  - a) The Selection Panel may choose the method of grading as appropriate each year i.e practical or paper grading.
- vi. State League teams:
  - a) Selections shall be conducted in three phases comprising of trial games commencing October/November of each year;
  - b) Calendar of selection trials will be posted on the Association's official website;
  - c) Elimination may take place after each selection session.

- vii. 14 – 17 Year Development Squad:
  - a) Players eligible to nominate are:
    - i) Registered members of SSNA:
    - ii) Turning 14 – 17 years of age in the year of nomination;
    - iii) Players who have been selected in a representative squad but not a final representative team or;
    - iv) Players who have not nominated for representative selection;
  - b) Players not eligible for selection are:
    - i) Players who have been identified in NSW programs
    - ii) Players selected in SSNA representative teams
  - b) Nominations are to be submitted on the official nomination form available on the SSNA website on a date to be determined each year by the Coaching Coordinator.