



REPRESENTATIVE GUIDELINES

The following conditions govern associated teams in State Age, State Championships, State League, Inter-district or any other Representative team of the Nelson Bay Netball Association (hereinafter referred to as The Association).

1. Selection trials will be advertised in the local newspaper, internet and clubroom noticeboard and where possible, announcements made on Saturdays during the Winter season. Nominations will also be called for from individuals interested in acting as Coach or Manager for any Representative Team. Umpires will be contacted personally by the Umpires Convenor.
2. If there are no applications for a Coach in any age group offered by the association, there will be no team.
3. If two or more applications are received for the same age group, the applications will be assessed by the Representative Sub Committee, and presented to the Executive Committee for a decision in line with general procedures for meetings and decisions. The applicants may be subject to an interview if deemed necessary by the committee.
4. Once an application has been withdrawn, the application will become null and void.
5. Applications for Coaches may be reopened only if the same opportunity is given to all i.e. position advertised again in line with Association procedures and guidelines.
6. If there are insufficient nominations for any age group, there will be no team for that Representative season. Players who had nominated may apply for a position in the age group above their own.
7. All players must nominate their intention to stand for selection on the official Representative Nomination Form (available at the office) prior to the selection date.
8. The Representative Sub-committee shall view all players in at least 2 of the positions advised on the nomination form. At time of selections, the number of players selected will be at the discretion of selectors.
9. Any player who has nominated for selection and is not able to available on the trial date, must notify the selection committee in writing prior to selection date. If a player is not available due to illness, a medical certificate must be submitted prior to or on selection day.
10. At final selections, a team of up to ten (10) players will be selected. Two (2) cover players (1 attack and 1 defence player) will also be selected. The cover players may be given the opportunity to train with the team.
11. The Representative Sub-Committee shall submit their recommendations for the age groups who will represent, based on player, coach and manager nominations for Executive Committee approval.

12. Any vacancy resulting from a player withdrawing from the team, shall be filled by a player who nominated for and attended, the selection trials. If a player from the selection trials is unable to fill the vacancy for whatever reason, including being unsuitable to play that position, then all players registered with the Association in that respective age group must be made aware that a vacancy exists and they must be given the opportunity to trial for that vacant position.
13. If the number of players for a team drops below nine (9), the future of the team would be at the discretion of the coach and selectors.
14. Players unable to participate in training/playing due to injury or illness must supply a doctor's certificate. A doctor's certificate must also be supplied before recommencing training. Players will be required to complete a full training session prior to taking the court for a game. Players who are injured are required to attend training sessions as observers.
15. If a player has an injury or illness before State titles they will be required to attend a NBNA appointed medical professional (at NBNA Representative expense) for a physical fitness evaluation.
16. The Association will decide, from time to time, the timeframe that injured or ill players will be given before they are replaced in the team. This will be governed by NSW closing dates and closeness to Championships.
17. Any player missing three (3) or more training sessions will have to show cause as to why they should retain their position in the team. Players are expected to arrive early to training sessions and games.
18. Training nights to be advised at the time of selection.
19. Prior to final selections please notify your Manager if any intending holidays are falling within the representative season.
20. There must be a majority of the elected selection committee in attendance at all trials. Standard selection sheets must be used and retained by the Secretary for the entire Representative season.
21. Funds will be made available by the Association to assist any player who is eligible for Representative selection, but who prohibits herself due to financial difficulty.
22. All players, coaches and managers must abide by the specific Association conditions. Any player, coach or manager not satisfying these conditions will be disciplined by the Representative Sub-Committee.
23. Final positions of players in the team for all matches will be left to the discretion of the Coach. At Championships, players may be subject to replacement for:
 - (a) Repeated failure to comply with instructions given by the Coach or Manager.
 - (b) For any reason which the Coach may decide is in the best interest of the player or the team.
24. Once players have committed themselves to final selections, they are obligated to attend and participate in organised commitments for their team, though consideration will be given to players for other responsibilities e.g. school or family. A written letter must be given to the coach explaining the reason prior to a player's absence.

25. A Player throughout the season must demonstrate a willingness to learn, follow instructions intently, be responsible for their personal fitness and progress to a level of ability satisfactory to the Representative Sub Committee and Representative Coach. Should issues arise in any of these areas a meeting may be held to discuss development of the player and review of the player's attendance at State Age/League Championships. Decisions to exclude a player from attendance at State Age/League Championships will not be taken lightly and will be made in the best interests of the player or the team.
26. All players are encouraged to assist in fundraising for the Representative Fund. Persons not assisting with fundraising will be required to pay the total amount of the levy (see additional information on levy details later in this booklet).
27. All representative players are required to purchase an Association bodysuit and socks. The Association will make every effort to keep the cost to a minimum. Players and officials will be required to purchase full uniform immediately after final selection.
28. Whilst travelling with the team the Association tracksuit/shorts must be worn. Whilst representing the Association at any fundraising activity, Association Representative uniform must be worn. Part of being a Representative Player is looking like a Representative Player, having pride in yourself and your Association.
29. Misbehaviour by anyone representing the Association will not be tolerated. If misbehaviour occurs the person/s concerned will be transported home immediately. No drinking alcohol or smoking is permitted whilst wearing Nelson Bay Association uniform.
30. The coach has the sole responsibility for the placement of players on the court.
31. Should any player or parent experience any difficulties, they should contact either the team Manager, Coach, Representative Liaison Officer or the President of the association.
32. Mobile phones are not part of our representative uniform and are therefore not allowed at training, carnival or State/State Age.
33. Representative Player Responsibilities - All representative players are required to have a current umpire's certificate or be in the process of attaining one. Player's not in possession of a current pass, one week prior to State Age, are not eligible for State selection. Once the season begins representative players will be rostered umpiring duties from 10 years division onwards (U12 team excluded). In addition, representative players will also be rostered to assist with Catch and Play each Saturday. Our under 12 representative players will also be rostered to assist with clubroom duties in lieu of umpiring. All teams will be rostered to complete barbeque duty. Failure to comply with responsibilities may result in disciplinary action be taken or jeopardise the player's position in the Representative Squad, depending upon severity.