



Waratah Netball Club

Team Selection Policy



1st January 2016

1. Aim

- 1.1 The aim of this policy is to ensure the selection of players and teams for Waratah Netball Club (WNC) is conducted fairly and effectively. Team Selection is the process of establishing the number and composition of teams to compete in the Newcastle Netball Association competition.
- 1.2 Waratah Netball Club understands that many players prefer to play with team members from previous years. WNC acknowledges that this is often desirable, as it builds team cohesion and esprit de corps within the team, and players are often more comfortable playing with familiar team members. WNC will endeavour to support those members who apply to 'play together' providing it does not compromise the overall objective to achieve teams that have a balanced group of players in playing positions and players are of a similar ability level.
- 1.3 Attendance at Team Selections is compulsory for players nominating for Senior grades and will include 21&Under grades if needed. Fourteen (14) years is the minimum age that a player may be when applying to play with a Senior team.
- 1.4 From 2016, Waratah Netball Club is also accepting registrations from pre-formed teams that wish to play under the Waratah banner. Pre-formed teams will not be allocated a coach but will need to nominate a player to the Club to be the team's Manager and our point of contact. These teams will be solely responsible for organising their training (if desired), game day procedures (umpiring, etc) and NNA meeting attendance. The Manager will be contacted prior to the season to organise collection of the team's kit bag, and advised of any fundraising activities, Waratah Netball Club meeting dates, and any other information pertinent to the season ahead. These teams are not required on Team Selection Day. All other Senior and 21&Under players need to attend.

2. Team Selection Committee Responsibilities

- 2.1 After registration, a record of players who have registered to play with Waratah Netball Club (excluding pre-formed team members) will be provided to the Team Selection Committee. The committee will draft possible team combinations for trial at the Team Selection Day, noting preferences and previous experience.
- 2.2 The Team Selection Committee may grant a player dispensation to play outside their age group dependant upon team numbers, available positions or justifiable circumstances.
- 2.3 The Team Selection Committee will adhere to the Team Selection Procedure (attached).

3. Players Responsibilities

- 3.1 Players will be notified of Team Selection day and time, and expectations for the day. Players are to make every effort to attend this day.

- 3.2 If a player is unable to attend Team Selections, the player or their representative must notify the Selection Committee via the email selections@waratahnetball.asn.au prior to the day (under extreme circumstances i.e. illness or accident, they may phone the Vice President on the day). Placement into a team for this player will be based upon previous playing history and recommendations of the previous year's coach. The Committee's duty is to select the best mix of teams to represent the Club.
- 3.3 Players will be provided with a nomination form at time of registration. This form is to be filled in supplying player details and nominated team or grade. It is essential that this form is completed by all new players to the club and any returning players that wish to be considered for a different team or grade. Reasons for change should be included.

4. Team Selection Procedure (More detailed procedure attached separately)

- 4.1 The Team Selection Committee will consist of at least three people and will be determined by the Club Executive.
- 4.2 The Team Selection Committee will convene prior to grading day to conduct 'paper-team selection'.
- 4.3 On Team Selection Day, every player will be treated with equality, and assessed on the merits of their performance. The Team Selection Committee will assess players' technical skill, tactical competency, fitness and mental aptitude/attitude. The Committee will also take into consideration previous playing history, although this will not be the primary indicator.
- 4.4 Team Selection will consist of skills and fitness assessments based on:
 - 4.4.1 Drills (Ball, movement, and teamwork), and
 - 4.4.2 Game play
- 4.5 Players will trial in the position(s) that they nominate, but may be asked to also trial in other positions.

5. Team Announcements

- 5.1 Teams will be announced via the Club Website at www.waratahnetball.asn.au after presentation to the Waratah Netball Club Executive, and in consultation with the team coach.
- 5.2 The Team Selection Committee will contact personally any player that cannot be placed in a team or whose preferences for team/grade could not be met.
- 5.3 Players have the right to appeal in writing within 2 days of notification of grade and a decision will be made on appeal within 5 days from the Team Selection Committee.
- 5.4 The Committee's decision is final.

6. Late Registrations

- 6.1 Any registrations taken after team announcements will only be considered if numbers within the players' own age group support it and player movement into a higher grade or age group is accepted.

If a late registration is accepted, the player will be allocated to a team by the Team Selection Committee. The Committee reserves the right to place late registrations into the lowest graded team. Should the need arise for additional player/s to be registered into a specific team after the start of the season, or after the teams have been announced, this will be considered only upon written application from the coach. The application is to be submitted to the Team Selection Committee via the Waratah Netball Club Secretary. Consideration of any such application will be considered for that year only.

7. This policy is in effect 1st January 2016.