

Barwon Heads Netball Club

Policy - Player Selections, Game Time and Playing Positions

Purpose

To clearly articulate the guidelines upon which selection and playing time decisions will be made by the coaches of teams.

Target Audience

Barwon Heads Netball Club players, coaches, selectors and committee members

Responsibilities

Final accountability for this policy rests with the BHNC Committee

Policy

a) Team Selection

In all selection decisions, coaches and selectors are expected to balance the desire for equal participation of all players with the goal of on-field success for the club.

If selected, it is a club expectation that a commitment to the team will be given priority over other pursuits.

Selection in the team is dependent upon uninterrupted availability for training and matches (unless prior arrangements have been made).

TEAM	TEAM SELECTION
A Grade	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
B Grade	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
C Grade	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
D Grade	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
E Grade	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
U19	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
U17 (1&2)	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
U15 (1&2)	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
U13 (1,2&3)	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills and position.
U11 (1&2)	Based on trial participation and assessment of skills in each birth year group.

- Selection trials will occur over 2 sessions of 1 hour each
- A third trial of another hour may be requested at the coach's/selectors' discretion
- Teams will not be finalised until the third week of competition
- We aim to have a maximum of 10 players per team
- Any shortfall in team numbers will be managed by the coach/selectors (and at their discretion) with the option to select a player from another team or age group to fill the vacancy
- Junior players may elect to trial in both their age group and an age group above. They must notify selectors prior to trials.
- Junior players can be selected into teams in more than one age group, depending on age group populations and team needs, but have the right to refuse this offer.
- Attendance at pre-season training is strongly encouraged for U15 and above age groups.

- When selection trials have been finalized, the committee will formally notify players, via email, of the team they have been selected into
- If there are players that have not been selected into a team at all, the committee, in collaboration with the relevant senior or junior coordinator, will determine how the player is notified

Under 11

- Bottom age Under 11 players must be at least 8 turning 9 in the current year.
- Top age Under 11 players must be 10 turning 11 in the current year.
- Under 11 teams will be selected under the following guidelines and in this order:
 - Age
 - Experience

b) Game time and playing positions

The process by which playing decisions are made include:

- Assessment of a player's skill level
- Assessment of the best position for a player to contribute to team success
- Consideration of a player's past playing positions
- Commitment to ensuring playing opportunities are shared amongst players

TEAM	GAME TIME AND PLAYING POSITIONS
A Grade	Playing time and position determined by assessment of skill and performance level and team success requirements
B Grade	Playing time and position determined by assessment of skill and performance level and team success requirements
C Grade	Playing time and position determined by assessment of skill and performance level and team success requirements
D Grade	Playing time and position determined by assessment of skill and performance level and team success requirements
E Grade	Playing time and position determined by assessment of skill and performance level and team success requirements
U19	Playing time and position determined by assessment of skill and performance level and team success requirements
U17 (1&2)	Playing time in positions based on skill and team requirements. During finals, position and court time decisions will be at the coach's discretion
U15 (1&2)	Playing time in positions based on skill and team requirements. During finals, position and court time decisions will be at the coach's discretion
U13 (1,2&3)	Players rotated across several positions. Players allocated equal court time. During finals, position and court time decisions will be at the coach's discretion
U11 (1&2)	All players rotated across positions. All players allocated equal court time

- All players must be financial members of BHNC at the commencement of Round 1 of the season
- All players and coaches must have evidence of player insurance cover (VNA) for the current playing season
- Participation in training throughout the season (at least once per week) is required
- Any unforeseen holidays or events which will result in the player's absence from the team for an extended period of time should be notified to the coach/team manager as soon as possible.

Fill in players

- Junior players are not to take the place of senior players when there are fit and able senior players available. Junior players can be listed on the bench but should only take

the court in the event of an injury or illness and provided there is not another player in the team who can take the position.

- The committee must be notified if a player is filling in another team as soon as practical (Thursday night) as teams are entered into the system on a Thursday night.

Junior Development

- U17 and U19 players can be selected to participate in a junior development program
- Players are selected into this program by way of a collaborative decision made by the relevant junior and senior coaches
- Players can join the development program at any time throughout the season
- Development options include:
 - Training with senior teams
 - It is not an expectation that the junior will have playing time, unless under exceptional circumstances, such as when a team is short due to injury or absence.

Exceptions to this policy

Any exceptions to this policy are to be escalated initially to the relevant senior or junior coordinator, and then to the executive committee.