



JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER POLICY AND PROCEDURE

1 Aim

This policy has been developed to clearly outline to both players and parents the procedure involved in being a Darwin Netball Association (DNA) Junior Representative Player. .

2 Team/Squads to be selected

- Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 Representative Teams,
- Under 15 Talent Development Teams (if adequate numbers) and
- Under 20 Development Squads

3 Selection Criteria

- All applicants for selection must be current financial members of DNA.
- Players must attend final trials, except in extenuating circumstances:
 - i. If a player is unable to attend final trials due to extenuating circumstances, a letter must be sent to the DNA MT, at least two weeks prior to the selection, stating reason and documentary evidence supporting the absence.
 - ii. If a player has an injury or is ill, attendance at the trial is still required and the player must provide medical documentation that clearly states when participation in court work can resume.
- Nomination forms will be available via DNA Netball Connect.
- All players requesting to trial for Junior Representative Program (11-17years inclusive) must submit a completed DNA Nomination Form online by the due date set by the Coaching Coordinator.
- Late applications may not be accepted.
- If a player accepts a position in any DNA Representative team, they must be registered with a DNA Affiliated Club for the year of their representation and play in the Junior DNA competition.

4 Selection Process

- All parents of players must attend a compulsory parent meeting at the beginning of the first squad training session. NOTE: Players will not be allowed to train until parents have attended this meeting.
- Squads will train for up to ten (10) weeks prior to the Christmas break.
- Final selection trials shall be conducted early in the following year (year of competition); the
- date will be advised by the Representative Convenor.
- The DNA Executive shall notify the Selection Committee, of the eligibility or otherwise of player nominations prior to the selection.
- The Representative Convenor will create a record of selection trial games detailing the number of games and positions played by each nominee.



- Names of players selected into teams/squads will be notified to Executive for ratification.
- Names of players selected into teams/squads will be posted on the DNA website as soon as practical after ratification.
- If a player withdraws from a Junior Representative Team after selection, the Selectors, in consultation with the Representative Team Coach, may select a replacement from the Talent Development Team (if available) or from the original squad list.
- If a player subsequently withdraws from a Talent Development Team (if available) after selection, the Selectors, in consultation with the Talent Development Team Coach may select a replacement.

5 Junior Representative Player/Parent Commitments and Expectations

- All Junior Representative Players will not be allowed to play Junior Representative Netball for DNA if they intend to play, coach or officiate for another Association
- All Junior Representative players and parents must accept Junior Representative Player's Agreement when accepting their position in a DNA Junior Representative Team.
- All Junior Representative players are expected to give priority to their representative commitments over other sporting commitments
- Players selected into the Junior Representative Program are expected to attend and be punctual for all sessions as scheduled by DNA and their coach, even if injured. Training sessions are compulsory. Players must inform the Coach/Manager if there is any reason to be late.
- Players need to inform the Coach/Manager of any injury and provide the appropriate documentation to the Coach/Manager stating nature of injury, how it will impact on training and if a modified Program needs to be followed
- Non-attendance at three (3) training sessions without sufficient notification could result in your position in the team being forfeited
- Any absence must be submitted in writing to the Coach/Manager, accompanied by supporting medical documentation.
- All Representative players are expected to listen to instructions, ask questions if they need clarification and to be the best they can be.
- All NT Age Representative teams will be required to train two (2) nights per week and attend other sessions as required and the three (3) days for NT Link Championships.
- All players must be in attendance for their Club throughout the Competition (before and after NT Link).
- All players must be willing to participate in skill or drill demonstrations during the season, approximately two (2), as directed by the Coaching Convenor and the Team Coach.
- DNA 17s Teams may be required to play in the DNA senior competition on an invitational basis both before and after NT Link.



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- Players selected into the Junior Representative Program are expected to be available to take the court for all games scheduled throughout the Representative Competition.
- Players must submit all forms as requested by the Representative Convenor.
- When the NT Link Championships are held at venues which require travel and accommodation, all players must attend, travel and reside with the team for the entire Championships as organised by DNA. Any applicable levies will be advised prior to final selections.
- Players selected into Junior Representative Program must wear DNA specified uniform at all games and events attended as a Representative of DNA. Costs will be advised upon selection.
- Players selected into the Junior Representative Program should hold a current Netball Australia Umpiring Theory Examination Pass.
- All Junior Representative players and parents are expected to participate in fundraising activities conducted by DNA throughout the season.
- Pay all representative costs by the due date. Members citing financial hardship may apply in writing to the DNA Treasurer darwinnetball.finance@gmail.com to arrange a payment plan. Application for a payment plan must be made before the due date of fees.
- All Junior Representative players once registered with a DNA Affiliated Club will be insured under Netball Australia Insurance scheme.
- All players must behave in an appropriate manner by:
 - following DNA Code of Conduct for players and spectators
 - following DNA Junior Representative Policy and Procedures
 - Refrain from smoking and/or consuming alcohol within the confines of players, courts and tent areas while Association and/or DNA events are in progress.
- Be subject to suspension or dismissal from any team if proven guilty of breaching the Code of Conduct relevant to the situation.
- Accept and understand that selection does not entitle any player to 100% court time at carnivals or Championships. Accept the 30% rule at NT Championships as imposed by Netball NT.
- Agree to accept the decision of the Coach as to the selection of the team to play in each match, and to accept directions of the Manager or other Association Officials.

6 DNA Junior Representative Players Agreement

All players selected into DNA Representative Teams will be expected to commit to the following:

- Read, understand and accept the terms, conditions and commitments as set out in the DNA Junior Representative Player Policy and Procedures.
- Read, understand and accept the terms, conditions and commitments as set out in the DNA Selection Policy and Procedures.
- Agree to pay all the costs involved with Junior Representative Netball as advised.



7 Complaints

Please refer to the DNA Complaints/ Incident Procedure which is located on the DNA website. All complaints will be directed to the DNA Hearing Officer who will determine if a Hearing Panel is to be convened to review/investigate complaints received.

All complaints to be considered by the DNA are to be submitted in writing using the Complaint/Incident Form or via email through their Club President. The form is located on the DNA website.

Please send the completed form to DNA within 72 hours of the incident occurring to Darwin.netball@gmail.com. If complaints are received after this time period, the DNA will be unable to investigate the allegations and will accept the complaint for information with no further action.