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MANNING VALLEY NETBALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER POLICY

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1. PURPOSE

To provide players with the opportunity to represent Manning Valley Netball Association (MVNA) at a level suitable to their ability, to provide opportunities for players to progress through Mid North Coast Region, Hunter Netball Region and Netball NSW development pathways and to enhance player enjoyment of the game.

Through the selection of teams, MVNA aims to:

- Ensure all identified players are given equal opportunity to be considered for a team and provided with skill development opportunities to assist them to reach their full potential
- Provide suitable qualified coaches and appropriate back up staff
- Develop best practice management strategies in order to provide a safe environment for players and officials to effectively participate in netball



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2. TRIAL FORMAT

- i. The allocated trial start time will be the time trial matches will begin.
- ii. It is the players' responsibility to register and warm up prior to the trials starting.
- iii. Players will trial in their nominated age group and their two nominated positions.
- iv. Every effort will be made to ensure all players (within each playing area) have equal court time.
- v. During the trials, the selection committee will evaluate individual skill levels, fitness and team playing abilities of each player.
- vi. The following aspects will also be considered: player combinations, coach-ability, attitude, leadership, communication, team dynamics and individual player characteristics.
- vii. If there are not enough players in a nominated age group to form a team from trials, it will be at the discretion and consultation of both the Selection Panel and MVNA Executives to consider trialling a player in a different age group in order to select the team to best represent MVNA.

3. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- A selection committee consisting of three (3) independent selectors with assistance from one (1) coach from the squad training team, will be appointed by the Executive committee.
- ii. Wherever possible the Representative Convenor will convene the selection committee at the relevant team trials.



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4. QUALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION

When it comes to trials it's not just about on the day. There are a range of aspects to consider.

The major criterion for selection will be based on the performance of the player at the appropriate trial.

Selectors will also consider team balance where the 7-12 best individual players may not provide the best team combination.

Ideally teams should have a variety of combinations to cover such events as sickness, injury or unavailability during the season.

Playing Competencies

- Skill base and performance consistency
- Tactical understanding and decision making
- Flair and innovation
- Fitness and game intensity
- Potential and work ethic
- Discipline on and off the court

Personal Qualities

- Effective under pressure
- Teamwork
- Versatility, consistency and adaptability



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Other Factors

Consideration may be given to other factors that the selection panel considers in its sole discretion to be relevant and appropriate to the overall assessment of a player. These may include:

- Positional balance within squad
- Succession planning, talent development
- Balance of experience and youth in the group
- Whether a player's performance and/or contribution has been affected by extenuating circumstances such as illness, injury, bereavement, work/study commitments or similar which have temporarily compromised her form and/or recent contribution.
- Previous performance at representative level

Selectors must submit a list of selected squads/teams with reserves for each playing area to MVNA Executive Committee for ratification prior to final selections being announced.

5. PLAYER WITHDRAWALS

In the event of a player withdrawing after selection:

- Prior to the commencement of the team training, selectors will consult the list of reserves and replace with the selected reserve for the required playing area. If no player of a suitable standard in the specific position vacated was identified at the original trials, selectors may invite a replacement player of their choosing. This player must be ratified by MVNA Executive Committee prior to any announcement being made.
- Due to injury during the season, the team coach will consult with the selection panel for a temporary/permanent replacement. The named reserves should be the first players considered but may not necessarily be selected. The team balance will determine the replacement.
- Any player who withdraws after the announcement of the squads (depending on the nature of the reason), will not be able to trial for MVNA the following Rep season. .



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6. NON-ATTENDANCE AT SQUAD TRAINING & SQUAD TRAINING/TRIALS

Players unable to attend squad training and or squad training and or trials for any reason will have their team selection based on availability of positions within the teams, information provided by the coach at the conclusion of the previous season and through consultations with the selectors, the coaches and MVNA Committee.

- The selectors have the discretion to allow the player to be considered for selection into the team. Communication of unavailability for trials must have been provided and approved in advance of the trial.
- Written proof of the circumstances may be required in this situation

7. NAMING OF TEAMS

Teams/Squads will be named within 48 hours of the final trial of all teams.

This announcement will be communicated via email directly to the selected players nominated email address and the MVNA Facebook page



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8. SELECTED PLAYERS

All Representative Team players shall adhere to the following:

- Sign Representative Players Agreement form upon acceptance of selection into a team.
 Players under the age of 18 must also have a parent or guardian sign the Rep Players
 Agreement.
- ii. Abide by the Netball NSW Junior/Senior State Titles Rules (whichever applies)
- iii. Selection into an MVNA Representative Team takes priority over all other competition, except for the player being selected into any of the following:
 - Hunter Academy Team
 - NSW PSSA, HRIS, CIS or AICES Teams
 - NSW State Teams
 - Australian Teams
- iv. Promptly attend all training sessions and carnivals as advised in the Player Development and Representative Program Handbook and or the coach. Advance notice and explanation must be given to either the team Coach or Manager, if they will be late or unable to attend.
- v. Pay all Representative Invoices issued by their due dates.
- vi. Travel on the Association provided transport to and from State Titles. In extenuating circumstances permission may be granted for alternate travel arrangements.
- vii. If a player/parent/guardian is aware of any condition, which may affect the players performance, they must immediately report to either the Coach or Manager of their team
- viii. Abide by the dress code whilst representing the Association at Representative Functions, Carnivals and State Titles.
- ix. Players aged 13 years and over, Players aged 13 years and over, must pass the online Umpires Theory Exam, by the 30th of April in the year in which they are selected to represent by 30th of April in the year of representative selection or hold current theory pass.
- x. Remain with their team for the duration of carnivals and State Titles, unless they have sought advanced permission from their team coach or manager.
- xi. All Junior players (12-14 yrs.), must be registered to play in the Saturday Winter Competition with an MVNA affiliated club. All Senior players (15-17 yrs.), must be registered with MVNA and either play in the Saturday Winter Competition with an affiliated club and/or the MVNA Monday Night Competition.



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9. PLAYER DRESS CODE

MVNA expects all Representative Players and Officials to wear the MVNA uniform with pride, when attending the following:

MVNA Organised Functions

- MVNA Dress Shirt (Compulsory)
- MVNA Tracksuit top/pants (preferred when weather permits)
- Plain black pants, tights or denim jeans (allowed)

Attending Carnivals & State Titles on game day

- MVNA Playing Dress (compulsory)
- MVNA Bike Pants (compulsory)
- MVNA Tracksuit (preferred when weather permits)
- MVNA Hoodie (optional)
- MVNA Socks (compulsory)

MVNA encourages its Rep players to join in the spirit of State Titles and wear headbands, scrunchies, ribbons etc that carry the colours of the Association (red, gold, black and white)

It is expected that players keep their uniforms clean and maintained (Team Managers will assist with this when attending State Titles).

Any non-MVNA branded clothing worn in conjunction with the MVNA uniform, must not display profanity or any statement that contradicts the Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour Policy.



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10. REPRESENTATIVE FUNDRAISING

The Association understands that the cost of becoming a MVNA Representative Player can be somewhat daunting for players and their parents/guardians.

The Association endeavours to organise a certain number of fundraising activities throughout the season to assist players and parents/guardians with reducing associated Representative Costs.

It is expected that Representative Players and Parents/Guardians participate, when asked, by either the Association, Team Coach(s) and Team Manager(s) in fundraising activities organised by the Association, including those sponsored by or held at Club Taree (Major Sponsor)., including events sponsored and or held at Club Taree.

Funds raised by Association organised activities, will be collated and evenly distributed amongst all Rep players and deducted from Representative player invoices by the Association Treasurer.

Failure to participate in Association organised fundraising activities, will result in a player not being eligible to receive their portion of funds raised for the fundraising activity that they did not participate in, unless they can provide a reasonable excuse in writing for not participating.

All other fundraising activities, whether team or individual based (not organised by the Association), must be approved by the Associations Executive Committee prior to commencement.



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11. DISPUTES PROCEDURES

Notwithstanding any of the provisions in this Policy, it is acknowledged that when applying the criteria and considerations set out above, there will be, at times, extremely difficult choices to be made which will require the Selection Panel, Representative Officials and Executive Committee to exercise its discretion and judgement.

Providing the Selection Panel has properly considered the criteria and considerations relating to selection as set out in this Policy and has exercised its discretion and judgement in good faith, then the Selection Panel will have fulfilled all its obligations under this Policy.

Failure to comply with the provisions in this Policy, MVNA Constitution or By Laws, Netball NSW Junior/Senior State Titles Rules and or Netball NSW Code of Behaviour, may result in a player being disciplined by the Association or termination of their Representative Player Agreement, dependant on severity of the breach.