Hills District Netball Association

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS POLICY

1. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS - State Titles, Metro League, Summer Series and Masters

(a) Representative Teams Convenor

The Representative Teams Convenor(s) shall co-ordinate all activities relating to the selections and representative teams.

This Convenor(s) shall be an Executive member of HDNA.

The Junior Representative Convenor(s) shall not be a Representative coach, manager or parent for the Representative teams that they coordinate.

The Senior Representative Convenor(s) shall not be a Representative coach for the Representative teams competing in metro league or summer series. The Senior Representative convenor(s) may coach 17s or opens division at Senior State Titles.

(b) Representative Team Coach

(i) Nominations for a coach should be received in writing to the relevant HDNA Representative Convenor by the nominated date. Nominations will not be considered for a family member of a team member in the Junior Representative Division. Nominations will be voted on by the HDNA Executive.

(ii) Will be solely responsible for all matters pertaining to team coaching and methods of play.

(iii) Coaches for 11 to 15 year teams must not be involved in their official capacity with their own child's team.

(iv) Will inform the Convenor of the team's progress and notify him/her immediately there are any adverse reports. A written report on each player will be submitted to the Convenor within one (1) month of the completion of the Championships/ Competition.

(v) To be eligible, State Title Team coaches must hold at least a current Intermediate Accreditation. Junior and Senior State Title Assistant coaches must hold at least a development accreditation. Junior Team Squad coaches or assistant coaches must hold at least a foundation accreditation. The head coach of the 11 year development squad must hold at least a current Development Accreditation. All representative team and squad coaches must be a member of HDNA.

(vi) Representative coaches must notify the Representative Teams Convenor when he/she is absent from training or carnivals. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

(vii) If a coach resigns after being appointed to a squad or team they are not eligible to nominate as a coach in the following year. Extenuating circumstances will be considered. The

representative Teams Convenor shall be responsible for nominating a replacement to the Executive Committee.

(viii) Nominations for a coaching position close by 5pm on the date stipulated. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

(c) Representative Team Manager

(i) Nominations for a manager should be received in writing to the HDNA Representative Convenor by the nominated date. Nominations will not be considered for a family member of a team member in the Junior Representative Division. Nominations will be voted on by the HDNA Executive.

(ii) Will be responsible for the welfare and direction of the players when not under the control of the coach.

(d) Representative Teams General

(i) Managers, Coaches, and players must at all times remember that they are representing HDNA and behave with dignity and sportsmanship.

(ii) No member of HDNA is to interfere or over-rule the Coach without a major decision of the HDNA Executive.

(iii) HDNA Representative team players should be encouraged to be loyal to their Clubs and to share with their fellow Club members some of their experience and expertise gained as a representative player.

(iv) Representative and Squad Team Players and Coaches are discouraged from forming separate teams at the expense of HDNA competitions.

(v) All HDNA representative players shall pay the nominated fees. Fees will be charged separately for each representative competition, Winter Day, Metro League, Summer Series, State Championship, Masters and Night Competitions.

All fees are payable on registration or upon issue of an invoice. All fees and accounts must be paid within 15 days. If payment is not received within 15 days then the player is considered unfinancial and may not be permitted to play in any capacity until payment has been received.

(e) Selections and Selection Committees

(i) The Junior/Senior Selection Committee shall consist of four (4) impartial selectors per team,. A coach should not be elected as a selector on his/her own age group/division, but is there for reference throughout selections if required. In extenuating circumstances, a fewer number of selectors may be used.

(ii) All selections for Representative Teams (and Squads) are to be made from open trials, with the exception of Summer Series teams which may be paper-graded.

(iii) The coach shall have an input into the selection of the final Team/Squad. If there is a disagreement in the final selection, the Relevant Convenor shall have the final say.

(iv) Preference will be given to nominees who have the following credentials:

(a) 2 years minimum coaching at Club Level.

(b) Previous experience as a representative Netball selector.

(v) If insufficient players of required standard attend trials, another selection will be scheduled.

(vi) A player may be considered for selection in the squad/team if they are unable to attend selections due to illness or injury, provided that they submit a written application for consideration prior to the trials taking place.

(vii) A person may trial and be considered for selection in a squad/team if they are not a current financial member of HDNA or an associated club team.

Grave extenuating circumstances will be considered.

(f) 11-15 Representative Teams and Squads

Junior players selected as part of the Representative Squad or Team must be registered with and play for an HDNA affiliated club. Players selected in the 12 and 13 year HDNA State Titles teams must also play in an HDNA entity (club) team in the winter day competition in the year of representation. Players selected in the 14 and 15 year Representative Squad or Team must play for an HDNA entity (club) team in the winter day competition in the year of representation and:

(i) Present themselves on the stipulated days of selection, training and coaching and attend all carnival matches, unless official leave of absence is granted by the Representative Convenor in conjunction with the Executive. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive coaching sessions and all carnivals without this leave approval could result in immediate dismissal from the squad or team.

(ii) Must complete an Agreement Form before a given date for each representative competition.

(iii) Junior Representative players in the 12-15 year age groups must sit and pass the Netball Australia Rules of Theory exam by 1st February in the year of play. No player will be permitted to participate in any capacity in the representative program until such time as this has been successfully completed.

(iv) Players will be notified of results of selection as soon as practicable by the Rep Team Convenor.

(v) Players withdrawing from a squad/team after teams have been announced may not stand for selection the following year. Grave extenuating circumstances will be considered.

(h) Junior Representative Teams

(i) A final team of eight (8) to twelve (12) players will be selected from the squad in each age group. If sufficient players are available in any age group a squad of up to twelve (12) players may be chosen to train and enter carnivals up to but not including the Junior State Titles in any age group.

(ii) In the event of withdrawal or injury of a player a suitable replacement will be selected under the direction of the HDNA Junior Representative Convenor in conjunction with that age groups selection committee.

(iii) Any player selected in a State Title Team who is not meeting the expected KPIs may be removed from the team and replaced by another player prior to competing at the State Titles.

(iv) Apprentice Coaches may be appointed by the HDNA Executive

(j) Senior Representative Teams

(i) Selection for Senior Representative Squads/Teams shall take place prior to the playing season.

(ii) The Selection Committee may name a team of 12 players maximum. Where insufficient players of standard attend, the selectors may call for a second selection..

(iii) A team of senior representative players may be chosen to compete in the Senior Winter Day Competition as reserve players for Metro League. The team will play in the highest graded division and, if eligible, is able to compete in finals.

(k) Metro League Teams

(i) The Selection Committee may select a team of no less than eight (8) players.

(ii) Reserves may be named, from those standing for selection (approximately three).

In an emergency one of the players may be approached to fill a vacancy.

Clubs will be informed that these players are possible reserves. Requests to use one of these players will be through the Club with which they are registered.

(iii) Selected players will sign an Agreement Form and undertake to fulfil the obligations listed therein.

(iv) A player who withdraws from the team may not stand for selection the following year.

Appeals may be considered in grave extenuating circumstances. *Players failing to meet the obligations as outlined in the Agreement Form may be dismissed from the team and may not play in competition matches for that current competition*.

(l) Summer Series

(i) HDNA is limited to a certain number of teams as stipulated by Netball NSW.

2. CARNIVALS

(a) Carnivals are conducted by various Associations throughout the Netball season.

(b) HDNA runs a carnival each year with the format to be decided by the HDNA Executive each year.