



## Senior Player Selection Policy

### Definitions

1. Senior Players:
  - a. Are those who are turning 18 in the calendar year of competition.
  - b. If the player turns 18 and they are still at High School (year 12) then they are also eligible to play in the Junior Competition with an approved Player Exemption from NENA.
2. Senior Teams:
  - a. As per North Eastern Netball Association Senior Competition the senior teams comprise of A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, and C2.

### Pre-Season

3. Pre-season training and trials for all Players will commence in early February of the competition year, with exact date and format to be confirmed and coordinated between the A1 Coach and Executive Committee. These dates will be communicated to previous members of the Club and will be distributed via the Club's public communication platforms.
4. It is an expectation that all Senior Players who are intending to play in the forthcoming season attend training and trials.
5. It is preferable that a Coach for each Squad (A, B and C) is appointed prior to trials.
6. It is also preferable if independent selectors are approached and able to provide input (to be organised by Squad coaches).
7. The A1 Coach and other appointed coaches will determine which players will train and trial in which squads.

### Team Selection

8. Appointed coaches are to undertake initial selection of players for their team.
9. Players are to be selected into teams each week under the following policy:
  - a. Priority will be given to all players on equal grounds if they:
    - i. Attend training
    - ii. Are unable to attend training and have been granted an exemption from the *Selection Committee*
    - iii. Are available to play regularly except in circumstances beyond her control (eg, illness, wedding, funeral, work)
    - iv. Are a full financial member
    - v. Abide by the code of conduct
  - b. When the above conditions are met, teams are selected on ability

10. Teams will be selected from A1 down and players cannot state what team they want to play or whom they want to play with, unless it is approved by the *Selection Committee*.
11. Teams are to be selected prior to the first minor game at the latest, however teams will not be considered final until each player has played 9 'qualifying games' in a team, with scope for movement both up and down, for players performing well or poorly. *NB. Qualifying games definition: If a player plays in C1s and C2s in one week, the qualifying game is recorded as the highest grade.*
12. Players must attend at least 3 trainings (with a squad/team that they are likely to be selected in) before being selected in a team.

## Weekly Team & Player Selections

13. A *Selection Committee* will convene weekly from the first Pre-Season Trial for the purpose of discussing and confirming senior player movements throughout the year, and will comprise of:
  - a. All senior coaches for A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2.
  - b. All coaches **MUST** attend weekly team selections and if unavailable a proxy must attend in their place (e.g. captain / team manager)
  - c. The President or Secretary or Member of the RSMU Netball Club committee will act as the *Selectors Convener* and will chair the meetings. This person needs to be neutral, ie, not a player, coach or parent of player and is unable to vote on selections, unless it is a casting vote where necessary.
  - d. Junior Coordinator may also be required to attend in any given year depending on number of senior teams as the total number of members must be an odd number (not including convener).
  - e. All members of the selection committee will meet every week including finals to discuss the teams presented by the respective coaches and finalise selection. If a coach is unable to attend, they must send a proxy who is a member of that team eg Captain/Team Manager.
  - f. In the event of a playing coach or a coach who is the parent of a child who is vying for a position in the relevant team, this person must excuse themselves when they/their daughter is being discussed by the selection committee as a potential team member to ensure impartial selections. The selector's convener will assume voting rights in this situation.
  - g. Any decision regarding selection of players, fill-ins, player discipline, must have a majority vote (*or 2/3rds majority vote*), with the Selectors Convener having the casting vote where necessary.
14. Players eligible for Junior Competition who are deemed to be exceptional netball players with a bright future beyond RSMU may be invited to trial for A1 grade selection, as a development pathway for them to transition to a higher level. If they are unsuccessful in selection in the A1 team, then they will remain eligible to play in the Junior Competition and fill in for Senior teams throughout the year as invited.
  - a. Exceptions to this rule are:
    - i. On occasions where too many players are eligible for 17U, players in this age group (regardless of age) will be invited to be selected in senior teams.

## Non-Attendance

15. All registered players are expected to train each week, unless training has been cancelled by the Coach.
16. If Players cannot make training, Coaches must be notified with as much notice prior to training via direct contact (SMS or Phone Call)
17. If Players are unavailable to play on Game Day, they must inform the Coach prior to training for that week.
18. Non-attendance at trainings will impact individual court time on Game Day:
  - a. Players who do not attend training, with or without notification to the Coach, will not start before a player who has attended training, regardless of reason for non-attendance.
  - b. Individual court time will be at the discretion of the coach for all reasons for non-attendance.
  - c. If a player is injured, ill, recovering from an injury, or have been away on holiday, this time will not count as Non-Attendance and will not count towards time 'off court'.
19. If Non-attendance at training is due to illness it is recommended that they miss a Game as a precaution and for the health and safety of other Players.

## Association Nomination Selection Process

20. NENA is affiliated with Netball SA, and as such, each year NENA are invited to submit association teams into Netball SA's Country Championships Carnival, which is held in Adelaide on the June Long Weekend.
21. Pending the number of available players, NENA will seek to fill 5 teams:
  - a. A & B Grade (for players turning 18+ in the year of competition)
  - b. 17U (players cannot turn 18 in the year of competition)
  - c. 15U (players cannot turn 16 in the year of competition)
  - d. 13U (players cannot turn 14 in the year of competition)
  - e. 11U (players cannot turn 12 in the year of competition)
22. RSMU NC are invited to nominate up to 5 eligible players per age group to trial for selection in the Association teams.
23. Senior nominations to trial are NENA led (usually by direct invitation but may change year to year). RSMU A Grade Coaches may also invite any other eligible players.
24. Nominated Players must be financial members of the RSMU Netball Club and meet the availability criteria as determined and communicated by NENA.

## Selection Grievance

25. All grievances shall be managed through the *Dispute Resolution Process* outlined in the RSMU NC By Law 9.

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## Version Control

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