

## **SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **REPRESENTATIVE POLICY OF THE SSNA**

The SSNA will enter teams which will represent the Association in competitions and championship events showing due respect to the sport of netball, their competitors and their fellow representatives of SSNA, both players and officials.

### **REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION POLICY**

#### **1. REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Representative Selection Sub-Committee shall be responsible for selection of the Association representative players and shall be conducted in accordance with Clause 4. **e).** iv. and Clause 5. **b).** vii. of the Constitution.

#### **2. COMPOSITION OF REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEES**

a) There shall be two (2) selection panels: Junior Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee, hereafter referred to as Junior Selection Panel and the Senior Representative Players Selection Sub-Committee, hereafter referred to as Senior Selection Panel;

- i. The Junior Selection Panel shall consist of the Four elected panel members plus selected Junior State Coach(es). Should a selected Junior State Coach also be one of four elected panel members they will be replaced by the elected first reserve panel member.
- ii. Reserve selectors shall be in order of preference from election (maximum of three);
- iii. In the event of co-coaches on an age group, only one (1) vote will be accepted; Co-Coaches will sit on the panel but will only have one (1) combined vote to give a total of five (5) votes;
- iv. 11 Years Development Squad selectors will consist of the four elected panel members, plus the Junior State Coach(es) and 3 (three) elected reserve panel members. The Chairperson of the Junior Selection Panel may invite other suitably qualified persons to assist with the selection of the squad where numbers trialling require.

b) The Senior Selection Panel:

- i. shall consist of five (5) elected members.
- ii. Reserve selectors shall be in order of preference from election (maximum of three);

- c) A Chairperson for each panel shall be selected by the elected members of each respective panel. It may be the same Chairperson for both panels.

### **3. OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES OF REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEES**

- i. Junior Selection Panel shall;
  - a) identify and select 10 athletes in each of the 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs age groups to compete at the Junior State Titles, Senior State Titles (for 15 yrs) or other named NSW competition;
  - b) Identify and select athletes in each train-on squad in the 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs age groups after final selection of the teams to experience specialised coaching and attend selected carnivals as appropriate. The selectors will determine the number of athletes in the train-on squads.
  - c) selectors may, at any time during the trials, invite identified athletes to trial for selection prior to the final trial;
  - d) The Junior Selection Panel Chairperson shall advise SSNA of the athletes selected in the final teams in each age group after the final selection.
- ii. Senior Selection Panel shall:
  - a) Identify and select up to 12 athletes in each Metro League team to participate in the Metro League competition.
  - b) Select up to 12 athletes in each relative age groups to compete in the Senior State Titles competition;
  - c) Select up to 12 athletes for each Night Interdistrict team or other appropriate NSW summer based competition;
  - d) Select up to 12 athletes to participate in the State Cup event.
  - e) The Senior Selection Panel Chairperson shall advise SSNA of the athletes selected in the final teams and the preferred Netball NSW grading for each team;
- iii. Reserve selectors shall:
  - a) Attend selection trials and assist with the Selection Panel as requested;
  - b) Observe all phases of the selection process;
  - c) In order of election, assume the role of a Selector should a member of the Selection Panel be unavailable for a phase of the selection process;
- iv. Should it be deemed that a member of the Selection Panel has a conflict of interest in any area of selection i.e. they have a family member trialling in that age group, then that Selector shall step down from that process and be replaced by a Reserve Selector as per clause 3. iii c).

- v. In the event of a player withdrawing after selection;
  - a) Prior to the commencement of the event to be played in, selectors will consult the list of previous applicants and appoint a suitable replacement;
  - b) In the event of injury or withdrawal, the Coach will advise the SSNA Representative Liaison Officer and Chairperson of the Selection Panel and the Panel will select a replacement athlete for that team. The decision of the Panel is final and not subject to appeal.
- vi. Notification of selection results:
  - a) the Junior train-on squads and final Junior State Titles teams for all age groups will be posted on the SSNA website within one (1) week after selection;
  - b) Notification of senior squads and teams – athletes will be advised of their selection via email. Teams may be posted on the SSNA website at the discretion of Senior Selection Panel and SSNA Executive.

#### **4. NOMINATION FOR SELECTION**

- i. Junior athletes will be responsible for submitting their completed official nomination form to their registered club. Each Club will forward all nomination forms accompanied by a SSNA Representative Cover Sheet for each age group to SSNA by the due date. The Cover Sheet is to be endorsed by the Club Secretary confirming that all junior athletes and their parent/guardian:
  - a) are aware of their nomination and the two (2) positions that they are nominating to trial in (no changes to trial positions will be accepted by the Selectors on the day of trials).
  - b) are aware of the trial dates and their commitment to attend each trial.
  - c) have paid their non-refundable application fee as detailed on the Application for Junior Representative Selection form.SSNA Nomination forms and Representative Cover Sheets are available on the SSNA official website.
- ii. Junior nominees must be members of a club affiliated with SSNA or, for nominees from outside of the Shire area, the athlete must be registered with an affiliated club prior to the final selection.
- iii. Senior nominees must submit their nomination via the MyNetball website at: <http://my.netball.com.au>
- iv. Senior Athletes must have paid their application fee as detailed on the SSNA website to the SSNA office prior to the phase one (1) trial.

## **5. PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SELECTION PROCESS**

- i. Players must nominate two (2) positions they wish to trial for;
- ii. Players unable to attend selection for a legitimate reason will be considered by the Selection Panel and the relevant athlete may be considered to move forward to the next phase of selections;
  - a) A medical certificate or other supporting documentation will be required for any athlete who is unavailable / unable to trial;
  - b) All athletes must attend at least one phase of the trials to be considered for selection in the final team. Exceptional circumstances may be considered (with majority vote) by the Selection Panels.

## **6. SELECTION PROCESS**

- i. 12 years State Age team:
  - a) Phase one (1) trials will be conducted outdoors;
  - b) Players will be placed in unspecified teams. This will be an elimination process over several trial dates until appropriate squad numbers are selected;
  - c) All selectors and reserve selectors are to be available for Phase 1 selections. The Chairperson of the Junior Selection Panel may invite other suitably qualified persons to assist with the selection of the squad if required;
  - d) Final team selections shall be conducted prior to the date of SSNA club team registration.
- ii. 13 years, 14years and 15years:
  - a) Selections shall be based on game trials;
  - b) The Selection Panel will determine the number of athletes to move forward to the next phase of the selections;
  - c) Final team selections shall be conducted prior to the date of SSNA club team registration.
- iii. State Championship teams:

The Selection Panel may choose the method of selection as appropriate each year i.e practical or on paper.
- iv. Night Inter District teams or other NNSW based summer competition:

The Selection Panel may choose the method of selection as appropriate each year i.e practical or paper.
- v. Metro League teams:
  - a) Selections shall be conducted in up to three phases comprising of trial games commencing October/November of each year;
  - b) Calendar of selection trials will be posted on the Association's official website;

c) Elimination may take place after each selection session.

## **7. PLAYER REPLACEMENT**

### **7.1 Grounds for Replacement**

i. **Injury or Illness:** An athlete who is injured or ill may be assessed by a doctor or allied health professional, such as physiotherapist, nominated by or agreed to by SSNA, who will assess the athlete in conjunction with the appropriate coaching staff. The Selection Panel Convenor and SSNA Representative Liaison Officer are to be notified of all such injuries or illness.

ii. **Breach of Discipline:** An athlete may be considered for replacement due to breach of discipline, including failure to observe any relevant SSNA policy, Code of Behaviour, or relevant player agreement. The Team Coach or Manager will immediately advise the SSNA Representative Liaison Officer of the situation. SSNA Executive will be notified and initiate appropriate disciplinary process.

iii. **Breach of Anti-Doping Policy:** Any athlete who breaches the Netball Australia Anti-Doping Policy will automatically be removed from the relevant SSNA Representative Team and will be replaced. All penalties relating to these breaches will be as per the Netball Australia guidelines.

### **7.2 Replacement Process:**

If a selected athlete is unable to continue or is to be removed as a representative of any SSNA squad or team, the procedure for a replacement athlete is as follows:

- The Selection Panel Chairperson will be advised and the Panel consulted;
- Consideration will be given to identify train on squad athletes;
- Consideration may also be given to other identified athletes, should this be necessary;
- The Selection Panel will then fill this position with the player deemed most suitable.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY FOR SELECTION PROCESS**

#### **1. How Selection Dates are to be set:**

- Selection dates will be set at a meeting between the Selection Panels and the SSNA Secretary.
- These dates will not be changed without a valid reason.

#### **2. Valid Nominations:**

##### **a) Junior Nominations**

- A completed Application for Junior Representative Selection form signed by the player and the parent/guardian (if under 18 years of age)
- This form is to be forwarded to your Club Secretary as detailed in **4 i.** of the Representative Selection Policy.
- Each Club will submit a Junior Representative Nomination Cover Sheet for each junior age group with the completed Application for Junior Representative Selection forms attached.
- Club's will be invoiced by SSNA by the determined amount per nomination.
- The original nomination forms will be filed in the SSNA office.

##### **b) Senior Nominations**

- Senior nominations are to be submitted via the My Netball website at: <http://my.netball.com.au>

#### **3. Valid Senior /Junior Withdrawals**

- If at any time a player decides that she no longer wishes to be considered for representative selection she **MUST** notify SSNA as soon as possible by either e-mail at: [info@ssna.asn.au](mailto:info@ssna.asn.au) (any time) or by telephone 02 9522 9697 (office hours 9am-3pm Monday-Friday)

#### **4. Squad Member Definition**

- A squad member is a player who has trialed and has been selected into a squad by the Sutherland selectors.
- Any player who has been selected into a squad will train, attend camps, attend carnivals and will be part of that squad.

#### **5. Squad Members Responsibilities**

- If any player is unable to attend a training session or carnival for any reason, she **MUST** contact the Manager/Coach ASAP by phone or email and inform them of the reason for not attending. If the player is ill or injured, supporting documents eg Doctors/Physio certificates **MUST** then be presented to the Manager. In the case of injury, a medical clearance must be provided in order to re-

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training/playing.

- **If any player is unable to attend a selection** for any reason she **MUST** contact the SSNA office by phone on 9522 9697 (9am-3pm Monday-Friday) or by email at [info@ssna.asn.au](mailto:info@ssna.asn.au) and advise the reason for not attending. A letter confirming this along with any other supporting documents eg Doctors/Physio certificates **MUST** then be presented to the SSNA/SSNA Representative Liaison Officer.
- Where a player has been informed of the above selection responsibilities and does not adhere to them she may not be considered for any further selection.

SSNA, via SSNA Representative Liaison Officer, will inform the Chairperson of the Selection Panel in writing on any issue relating to the selection process, eg attendance at selection, training, and carnivals.