

JAMESTOWN PETERBOROUGH FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

2025 JUNIOR NETBALL POLICY

G, H, I, J, Minis, Sub Minis and Mini Magpies

Our commitment

We believe that junior sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport.

What we will do:

- Modify rules and equipment where possible to include children and young people of all abilities and encourage their participation (if our sport offers modifications).
- Try to match junior players with others of their own ability.
- Provide junior players with a broad range of experiences (e.g. participating in different positions).
- The Club will foster an inclusive environment, encouraging boys and girls to participate. As per NANA bylaws '*The Associations competitions and programs will be eligible for participants 12 years of age and under, of any sex or gender identity. Players must be no older than the age of 11 as of 1st January in the year of competition to play in a mixed sex competition. Should a player turn 12 during the season, they will be permitted to play until the season ends*'.

What we ask you to do:

Players

- *Demonstrate a positive attitude and commitment.*
- *Give 100% at trainings and matches.*
- *Respect umpires and officials.*
- *Respect teammates and coaches.*
- *Contribute to their team in many ways (2018 Junior Survey).*

Coaches

- *Promote a positive attitude.*
- *Provide challenges based on individual player development.*
- *Give the team every opportunity to be competitive.*
- *Model positive interactions and resilience.*
- *Promote inclusion.*
- *If you coach your own children, treat them like all other team members (e.g., rotations, playing time or participation).*

Parents

- *Communicate respectfully and work together with coaches.*
- *Model positive behavior.*
- *Foster independence in your child by allowing them to take ownership of their performance.*
- *Develop resilience together with your child.*
- *Encourage your child to embrace challenges and give maximum effort.*
- *Support the coach at trainings and games.*
- *Focus on your child's effort, not the score.*
- *Positively encourage your child and other team members.*
- *Respect the selection decisions of the coach.*

Goals of non-competitive programs (Minis, Sub Minis & Mini Magpies):

- Begin to develop skills specific to netball whilst fostering the enjoyment of the game and being inclusive program.
- Introduction to what it means to be a part of team.
- Provide a range of opportunities for player development and understanding of the game.

Team selection

- For the 2025 season, Mini Magpies are born in 2017 & 2018.
- For the 2025 season, Minis and Sub Minis will be born in 2015 & 2016.
- Any gender is able to participate.

Training

- Fostering the enjoyment of the game, inclusive and challenge all players at their individual levels of development. All players are expected to attend trainings and if they can't please contact the coach.

Games

- Saturday games give everyone the exposure, experience, and enjoyment of game situations. All players where possible will get equal court time. Preference will be given to older players. There will not be set positions, player will rotate through the various areas of the court.

I & J Grades:

Team selection

- For the 2025 season, I & J Grade will be born in 2013 & 2014.
- As per the NANA by-law, the association competition and program will be eligible for participants 12 years of age and under, of any sex or gender identity. Players must be no older than the age of 11 as of 1st January in the year of competition to play in a mixed sex competition. Should a player turn 12 during the season, they will be permitted to play until the season ends.
- Children aged 13 and under as of the 1st of January in the year of competition can play in this competition. (NANA By Laws 2019).
- Both teams are selected based on level of development. (For more information refer to [JPNC Selection Policy](#)).
- For the selection process please refer to the selection policy.

Training

- Training will be fostering the enjoyment of the game, inclusive and challenge all players at their individual level of development.
- All players will continue to get exposure in a range of positions and may begin to focus and develop in a mid-court, defensive or offensive role.
- Non-attendance at training will impact on court time.
- Coaches will acknowledge the difference between bereavement and chosen absences in comparison to not notifying the coach if they are unable to attend training.
- Attitude at training will be taken into consideration when selecting the team for matches.

Court time - minor rounds

- Coaches where possible will give equal court time Attitude at training, absentees, injuries, player match ups, team numbers and combinations will impact upon team selections.

Finals

- All players will take the court for an equivalent of one quarter per game as a minimum in the event of large numbers in a team (in excess of 10 players). A special parent meeting will be held with families to advise of selections for finals.
- All roles need to be respected including player, reserve, coach, parent and supporter.

G & H Grades:

Team selection

- For the 2025 season, G & H Grade will be born in 2012, 2011 & 2010.
- Boys are unable to play G & H grade as per current NANA by Laws.
- Children aged 17 and under as of the 1st of January in the year of competition are able to play in this competition (*NANA By Laws*). If a player, does not wish to play senior netball; this is considered by the committee on an individual basis.
- Both teams are selected based on level of development. (For more information refer to JPNC Selection Policy).
- For the selection process please refer to the selection policy.

Training

- Fostering the enjoyment of the game, inclusive and challenge all players at their individual levels of development.
- Play more specialised positions, but opportunities to play other positions if required and/or to benefit the team. If players wish to play new positions coaches will give them opportunities when available.
- Nonattendance at training will impact on court time.
- Coaches will acknowledge the difference between bereavement and chosen absences in comparison to not notifying the coach if they are unable to attend training.
- Attitude at training will be taken into consideration when selecting the team.

Court time - minor rounds

- Coaches where possible will give equal court time. Attitude at training, absentees, injuries, player match ups, team numbers and combinations will impact upon team selections.

Court time finals

- The best combination for the team will be selected. This may mean that not every player will take the court or get equal playing time.
- All roles need to be respected including, player, reserve, coach, parent, supporters.

Further Information:

Exemptions:

If a player's level of development and confidence requires them to remain in a lower grade an exemption can be applied for through NANA after discussion with the JPNC (Jamestown Peterborough Netball committee) and family.

Concussion:

As a club affiliated with Netball SA and Netball Australia, we operate in accordance with their concussion guidelines, this is detailed in their document "[Guidelines for the Management of Sports Related concussion in Netball](#)".

Any player suspected of having sustained a concussion will be assessed at the time of the injury by the team's primary carer or the club's accredited trainers (if a medical practitioner is not available). If a primary carer or trainer suspects that a concussion may have occurred, the player will be removed from the match or training and referred to medical assessment in accordance to the [Guidelines for the Management of Sports Related concussion in Netball](#). As listed in these guidelines, a player will provisionally not be eligible to play a game for a period of 21 days from the date on which they are symptom free. If as a result of the medical assessment the player is deemed not to have incurred a concussion, the player will be eligible to be selected for the next game.

In accordance with this policy a Medical Clearance letter needs to be completed by a Health Care Professional. This needs to be presented to a coach or official prior to returning to play and full contact training.

It is strongly recommended that any player suspected by a trainer of having a concussion injury seek medical advice as soon as practical and preferably within 12 hours of the injury. Parents/ guardians and players must

be respectful of the primary carer and/or the trainer's assessment and referral and remember that the player's welfare is the primary carer's and/ or trainer's primary concern.

Respect for the Primary Carer and the Trainer and their decision is paramount.

Junior carnivals:

Selection for carnival teams will be based upon year level/age. In the event of large numbers, older players will be given court preference.

Association selection:

3 neutral selectors will be appointed at the AGM. They will select players to be nominated for Country Champs trials. Coaches may be contacted for their input if required.

Extreme Weather Policy

As a club affiliated with Netball SA and Netball Australia, we operate in accordance with the Netball Australia Heat Policies. This can be found in the ["Extreme Weather Guidelines for Member Clubs and Associations"](#). Based on the policy, if temperatures are forecast for over 34°C on the day of play, it is recommended that clubs monitor weather forecasts and modify or cancel activities if necessary.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Jamestown Peterborough Football and Netball Club Inc, as an affiliated club of Netball Australia and Netball SA, fully endorse the Netball SA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

This information can be viewed by clicking these links:

- [Netball Australia- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)
- [Netball Australia Member Protection Policy](#)

In the event of concerns/ grievances with our selection process. Please refer to the JPFNC Conflict Resolution and Grievance policy.

The committee will host a Parent Information Session to advise of team numbers/selection and processes etc. prior to the commencement of the season and prior to finals.

The policy will be reviewed annually at the AGM of the JPNC.

We (Parents/Guardians) _____

Of the playing member(s) _____,

Have read and understood the 2025 Junior Netball policy and will abide by it as parents or guardians of the playing member(s) of the Jamestown Peterborough Football and Netball Club.

Signature (Parents/Guardians) _____ Dates: _____