

JAMESTOWN PETERBOROUGH FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

NETBALL TEAM SELECTION POLICY – JUNIOR GRADES

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'*.

Goals of non-competitive programs (Minis & Sub Minis)

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

Team selection

- As a guide, Minis and Sub Minis will be in Years 5 & 4, with some exceptions based on individual cases and year level numbers. Year 3 players may be used throughout the season if needed.

Training

- Fun, 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

- As a guide, I and J grade players will be Years 7 & 6, with some exceptions based on individual cases and player numbers. 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.
- The selection committee will consist of the coaches and two neutral selectors. The selectors will be appointed at a subcommittee meeting prior to trials. A neutral selector must not have children in the grade for which they are selecting. The President, Secretary and Vice President may be utilised as a resource if required, by the selectors and coaches.

Training

- Training will be fun, 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 at least 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 playing, reserve, coach, parent and supporters.

G & H Grades

Team selection

- As a guide, H and G grade players will be in Years 8, 9 and 10 with some exceptions based on individual cases and player numbers. 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 October 2018*). 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.
- The selection committee will consist of the coaches and two neutral selectors. The selectors will be appointed at a subcommittee meeting prior to trials. A neutral selector must not have children in the grade for which they are selecting. The President, Secretary and Vice President may be utilised as a resource if required, by the selectors and coaches.

Training

- Fun, inclusive and challenge all players at their individual levels of development.
- Play more specialised positions but opportunities to play other positions if required and 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 taking into consideration 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, playing, reserve, coach, parent, supporters.

What we ask you to do

Based upon the members responses from the 2018 Junior survey

Players

- ❖ *Demonstrate a positive attitude and commitment.*
- ❖ *Give 100% at trainings and matches.*
- ❖ *Demonstrate respect for umpires and officials.*
- ❖ *Develop respect for 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.*

Further information

❖ 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.

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 general preseason meeting to advise of team numbers/selection and processes etc. prior to the commencement of the season and prior to finals.

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.

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