Hectorville Netball Club – Player Participation and Court Time Policy

At Hectorville Netball Club, we are committed to fostering a team environment that supports fair play, player development, commitment, and a positive experience for all players.

Definitions

Financial Player: A player who has paid their club registration and membership fees in full for the current season.

Fill-in Player: A player who has not paid club registration and membership fees and plays on an ad hoc basis to assist a team. A fill-in player may play a maximum of four (4) games for the same team during the season.

If a fill-in player plays more than four (4) games with the same team, wishes to join that team permanently, and/or intends to be eligible for major round (finals) matches, they must become a financial player by paying the applicable club fees.

Training Attendance

Training is mandatory for junior teams. Players are expected to attend all scheduled training sessions.

Non-attendance may result in reduced court time at the coach's discretion, provided sufficient players are available. Players who consistently attend training may be rewarded with increased game time.

Senior/Open teams do not train but group/team training can be arranged.

Minor Round Matches

The club aims to provide financial players with similar court time throughout the minor rounds.

If a player is sick, has other commitments, or is unavailable for any reason, the club is not required to compensate that player with additional court time in future matches.

Rotation decisions will take the following into consideration:

- Player availability
- Training attendance
- Sportsmanship and attitude
- Injury or illness
- Team balance and positional requirements

Players who miss training may receive reduced court time at the coach's discretion if sufficient players are available.

Fill-in Players

Fill-in players are welcome and play an important role in assisting teams when required. However, fill-in players must not receive more court time than financial team members.

Major Round Matches (Finals)

Only financial players are eligible to participate in major round (finals) matches, except where a fill-in player is required to enable the team to field the minimum seven (7) players.

Where fewer than seven (7) financial players are available, a fill-in (non-financial) player may be selected to ensure the team can take the court with seven (7) players.

An eighth (8th) player may also be selected as a fill-in (non-financial) emergency player. The emergency player may only take the court if one of the original seven (7) players is unable to continue the match due to injury or illness.

Player selection, combinations, and court rotations during finals will be determined at the coach's discretion, with the aim of giving the team the best opportunity for success.

Where practical, all selected financial players will receive a minimum of one quarter of court time unless they are unavailable due to:

- Injury or illness
- Disciplinary reasons
- Breach of club policies or the Club Code of Conduct

Where a fill-in player is permitted to participate under the above provisions, they must not receive more court time than any available financial player, unless a financial player is unavailable due to:

- Injury or illness
- Disciplinary reasons
- Breach of club policies or the Club Code of Conduct

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