Hectorville Netball Club Team Selection Policy

Our Philosophy

Hectorville Netball Club is a grassroots community club committed to fostering the physical, mental, and social development of players through team-based sport. Our goal is to provide every player with a positive, inclusive, and challenging netball experience by placing them in teams that best support their development while creating balanced, competitive, and enjoyable teams across all grades.

Team selection is based on fairness, transparency, player development, and the long-term success of both the individual and the club.

Junior Teams (Under 8 – Under 17)

Selection Panel

Junior teams will be selected by a panel of three people, including the Junior Coordinator(s) and at least one committee member.

The Club Chairperson will appoint the members of the selection panel each season.

Teams will be announced prior to the commencement of the season. To ensure appropriate team balance and player development, adjustments may be made during the first five (5) rounds of competition if required.

Team Placement Philosophy

As a development-focused club, Hectorville Netball Club believes players gain the greatest benefit by playing within their own age group alongside their peers.

Our aim is to:

- maximise player development
- create balanced and competitive teams
- provide meaningful court time for all players
- support players in developing confidence, skills and game understanding.

Selection Criteria

Team selection considers a range of factors, including but not limited to:

- performance at grading or trials
- nominated playing positions
- skill level, fitness and game awareness
- team balance and positional requirements
- availability for training and matches
- demonstrated sportsmanship, attitude and teamwork
- commitment to Hectorville Netball Club
- attendance history at training and games
- feedback from previous coaches and coordinators.

No single criterion determines team placement. Selection decisions are made using the overall needs of the player, the team, and the club.

Friendship Requests

To ensure a fair and balanced selection process, requests for players to be placed with friends or for carpooling purposes cannot be accommodated.

Team Sizes

Junior teams will generally consist of:

- minimum of 7 players
- maximum of 10 players.

In exceptional circumstances, a team may include up to 11 players where this is considered to be in the best interests of the club and its players.

Training Commitment

Each team will be allocated a designated training day and time.

Players are expected to attend their team's scheduled training. Where a player is unable to commit to the allocated training time, the club may place them in another suitable team where attendance is achievable.

Withdrawals

Players who withdraw after teams have been announced will not be eligible for a registration refund.

Open / Senior Teams (17 Years and Over)

Selection Panel

Senior teams will be selected by a panel of three people, including the Senior Coordinator(s) and at least one committee member.

The Club Chairperson will appoint the members of the selection panel each season.

Initial teams will be announced before the season commences. Player movement may occur during the first five (5) rounds where required to improve team balance or meet competition needs.

Eligibility

Players must turn 18 years of age during the calendar year to be eligible to play in the Open/Senior competition, unless participating under the Junior Pathway provisions outlined below.

Selection Criteria

Senior team selection considers:

- trial or grading performance (where applicable)
- nominated playing positions
- availability and commitment to training and matches
- skill level, fitness and game awareness
- team balance and positional requirements
- sportsmanship and attitude
- coach and coordinator feedback
- commitment to Hectorville Netball Club.

Selection decisions are based on the overall requirements of each team and the club.

Team Sizes

Senior teams will generally consist of between 7 and 11 players.

Slightly larger team sizes may be used to accommodate player availability throughout the season and to ensure sufficient numbers during periods of absence.

Withdrawals

Players who withdraw after team announcements will not be eligible for a registration refund.

Junior to Senior Pathway

Hectorville Netball Club is committed to providing a clear development pathway for junior players into senior competition.

Eligible Under 17 players may be offered the opportunity to register to play a second game in an Open/Senior team during the Summer Season at SAUCNA or both the summer and winter season in the EDNA competition, provided the following criteria are met:

- the player has first been selected in and committed to their age-appropriate Under 17 team
- the player's Under 17 team remains their priority for both training and matches
- a position is available within the senior team after eligible players have been selected
- the player meets the positional needs of the senior team
- the player consistently demonstrates excellent sportsmanship, maturity and commitment
- the player is considered physically, mentally and emotionally ready to compete at senior level
- the player has demonstrated ongoing commitment to Hectorville Netball Club.

Selection into a senior team under this pathway is not guaranteed and will be determined by the selection panel based on the needs of both junior and senior teams.

The Junior to Senior Pathway aims to support player development while providing a smooth transition into senior netball across both SAUCNA and EDNA competitions.

Final Decisions

Team selection is undertaken with the best interests of all players and the club in mind. While every effort is made to place players in the most appropriate team, selection decisions are final.

The club appreciates the support and understanding of players and families in respecting the selection process and helping foster a positive, inclusive and supportive club environment.

Signed: Raegan Coleman Date: 10/8/2026
Hectorville Netball Club Chairperson

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