



Policy & Procedure:
WDNA 52

Representative team new player
Acceptance (during season)

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1. Policy Objectives

The objective for this Policy is to provide a transparent process to evaluate and accept new players during the Autumn or Spring season who did not participate in pre-season selection trials.

2. Accepting new players

- a. The WDNA Representative Teams will only consider new players if:
 - i. They were injured at the time of selection trials and have received written notice from their doctor/therapist that they are ready to return to competitive netball
 - ii. They have arrived from an interstate or a regional/rural area at the time of selection trials
 - iii. They fit within the player eligibility to participate criteria
 - iv. They are of suitable talent (as determined in 'Evaluating new players' below)
 - v. They are able to play each week and willing to commit to the team in which they are placed
 - vi. They are willing to pay the invoiced fees (regardless of how many games remain in the season)
 - vii. They are willing to commit to all requirements of a WDNA representative team player, including the Code of Behaviour, attendance at training and events, and participation in fundraising.
- b. A player will not be considered if it is determined that:
 - i. There is no space available in the player's age group based on their preferred two playing positions
 - ii. Existing players will be disadvantaged in any way.

3. Evaluating new players

To determine whether a new player is of suitable talent, in addition to the age group head coach, one or more of the following conditions must be met:

- i. They have been assessed by the head coach of the player's age group in three games on a Saturday at the WDNA courts
- ii. They are a current or past member of a state netball squad
- iii. They are a current or past member of a VNL team or squad
- iv. They are a current or past member or a Zone Academy region
- v. They are a current or past member or a regional team (eg. Henderson)

4. Team allocation

- a. All current WDNA representative team players will be assessed first to their suitability of filling any vacant positions in higher teams.
- b. The new player will be placed in the team that has the vacant position.

5. Responsibility matrix

Activity	Age group Head Coach	WNTA Representative New Player Acceptance Sub-committee	WNTA Representative Teams Chairperson*
New player acceptance		✓	Decides*
New player evaluation	Assesses	✓	Decides*
Team allocation		✓	

✓ = The person/group responsible for this task.

* = Where there is not unanimous agreement amongst parties, the Chairperson will make the final decision.

6. WNTA Representative Teams New Player Acceptance Sub-committee

- a. A WNTA Representative Teams New Player Acceptance Sub-committee will be responsible for executing and upholding this Policy.
- b. Formation of the WNTA Representative Teams Sub-committee will be undertaken at the start of each playing year.
- c. The WNTA Representative Teams Sub-committee will be made up of the following individuals:
 - i. WNTA Representative Teams Chairperson
 - ii. One of the 17/U, 15/U and 13/U Head Coaches
 - iii. WNTA Representative Teams Player & Coach Coordinator.