

### WDNA 51 - Representative Teams Player Attendance & Court Time Policy

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#### Policy Objectives

To provide a clear statement of the expectations of players and their commitment to attendance at training and games.

You, your team and the WDNA Representative Teams, develop and function best when everyone can rely on each other to attend training sessions and games.

Each player and their parents/guardians acknowledge that they are making a commitment to:

- Waverley District Netball Association
- Their team and squad
- Themselves

#### Expectations (It is expected that;)

- a player will attend every training session and game throughout the season.
- players will arrive at the time scheduled by the team coach.
- players will participate fully in training and games with a goal to improve and get the most out of the session
- players will attend scheduled WDNA events and tournaments.
- players will be available for all games during the final's series.

#### Non-Attendance

WDNA understands that at times players may have commitments that may impact their availability to attend training and/or games:

- Where a player is unable to attend training, no game time is guaranteed and may receive reduced court time (a maximum of two quarters) in the next scheduled game.
- A player or their parent/guardian must notify the coach and team manager as soon as they are aware that they will be unable to attend training, a game, a tournament, or a WDNA event.
- Where a player chose to attend another sporting event instead of training, no game time is guaranteed at the next scheduled game.
- Where a player does not notify the coach of non-attendance at training, no game time is guaranteed at the next scheduled game.
- Players, who take the opportunity to further their netball by attending higher level netball activities will not have their court time reduced in the next scheduled game. Examples of 'higher level' are, Henderson region netball trials/trainings, VNL club trainings/trials, Netball Victoria Talent Academy events, SSV netball events, State Team events or other events that have been approved by the WDNA committee.
- Where a player does not attend training due to injury, they will not receive any court time until a full training session is attended.

- Where a player does not participate fully in training due to injury, they will receive limited or no court time until they can fully participate in a training.
- Where a player does not attend training due to illness (including symptoms of COVID), they will receive a maximum of two quarters in the next scheduled game.
  - In some circumstances, a medical certificate may be required for the player to be able to take court in the next scheduled game.
- Where a player misses more than two trainings in a row, they will not receive any court time until two consecutive training sessions have been attended.
- Where non-attendance at a game (and notice is not provided to the coach or team manager at least 48 hours before to the game), the team coach will have the discretion to limit court time of a player for the next scheduled game.
- Where a player consistently misses games and/or training without a supported explanation, the WDNA Representative Teams Committee may at their discretion:
  - Suspend that player from active playing status until the player:
    - regularly attends training, and
    - commits to WDNA and their team, (demonstrated through fulfilling the agreement of behaviours document (signed by the player and their parent/guardian).
  - Cancel their status as a WDNA Representative Team player. No refunds or repayments will be made.
- Where the player is injured or ill, or is away due to a prolonged commitment, the Player Movement & Return to Play policy applies.

### **Allocation of court time**

Home and away games - Allocation of court time is at the discretion of coaches; however, it is expected that players should receive equal court time across the season allowing for position availability, training attendance/participation and finals.

If players attend and participate fully in training, they must receive court time in the next scheduled game (unless they have been rostered off in the case of teams with more than 10 players).

Finals - All teams members must receive court time in each finals game however, equal court time during finals times is not compulsory.

### **Fill-in players**

When additional players are required for a representative team due to absences of team members, players from the representative team program are the first port of call.

The fill-in player:

- Should not displace an available and eligible team member.
- Should be considered part of the team and receive adequate court time. (Usually, equal court time as most of the available team members.)
- Can receive additional court time if 'position' team members (e.g., goaler) are not available for rotation. For example, if only two (2) goalers attend and one (1) of the goalers is a fill-in player, they will play the full game.

### **Notes:**

- Next available game = the next game scheduled where the player is in attendance and enough players are available for positional changes.
- Exceptions to this policy can be made with approval from the WDNA Representative Teams Committee and/or the age group head coach.