



Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

REPRESENTATIVE PARENT HANDBOOK

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Definitions

Eligible Representative Player

1. Players must nominate for selection by completing the appropriate online form to the Association Secretary for consideration, outlining their playing experience and other relevant netball experience (eg coaching, umpiring) by the closing date as set out in the Association Calendar.
2. Players must have a current pass in the Netball Australia Umpires Section 1 Theoretical Exam and attach a copy to their application form.
3. All registered players with Netball NSW shall be eligible for selection to play in teams representing the Association.
4. Re-trialling representative players must have participated in at least 75% of games in the preceding local competition at Woy Woy to be eligible for selection unless there are extenuating circumstances that have not allowed the player to participate in the required amount of games (such as injury). A decision in this case is to be determined by the Executive Committee.
5. Players must present themselves on selection day unless prior approval has been granted by WWPNA Executive.
6. Successful applicants will be advised via social media posts.

Representative Player

A player selected to represent Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association at Carnivals, Regional and State Netball Events. A representative player is selected based on ability and attitude. All representative players (and parents) must abide by the [Netball NSW Code of Behaviour](#)

Development Squad

An 11 years development squad is selected each year to participate in carnivals only. The 11 years Development Squad aims to develop players to prepare them for their first year of Representative netball the following year. Development Squad Carnivals are held in a Round Robin format. A squad uniform is to be purchased and usually consists of the Representative training shirt. Indicative fees are \$100. This includes uniform, carnival entry fees and carnival umpires.

Representative Squad

In some cases, a representative squad will be selected and commence training. Squads may consist of as many players as the Selection panel for that age group deems appropriate. All selectors for that age group are expected to attend training sessions. Final selections will be usually between four to six weeks after initial selection date, but prior to the uniform fitting date, or another appropriate date as approved by the Executive.

Representative Team

Players who trial and are then selected, form a representative team for the next year. Once Confirmation of Acceptance has been received from all players, the team training details are confirmed by the Representative Team Coach. Indicative fees are \$1,200. This includes carnival entries, carnival umpires, fitness training, all State Titles fees: accommodation, meals, entry, umpires, physio, and bus travel. Representative uniform fees are approximately \$300 and includes: socks, tracksuit, training shirt and shorts, dress, scungies, and polo shirt.

Train-on team

This is a training only team that will participate in training activities with a new trial date to be scheduled by the coach and selectors.

Training partner

Selectors may name a 'training partner' for each area of the court – that is shooting end, centre court and defence ends. The training partner is to attend all training sessions and may also attend Carnivals as deemed by the Coach. If a selected player subsequently withdraws from a team prior to State Titles, the following will occur:

- a) The selectors will return to the original list to appoint a replacement.
- b) If no player of suitable standard is in the original nominations, the selectors may invite a replacement player for the team.

State Titles

The HART Junior State Titles is a flagship event within the Netball NSW pathway.

The three-day tournament showcases the strength of grassroots netball with young players from all over the state coming together to play the game they love.

HART Junior State Titles are players who are 12, 13 and 14 years of age usually held the last weekend of June or first weekend in July. For more information please see [Netball NSW Junior State Titles](#) website.

The HART Senior State Titles is a flagship event within the NNSW pathway.

The three-day tournament showcases the strength of grassroots netball with players from all over the state coming together to play the game they love. The HART Senior State Titles will see players in the Opens, 17s and 15s contesting the Competition usually held over the June long weekend. For more information please see [Netball NSW Senior State Titles](#) website.

Hunter Regional League

HART Regional League is the premier netball competition in Regions Two – Eight of NSW where the area's most talented netballers, coaches, umpires and administrators showcase their skills. Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association represent Hunter Region (Region 2). Dates for Hunter Regional League are released at the start of the year and the team Coach will provide these to you to ensure full attendance is achieved by the team. Only players aged in 17s and Opens compete.

Association Representative Carnivals

'Representative' carnivals are attended prior to the State Titles. Representative Coaches will discuss with the WWPNA Representative Convenor the carnivals they have identified from the Netball NSW Carnival Schedule they would like to enter their team into. The carnivals are submitted to the WWPNA Executive for consideration and confirmation. Coaches and Managers then provide this information to all parents so that the dates are known well in advance for full attendance to be achieved.

Representative Patch

The representative patch is given at the start of the Representative Season and is to be sewn/ironed onto the sleeve of the Representative Tracksuit Jacket. The patch details the association and age the player is representing.

Senior State Titles Information Sheet

HART Senior State Titles is a flagship event within the Netball NSW talent pathway. Historically known as the State Championships, now known as Senior State Titles, with the Opens, 17s and 15s contesting the competition. Senior State Titles take place on the June long Weekend each year. Games are played across three full days: Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Opens comprises of three Divisions – Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3

17s and **15s** comprise of 4 divisions – Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4

Senior State Titles for Division 1 and Division 2 teams play at one venue and Division 3 and Division 4 teams play at another venue. Your **Representative Coach** will advise which Division your team will be entered in for Senior State Titles. Divisions are confirmed by Netball NSW in April, prior to the State Titles in June.

Senior State Titles is the pinnacle event that representative players prepare for all year. It is expected that all representative players are available to play at this event. Hunter Regional League and Carnivals are ‘training’ opportunities to prepare teams to compete across the three days of the State Titles.

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association will organise travel, accommodation, food, Physio - all arrangements for the duration of Senior State Titles. These costs are included in Representative Player Fees. The teams stay together in a ‘camp’ and remain with the team supervised by the Coach and Manager and WWPNA Executive for the full three days. Teams travel to the accommodation together on a bus which leaves Lemon Grove Courts Ettalong Beach, the Friday night and returns to the courts on the Monday night. All details are provided in the weeks leading up to State Titles. The draw is available from the Netball NSW Website via Play HQ.

Player and uniform fees must be paid in full by the due date prior to the State Titles. If fees are not paid your/ your child’s position in the team will be deemed ‘unfinancial’ and they are unable to play. Both 1st Instalment and 2nd Instalment of fees **must be paid prior to Hunter Regional League** (March) or the player will be deemed unfinancial and unable to play.

Training All players are expected to attend every training and fitness session set by their Coach. Injured or unwell players (unless contagious or extremely unwell) are expected to attend and watch. This keeps them informed of what is happening within the team. Training is Tuesday and Thursdays for a minimum of 90 minutes. Times will be confirmed by the Coach at the beginning of the representative season.

Carnivals All players are required to attend all carnivals set by the Association. These are extremely important for the Coaches. Players are to sit with their team in the allocated tent. We ask parents to find a space to set up away from the team.

Additional information is available from the [Netball NSW Senior State Titles Website](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact your Representative Coach in the first instance to discuss any queries about the State Titles.

Junior State Titles Information Sheet

HART Junior State Titles is a flagship event within the Netball NSW talent pathway. Historically known as the State Championships, now known as Junior State Titles, with the 14s, 13s and 12s contesting the competition.

Junior State Titles take place on the first weekend of the NSW July School holidays each year.

Games are played across three full days: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Each age group comprise of 4 divisions – Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, and Division 4

Junior State Titles for Division 1 and Division 2 teams play at one venue and Division 3 and Division 4 teams play at another venue. Your Representative Coach will advise which Division your team will be entered in for Junior State Titles.

Divisions are confirmed by Netball NSW in May, prior to the State Titles in July.

Junior State Titles is the pinnacle event that representative players prepare for all year. It is expected that all representative players are available to play at this event. Representative Carnivals are 'training' opportunities to prepare teams to compete across the three days of the State Titles.

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association will organise travel, accommodation, food, Physio - all arrangements for the duration of Junior State Titles. These costs are included in Representative Player Fees. The teams stay together in a 'camp' and remain with the team supervised by the Coach and Manager for the full three days. Teams travel to the accommodation together on a bus which leaves Lemon Grove Courts Ettalong Beach, the Friday night and returns to the courts on the Monday night. All details are provided in the weeks leading up to State Titles. The Draw for State Titles is available from the Netball NSW Website via PlayHQ.

Fees player and uniform fees must be paid in full by the due date prior to the State Titles. If fees are not paid your child's position in the team will be deemed 'unfinancial' and they are unable to play.

Training All players are expected to attend every training and fitness session set by their Coach. Injured or unwell players (unless contagious or extremely unwell) are expected to attend and watch. This keeps them informed of what is happening within the team. Training is Tuesday and Thursdays for a minimum of 90 minutes. Times will be confirmed by the Coach at the beginning of the Representative season.

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Carnivals Information Sheet

Carnivals will be confirmed by the team Coach and Manager at the start of each representative season.

Carnivals are our preparation for getting the girls ready for State Titles where they will be away from you for three days and nights. We ask that you please set up your spectator tent area away from the WWPNA team tent areas. This allows the girls to be focused on what their Coaches are talking to them about after games and allows for team bonding. Thank you for your assistance.

Below are some standard items that apply for each carnival:

- Start times may vary, but 7.30am is a good time to plan to arrive for each carnival.
- Finish times may vary, please plan to be playing through to 4.30pm for each carnival.
- Arrive ready to play – full Representative uniform (including tracksuit if weather permits)
- When players arrive at the courts, they are to find their coach and help set up the gazebo.
- Players remain with their Coach, Manager and Team all day.
- Generally, draws are available from PlayHQ by entering the Association venue e.g. Maitland
In some instances, draws are only available via the Coach/Manager on the day
- No food is to be purchased from the Canteen unless discussed with Manager first

Players are to bring:

- Enough water to last the entire day
- Sports drinks are optional
- Grazing food such as: Fruit, carrot sticks, cheese, yoghurt, crackers, wraps, muesli bars, dips, cold pasta, small bread rolls etc. We encourage healthy options to sustain energy levels throughout the day
- Sunscreen
- Hand towel
- At least one pair of spare socks
- Band-aids/Blister band-aids
- Chair
- Blanket (in cooler weather)

All players and parents are expected to uphold the [Netball NSW Code of Behaviour](#); respect their coach, manager, teammates, and umpires.

If you have any queries, please contact your Team Manager in the first instance.

Representative Carnival Addresses

Association Name	Association Address
Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Association	Wellgate Ave Kellyville, NSW 2155 Australia + Google Map
Camden Netball Association	Kirkham Park, Cnr Camden Valley Way and Hilder St Elderslie, NSW Australia + Google Map
Campbelltown District Netball Association	Coronation Park, Redfern Rd Minto, NSW Australia + Google Map
Cessnock Netball Association	23 Vernon Street, Cessnock, NSW Australia +Google Map
Eastwood/Ryde	Eastwood Ryde – Meadowbank Park, Adelaide Street West Ryde, NSW 2114 Australia + Google Map
Hills District Netball Association	Pennant Hills Park, Britannia St, Pennant Hills, NSW 2120 Australia + Google Map
InnerWest Netball Association	Cintra Park, Crane Street, Concord NSW 2137 + Google Map
Kurri Kurri Netball Association	119 Maitland St Kurri Kurri , 2031 2327Australia + Google Map
Lakeside Netball Association	Merleview St Belmont, NSW Australia + Google Map
Liverpool City Netball Association	Woodward Park, Hoxton Park Rd Liverpool, NSW Australia + Google Map
Maitland Netball Association	18 Gipps St South Maitland, NSW 2320 Australia + Google Map
Manly Warringah Netball Association	CC Sports Centre, John Fisher Park, Abbott Road North Curl Curl, NSW 2099 Australia + Google Map
Newcastle Netball Association	National Park, Union St Newcastle, NSW Australia + Google Map
Northern Suburbs Association	Bicentennial Reserve Willoughby, NSW Australia + Google Map
Parramatta/Auburn Netball Association	Wyatt Park, Percy Street Auburn, NSW 2141 Australia + Google Map
Port Stephens Netball Association	Cnr William Bailey and Port Stephens St Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324 Australia + Google Map
Singleton Netball Association	Rose Point Park Singleton, NSW Australia + Google Map
Westlakes Netball Association	Dobell Drive Wangi Wangi, NSW Australia + Google Map
Wyang Netball Association	Ithome St Wyang, NSW Australia + Google Map

Representative Fees

Representative fees change each year. An indicative fee would be \$1,200 for the year and includes all Junior and Senior State Titles costs. In addition to this the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association Representative uniform is required by all players and costs approximately \$300. This is for the full kit: dress, briefs, tracksuit jacket and pants, training shorts, polo, and socks. Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association understands that this is a substantial investment by families for their child. The 11s Development Squad fee is approximately \$100. **This includes uniform, carnival entry fees and carnival umpires.**

Representative players are required to be registered with their **Club** by **31 January** of the competition year to be eligible to enter Representative Carnivals and State Titles.

Confirmation of Acceptance

Once selected into a Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association Representative team you will receive an email outlining the payment options.

The first payment due is the 'Confirmation of Acceptance'. This demonstrates to the Association that the player confirms acceptance of a position in a Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association Representative Team and understands the Confirmation of Acceptance and Withdrawal Conditions.

Confirmation of Acceptance Conditions

- 1) Non-refundable Confirmation of Acceptance fee \$250.00 has been paid
 - a. Confirmation of Acceptance fee is due one month after selections announced
- 2) Upon 'Confirmation of Acceptance' the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association Representative Player, is expected to withdraw from any other Association Representative Squad or Team.

Withdrawal Condition

A Representative Player who withdraws after Confirmation of Acceptance, to accept a position as a Representative Player for any other Association, '**may**' be ineligible to trial for a WWPNA Representative team the following year. This is at the discretion of the Executive. Note: Pathway Acceptances are excluded from this condition

What do Representative Fees cover?

Carnival Entries and Umpire fees, State Titles Entry, Accommodation, Bus, All Food, Team Tents, Physio, Umpiring and Facilities for the three days and weekly fitness sessions by a qualified trainer. Fees are expected to be fully paid one month before the Senior and Junior State Titles each year.

Active Kids Vouchers can be redeemed to contribute to Representative Fees. (Note: payments made with an Active Kids Voucher are not refundable or transferable).

The Association also provides payment plans where families can directly deposit fees in affordable payments from time of confirmed player selection.

The Association strives to keep costs to a minimum and works diligently to secure sponsorship opportunities each year.

In addition to this, the weekly BBQ on a Saturday at the courts during the regular netball season is rotated each week across the representative teams for the opportunity to fund raise. Teams can do additional fundraising activities that they arrange and can also secure their own sponsors to reduce costs.

If you have any questions regarding payments, please don't hesitate to email wwpna@bigpond.com.

Participation Expectations

Players are expected to participate in Hunter Regional League (seniors only), approximately four carnivals, State Titles, fitness training and train twice per week.

Parent Behaviour

Parents are responsible for:

1. Understanding the [Netball NSW Code of Behaviour](#) and their responsibility to uphold it
2. Complying with any decisions made by the Representative Coach
3. Co-operating to provide a netball environment free of discrimination, child abuse, bullying, sexual harassment and victimisation.

Player Behaviour

Players are responsible for:

1. Understanding the [Netball NSW Code of Behaviour](#) and their responsibility to uphold it
2. Complying with any decisions made by the Representative Coach
3. Co-operating to provide a netball environment free of discrimination, child abuse, bullying, sexual harassment and victimisation.

Communication

The team coach may create a What's App group (or similar) for communicating with parents about training details, carnival dates and general information. The Representative Convenor will also be a member of this What's App group.

In most instances the team Manager or Coach will be able to answer any questions throughout the Representative season and are your first point of contact.

If you need to seek further guidance, please email wwpna@bigpond.com attention of the Representative Convenor.

All communication is expected to be courteous and respectful.