



Leschenault Netball Association

Representative Team Policy

This document outlines the Leschenault Netball Association (LNA) Representative Team selection and management process for communication to our members.

1.0 Selection Process

Selection of LNA Representative Team members will occur on a date as published by the LNA Board. Team squads will be selected on the following basis:

- Up to 20 players in each age group maybe selected to represent the association at all carnivals the LNA Committee aims to form up to 2 teams.
- A squad will be first selected and then divided into a First & Second Team after all fees have been paid. The first team will contain less than the second team if numbers fall below 20 to allow for players to play up.
- Selection of First Team (Blue) if a player is unable to attend all nominated carnivals for the season they cannot be selected for the First Team (Blue). Only exception to this rule is if the player has State development pathway commitments. Example U12 and U15 State School Girls Netball Team.
- If there are less than 18 players registered for selection then only 9-10 players will be selected and only one team will be formed. An option to select up to 4 train on/training partners may be presented, upon consideration between the Coach and Development Officer.
- All players in the U14s and below must be registered with LNA to play in their competition
- If 17 and older full teams may represent LNA if so approved by the LNA committee and fees/costs are paid as determined by the committee and are not required to have played for LNA rep previously or in the LNA competition.
- Players in the U16s age group who have played in the LNA Competition previously for at least 2 years in the LNA Competition and have previously represented LNA, can be eligible to trial and not play in the LNA competition for the current season.

Teams will be selected and then coaches will be sought. ***If LNA Is unable to receive the support of a suitably qualified coach then a team may be withdrawn from the process.*** Parents are encouraged to volunteer as a coach and any training required will be paid for by LNA. To qualify as a coach you have to have achieved your Development Coaching certificate or your foundation certificate if coaching U11s.

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A player must attend at least 1 trial date, unless injured in which case they will require a Medical certificate and can only be considered if they have previously played for the LNA Representative teams. They can then be included in the squad with a condition that its subject to a fitness test.

2.0 LNA Representative Team and the LNA Weekday Competition

Due to fixturing, only the U11s -U13's LNA Representative Teams will be playing in the LNA weekday competition, therefore this section only applies to those age group teams. Should the coach so choose, and there is sufficient interest, players in other age groups may choose to play as a team in the LLC or Eaton Ladies competitions.

In addition, to selected teams a squad of 14 will be chosen from those players interested in playing in the LNA weekday squad at a higher level. All players from the Blue team who wish to participate will be chosen, plus as many as is required from the yellow team to make up a squad of 14. Players who chose not to play or those not selected will be invited to play at no cost each week if the team falls below the minimum of 14 and coaches have time to contact people. Alternatively, a coach can choose all players from both teams and operate with a roster.

The purpose of this is to make an LNA team whose players will play half a game each week in a higher grade than they would otherwise play in. It is recommended it be a half game as no player should play more than 6 quarters of netball in one session. (This rule is in line with the southwest Netball Football League player management rules). Coaches need to be prepared to ensure a player does not ideally play the last quarter before their game so as to not adversely impact their club team. Should a team have less than 14 on a night no player can play more than half if their club team plays immediately after the LNA rep team.

If there is insufficient interest in the entire squad to play in the LNA weekday competition, the team will not play in the weekday competition. The only exception to this rule of 14 players is for the U11s and the majority of the players play on a Saturday morning then they will not be 'over playing' if they play 3-4 quarters on a weeknight, thus in this case a team of 10-12 may be deemed sufficient.

LNA Representative Team members are only permitted to play in the LNA weekday competition on the condition they also play in their club/entity team for that week.

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Exceptions to this includes when a bye is fixtured for their club/entity team or their game is forfeited by the opposing team.

LNA Representative Teams will be graded with the specific purpose of not being the strongest team in that division, however should they end up in the finals they will relinquish their place in the final 4, and the other club/entity teams will move up the ladder accordingly to fill the space or if the division is a group of 4 they will forfeit their finals games.

3.0 Competitions and Commitment

All LNA Representative Team players will be requested to provide a financial contribution to cover the cost of running and registering these teams. The amount each year will vary depending upon the competitions played and will be set by the LNA Committee.

Players are required to attend the majority of all scheduled LNA Representative Team training sessions. Players are required to be available for:

- Associations Championships held in Perth.
- South West Championships held in the South West
- Sara Donovan Carnival held in the South West

Most Carnivals are multiple day carnivals, if a player is unable to attend for one of the carnival days they will forfeit for that carnival. If in the First Team (Blue) then a player from the Second Team (Yellow) will be asked to play in the First Team (Blue) for the carnival. If in the Second Team (Yellow) then a Training Partner will be asked to play in the Second Team (Yellow) for the carnival. Players MUST play all days within the allocated carnival.

Dates are generally advised at the time of trialling. If you are not available for carnivals and/or the majority of training sessions, then you are not eligible to join the team.

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4.0 Fair Play Policy

- A fair play policy has now been introduced in accordance with Netball WA. Meaning unless there is an injury or players have not attended training, all team members are to have equal court time over the course of the carnival *not including finals*.
- *Example 10 players on a team, 6 games with 2 halves per carnival, total 12 halves. Each player must play 8 halves for the minor round games.*
- *Example 10 players on a team, 6 games with 4 quarters per carnival, total 24 quarters. Each player must play 16 quarters for the minor round games.*
- *Example 9 players on a team, 6 games with 2 halves per carnival, total 12 halves. Each player must play 9 halves for the minor round games.*
- *Example 9 players on a team, 6 games with 4 quarters per carnival, total 24 quarters. Each player must play 18 quarters for the minor round games.*
- *Teams playing in finals, all players available and eligible to play MUST play a minimum of ½ the game. After this allocation is met the coach may allocate players based on performance.*
- To qualify to play in finals at NetballWA carnivals, players must have participated in a minimum of three (3) games during the minor round games of the carnival.
- Coaches are to keep records of court allocations for each game to validation fair play policy. They are not required to keep records of rolling substitutions.

Please note, playing in the LNA weekday competition is optional and girls must be selected to join.

Uniforms

LNA Representative Team members will be required to wear an LNA uniform. All uniforms are provided free of charge including a pair of socks. Jackets/Hoodies are optional, players are encouraged to purchase one but it's not mandatory.

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Training

LNA Representative Teams will train for:

- a period decided by the LNA committee each year taking into consideration Member Assoc. Carnival and SW Championships
- U/11's will have their own schedule approved by their coach and ADO.
- Players are required to commit to a majority of trainings up to a **maximum of 8**. Note coaches can elect to train further at no extra charge to players but players will not be disadvantaged if they cannot attend more than the **majority of 8 in total**.

After this time frame LNA Representative Teams will cease training but continue their development via games played in the LNA weekday competition if applicable. To ensure you remain qualified for the team, players must attend at least 80% of all training sessions. The 2 sessions prior to the members weekend in June are considered to be mandatory sessions. Exception will be made for injury or illness and a doctor's certificate may be required for clearance purposes.

Players who do not attend 80% of 8 training sessions will forfeit their position in the First team and a girl in the second team will be invited to swap. Note if injured and you attend that counts as attending.

Training can continue beyond the above times should a coach so choose, however this is not mandatory and in no way impacts a player's position in any team. All training beyond that noted above shall be done without asking parents for additional money.

LNA Representative Team Support

The LNA Board will appoint a qualified coach and coaches choose a team manager to support teams. Where ever possible a qualified or training assistant coach will also be appointed. A qualified coach means that the coach has achieved the Development Level (Foundation for U11's) of Netball Coaching Qualifications and is considered to be suitably experienced by the LNA Board.

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