



## **Trials and Selection Policy**

**Note – this policy informs on trials for Sub Primary through to Senior Grading.**

Athletes nominating for Premier League Teams/ Squad is a separate selection process.

Oakdale Netball Club, here known as 'The Club', is a member of Netball SA and consistently has high representation in every grade in AMND Winter and City Night Summer competitions. Our teams are represented in the first division of every grade including State Premier League, AMND League, Inter 1, Junior 1, Sub Junior 1 and Primary 1.

The Club's development programs and its pathway status to Premier League attract athletes to the Club from a variety of Clubs, ensuring a strong depth of athlete ability. High numbers of athlete's trial across all grades and are placed in teams according to the availability of coaches.

### **An athlete's placement is affected by a number of factors including but not restricted to:**

- Their ability relative to other athletes competing for the same position. This is assessed by comparing their skill level, physical development, agility and maturity in decision making.
- Performance at trials.
- Performance in the previous season (if an existing player).
- Attendance at training in the previous season (if an existing player).
- Selection in a Summer Competition Team does not mean automatic selection in a team for Winter competition OR an equivalent grading expectation for any trials thereafter.
- Their time spent at the club as a "Club Athlete", a player who has consistently played in 3 consecutive "Winter Seasons" with the Oakdale Netball Club.

### **Registrations**

- Information and **link to Oakdale Registrations for 'Play HQ'** are available on the Club's website. A trial fee is required to be paid when registering.
- Athletes are expected to nominate for their eligible age group. Requests nominating to trial in an above age group will be considered at the discretion of the relevant Club officials.
- It is the athletes responsibility to lodge correctly all details (emails addresses etc), as **no receipt will be issued** by the Club and all monies owing will need to be promptly paid through Play HQ to secure your position in the team.
- Late registrations by exception, may be placed on a "wait list".
- Registered athletes must communicate in writing an inability to participate in trials.
  
- All further communication and correspondence is to be through the 'Club's Registrar' and will be done utilising the athlete's nominated email address. The Club will not accept responsibility for lack of notice due to advice of incorrect information.
  
- For further clarification of this process email the Club Registrar at [registrar@oakdalenetballclub.com.au](mailto:registrar@oakdalenetballclub.com.au)



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Are supported by:

- A panel of selectors whose role is to recommend athlete selections into teams and or squads.
- A team of pencillers whose role is to provide games/teams to take to the court and **have no role in athlete's team placements.** Every effort is made for athletes to play in their preferable positions and have equal time on court, over the course of all trials.
- Club officials, all who have specific roles on the day.

### **Athlete Selections**

- Selections are based on an athlete's nominated preferred positions with consideration to knowledge, demonstrated skills, attitude and behaviours.
- A total of 9 athletes are to be selected for each team. It may be necessary to have 10 athletes in some teams in each division to give flexibility as required.
- The best athlete for each position is selected first and the remaining 2 or 3 places are based on utility (GS/GA GK/GD) or combinations (work well with the different athletes).
- Squads may be deemed appropriate and further selections will be made at a later nominated date.
- In athlete selection, occasionally a "Talent Identified Athlete" (TIA) may be granted an exemption to the trials process at the Club's discretion.
- Should an athlete not participate in trials due to injury, they require a medical certificate. This athlete will be tentatively placed, and a review of their placement will occur once a medical clearance has been provided.

A **'Club Athlete'** is given the first opportunity to be placed, with new athletes considered based on their:

- Knowledge, attitude, demonstrated skills and preferred positions.
- **If the number of players registered exceeds the available places, then:  
Only "New players" that are selected in teams 1, 2 and 3 will be guaranteed to be placed.  
Trialing does not guarantee selection.**
- "Club Athletes" will be placed ahead of new players of equal ability.



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### **Post Selections**

#### **Notifications of Team Placements**

- Athletes and or parents are informed via the email address provided within the nominated time frames. This being prior to the season commencing and will include team placement, team members and coach details (when available) and any outstanding fees for prompt payment.
- **All athletes must respond within the nominated timeframes to accept or decline a team offer.**
- **A lack of response will be presumed as a declined offer and the placement offered to another athlete.**
- Final team placements will be confirmed on payment of season fees in Play HQ unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Treasurer.

### **Clarification**

- Parents/athletes seeking further clarification or information about selection procedures will be referred to the relevant policies that are available on the Club's website or here within this document to be re-read for clarification.
- There will be no feedback provided to parents on the selected position offered and/or the athlete's performance at trials.

### **Wait Listed Athletes**

- Athletes who are not placed immediately will be 'wait listed' and may be:
  - Invited to a position in a team as/when one becomes available.
  - Invited to training which may include pre-season.
  - If unable to trial, placed, in negotiation with the relevant coordinator and or Club official and agreed upon by the Club's executive committee at their discretion.

### **Alterations to Athlete Team Offers**

- In the event of vacancies and late withdrawals the selection panel /lead selector and relevant Club official/s will discuss the position to be filled and identify potential available athlete/s to be moved into the team.
- Athlete movement after acceptances between teams is sometimes necessary and will be done so following Club policies, procedures and guidelines with the relevant Club officials. All alterations will be in writing via the Club secretary.

### **Reference**

'Play HQ', Play Hq Website: <http://www.playhq.com>

This policy is reviewed and endorsed by the Committee of the Oakdale Netball Club. Cited 30/01/2023

Last reviewed and updated by M Kroschel February 2023

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