



Trial 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, Men's Super 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 backgrounds, ensuring a strong depth of athlete ability. High numbers of athletes trial across all grades and are placed in teams according to the availability of coaches.

An athlete's placement is affected by 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.
- Potential for future development.
- Performance in the previous season (if an existing player).
- Attendance at training in the previous season (if an existing player).
- Their time spent at the club as a "Club Athlete", defined as a player who has consistently played in 3 consecutive "Winter Seasons" with the Oakdale Netball Club.
- 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.

Registrations:

- Information and a link to Oakdale Registrations on '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 to nominate to trial in an older age group will be considered at the discretion of the relevant Club officials.
- It is the athlete's 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 a position in a team.



- Late registrations by exception, may be placed on a “wait list”.
- Registered athletes must communicate in writing by email to the Club Registrar an inability to participate in trials.
- All further communication and correspondence is to be through the Club Registrar and will be done utilising the athlete's nominated email address. The Club will not accept responsibility for lack of notice due to the supply of incorrect contact information.
- For further clarification of this process email the Club Registrar at registrar@oakdalenetballclub.com.au

Trials and Selection Procedures are supported by:

- A panel of selectors whose role is to recommend athlete selections into teams and or squads.
- A team of pencilers whose role is to provide games/teams to take to the court and have no role in athlete team placements. Every effort is made for athletes to play in their preferred 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 and potential for future development.
- 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 for further selections to 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, preferred positions and potential for future development.



- If the number of players registered exceeds the available places, then only new players considered appropriate for selection in teams 1, 2 and 3 will be guaranteed to be placed. Trialling does not guarantee selection.
- “Club Athletes’ will thereafter be placed ahead of new players of equal ability and development potential.

Post Selection Notifications of Team Placements:

- Athletes and or parents are informed via the email address provided within the time frames nominated by the Club. This notification will include team placement, team members and coach details (when available), additional training requirements for TID athletes, 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 to be 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 this and other policies that are available on the Club’s website.
- There will be no feedback provided on the placement 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.

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 in consultation 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

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