



Wagga Wagga Netball Association Inc.

Representative Policy

2026 VERSION ONE

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Our Representative Philosophy

The Wagga Wagga Netball Association Representative Program exists to provide players, coaches, officials and volunteers with opportunities to develop, compete and represent the Association in an environment that is safe, inclusive, respectful and committed to excellence.

Our program values effort, commitment, teamwork, sportsmanship, integrity and continuous improvement above individual success.

Representative selection is earned through demonstrated ability, attitude, coachability and commitment, and is supported by transparent and equitable processes.

WWNA is committed to developing not only successful teams, but capable athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who positively represent our Association and the sport of netball.

1. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

1.1 Wagga Wagga Netball Association Inc (WWNA) is committed to providing a fair, transparent, safe and development-focused Representative Program for players, coaches, umpires and officials.

1.2 The purpose of this Policy is to establish the governance principles, responsibilities, behavioural expectations and framework for the administration of the WWNA Representative Program. Operational processes supporting this Policy are contained within the WWNA Representative Procedures & Operations Manual.

1.3 WWNA acknowledges the importance of:

- procedural fairness;
- transparency and consistency;
- athlete wellbeing and development;
- appropriate governance;
- confidentiality; and
- respectful conduct throughout all stages of the representative process.

1.4 WWNA Executive reserves the right, following consultation with the Representative Committee, to:

- determine the number of teams entered into competitions;
- withdraw a team from competition; or
- refrain from entering a team where it is considered in the best interests of WWNA.

2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2.1 This Policy applies to all persons involved in the WWNA Representative Program including players, coaches, selectors, managers, umpires, volunteers, parents/guardians and WWNA Executive members.

2.2 This Policy governs:

- a) appointment of coaches and selectors;
- b) selection of representative squads and teams;
- c) appointment of team officials;
- d) player eligibility requirements;
- e) representative training and participation expectations;
- f) replacement and withdrawal procedures;
- g) appeals processes;
- h) confidentiality obligations; and
- i) behavioural expectations.

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3. GOVERNANCE & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

3.1 This Policy establishes the governance principles and framework for the Wagga Wagga Netball Association (WWNA) Representative Program.

3.2 The operational delivery of the Representative Program will be supported by the WWNA Representative Procedures & Operations Manual and associated forms, agreements, templates and operational documents.

3.3 The WWNA Executive Committee is authorised to develop, approve, amend and maintain operational procedures, forms, templates and supporting documentation necessary to implement this Policy, provided such documents remain consistent with the intent, principles and requirements of this Policy.

3.4 All persons involved in the Representative Program must comply with this Policy, the approved Representative Procedures & Operations Manual, and all relevant WWNA, Netball NSW and Netball Australia policies, codes of conduct and safeguarding requirements.

4. REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 The WWNA Representative Committee shall consist of:

- a) Representative Manager;
- b) Coach Convenor;
- c) Umpire Convenor; and
- d) any additional persons appointed by WWNA Executive as required;
- e) WWNA President, Secretary and Treasurer will be ex-officio members of the Representative Committee.

4.2 Any member of the Representative Committee with an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest must declare that conflict immediately.

5. REPRESENTATIVE MANAGER

The Representative Manager is responsible for the overall administration and coordination of the WWNA Representative Program on behalf of the WWNA Executive Committee.

6. COACH SELECTION

6.1 WWNA shall advertise coaching positions annually.

6.2 Coaches must:

- a) be a current financial member of Netball NSW and affiliated with a WWNA club.
- b) hold the minimum coaching accreditation (or equivalent qualification) required by Wagga Wagga Netball Association and/or Netball NSW for the role to which they are appointed.

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- c) satisfy all Working With Children requirements;
- d) and comply with WWNA and Netball NSW policies.

NOTE: Exceptions to this clause may be determined by the Coach Selection Panel once coach nominations close, if vacancies exist.

7. PLAYER SELECTION PANEL

7.1 WWNA Rep Committee shall appoint appropriately qualified and experienced selectors annually.

7.2 Selection Panels shall consist of a minimum of three selectors.

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

8.1 Players must satisfy the Netball NSW age eligibility requirements applicable to the relevant division.

8.2 To be eligible for selection, players must:

- a) submit a completed nomination form;
- b) be a registered financial member of Netball NSW;
- c) sign the Representative Commitment Agreement; and
- d) satisfy WWNA participation requirements.

9. PLAYER REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION TRIALS

9.1 Players attending selection trials must:

- a) wear attire as directed by WWNA;
- b) attend all scheduled trial sessions unless approved otherwise; and
- c) conduct themselves respectfully at all times.

10. REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION PROCESS

10.1 Representative selections may occur in multiple phases including:

- a) skills assessment;
- b) gameplay assessment; and
- c) squad training and evaluation.

11. TEAM TRAINING & CARNIVAL REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Selected players are expected to:

- a) attend scheduled training sessions;
- b) participate in approved carnivals and competitions;
- c) comply with coach directions; and
- d) uphold WWNA values and behavioural expectations.

12. PLAYER REPLACEMENT

12.1 A player may be withdrawn or replaced where:

- a) injury or illness prevents participation;
- b) behavioural or disciplinary concerns arise; or
- c) attendance requirements are not met.

13. PLAYER WITHDRAWAL

13.1 Players withdrawing from a representative team must notify WWNA in writing as soon as practicable.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT & RATIFICATION OF TEAMS

14.1 All representative teams and squads must be ratified by WWNA Executive prior to announcement.

15. APPEALS

15.1 Appeals will only be considered where it is alleged that this Policy or the approved Representative Procedures & Operations Manual has not been correctly applied.

15.2 Appeals must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the relevant selection announcement.

16. BUDGETING & FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

16.1 The Representative Manager will work with the WWNA Treasurer on the Representative Program Budget for final approval by the WWNA Executive.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY

17.1 All persons involved in the representative selection process must maintain confidentiality regarding:

- a) selection discussions;
- b) player assessments;
- c) selection deliberations; and

d) personal information.

17.2 Confidential information must not be disclosed outside the authorised selection or governance process unless required by law.

18. CODES OF CONDUCT

18.1 All participants within the WWNA Representative Program are bound by WWNA, Netball NSW and Netball Australia policies and Codes of Conduct.

19. SAFEGUARDING

19.1 WWNA is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and child-safe environment for all participants involved in the Representative Program.

19.2 All representative activities, including travel and overnight stays, must comply with applicable Netball NSW, Netball Australia and legislative safeguarding requirements.

20. POLICY REVIEW

20.1 This Policy will be reviewed every two (2) years, or earlier where required due to legislative, governance or Netball NSW policy changes.