



Player Selection and Trial Policy

Purpose

The Flagstaff Hill Falcons Netball Club is committed to fostering a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment for all players. The purpose of the trial and selection process is to create balanced and competitive teams that support player development, enjoyment, teamwork, and the long-term success of the Club.

The Club aims to place players in teams where they can contribute positively, continue to develop their skills, build strong relationships with teammates, and have an enjoyable netball experience. All selection decisions are made in the best interests of the players, the teams, and the Club as a whole.

Selection Panel

The Club will appoint a selection panel for each trial period. Depending on availability, selectors may include coaches, senior players, parents, committee members, and other suitably experienced individuals.

Where possible, the Club aims to utilise selectors who are familiar with players' styles of play, personalities, and development. This knowledge assists in creating balanced teams and placing players in environments where they can thrive and contribute positively. Selectors are expected to act impartially and in the best interests of all players and the Club.

Selection Criteria

Team selection is based on a range of factors and is not determined solely by trial performance. The selection panel may consider:

- Performance demonstrated during trials.
- Netball skills, game awareness, and understanding of gameplay.
- Ability to work effectively with teammates and contribute positively within a team environment.
- Feedback and input from coaches and from previous seasons, where appropriate.
- Attitude, sportsmanship, and willingness to learn.
- Coachability and responsiveness to feedback.
- Availability and commitment to attend training sessions and games.
- Team balance, positional requirements, and combinations.
- The overall best interests of the player and the team.



Team Composition

To ensure teams are balanced and able to cover injuries and player absences, team selections will also take into consideration positional requirements. Where possible, each team will include:

- Three (3) shooters/attackers.
- Three (3) mid-court players.
- Three (3) defenders, including circle defenders.

Winter competition teams will generally consist of a minimum of ten (10) players, while Summer competition teams will generally consist of a minimum of nine (9) players.

Team sizes and positional allocations may be adjusted at the discretion of the Club, taking into account player numbers, competition requirements, and the overall best interests of the players and the Club.

Trial Attendance

Players are expected to attend all scheduled trial sessions. If a player is unable to attend due to illness, injury, or exceptional circumstances, the Club should be notified as soon as possible. While every effort will be made to consider these circumstances, non-attendance may impact team placement.

Team Placement

All team selections and placements are made with the aim of creating balanced teams that promote player development, enjoyment, and the long-term success of the Club.

Selection decisions are based on trial performance and the criteria outlined in this policy and are made in good faith. Team placements are final.

However, during the grading period, if it becomes apparent that a player is not compatible with the team environment, playing combinations, or positional requirements, the Club reserves the right to make adjustments to team placements. Any such movement will be made following consultation with the coach, player, parents or guardians, and the Committee, with the best interests of the player, team, and Club being the primary consideration.

Where possible, the Club may take friendships and existing player relationships into consideration when forming teams. However, this cannot be guaranteed and will always be secondary to the overall balance and best interests of the team and the Club.

Previous team placement does not guarantee placement in the same team in subsequent seasons. Players will be assessed each season based on the selection criteria outlined in this policy, with the objective of creating balanced teams that support player development and enjoyment.



Communication and Behaviour

Families will be notified of team placements following the completion of the selection process. The Club asks that all members respect the decisions of selectors, coaches, and the Committee and support a positive and inclusive club culture.

The Club expects all players, parents, coaches, and supporters to demonstrate respect and sportsmanship throughout the trial and selection process. Harassment, abuse, or inappropriate behaviour towards selectors, coaches, committee members, or other families will not be tolerated.

Policy Review

The Flagstaff Hill Falcons Netball Club reserves the right to amend this policy at any time. The current version of this policy will be made available to members through the Club's communication channels.

Approved by: Flagstaff Hill Falcons Netball Club Committee

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