



TEAM SELECTION POLICY

Hillians Netball Club aims to place players in teams where they can enjoy netball, develop their skills, be appropriately challenged, build friendships and have the opportunity to be successful. The Club also recognises that some players seek a more competitive playing environment and is committed to providing opportunities across both social and competitive pathways, in line with Netball WA guidelines.

The purpose of team selection is to place players into teams that:

- Best reflect their current skill and ability
- Support ongoing development and improvement
- Promote enjoyment, confidence and a love of the game

This policy provides transparency for players and parents regarding how team placement decisions are made.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Team placement in one season does not guarantee placement in the same team in future seasons.
- Team compositions may change due to registration numbers, player movement, competition requirements and individual development.
- Movement between teams is a normal and necessary part of the process.
- The Club seeks to understand player preferences through the registration process, including; preferred playing positions, friendship requests and playing style goals (social or competitive).
- Parents and players are encouraged to maintain reasonable expectations and to support a positive team environment.

While every effort will be made to accommodate these preferences, final team placements are based on overall team balance, positional needs, skill levels and competition requirements.

TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

Team selection is overseen by the Hillians Netball Club Team Selection Committee, consisting of the President, Vice President and Registrar.

TEAM PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

SET and GO age groups:

Players in SET and GO age groups are not formally graded. Teams are formed based on age and years played together, with mutual friendship requests strongly considered where possible.





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Junior and Open players (finals eligible divisions):

From high school age, players are placed into teams with consideration given to:

- A balanced spread of attack, mid-court and defence positions
- Appropriate age grouping, noting that in some cases placement in a different age group may better support a player's development

Any placement outside a player's age group will occur at the discretion of the Selection Committee, in consultation with the player and their parent(s).

CONSIDERATIONS

Team placement decisions are informed by:

- Feedback from previous season coaches
- Observations made during the season
- A player's previous playing experience

Factors considered may include:

- Footwork and ball handling
- Speed, agility and body control
- Attacking and defensive skills
- Game awareness and decision-making
- Sportsmanship, attitude, fitness and versatility

Teams will generally consist of **9-10 players**, depending on competition and coaching requirements. Care is taken to ensure an appropriate spread of playing positions within each team.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Once team selections are finalised, coaches and players will be advised via email from Hillians Netball Club.

The Club recognises that team selection can be challenging for some families. Players or parents with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Club to discuss further.

Where a player is unable to be placed in an appropriate team, a full refund will be offered.

