

## **Netball Selection Policy**

### **SCOPE**

This document applies to:

- EGFNC Committee
- All Coaching staff
- All Players
- All Parents/Guardians
- All Netball Volunteers

The purpose of this document is to articulate East Geelong Football and Netball Club's (EGFNC) approach to player selection and court time for both the home and away season and the finals series for all Junior and Senior netball teams.

### **GUIDELINES**

- EGFNC is committed to fielding teams that have a high probability of success across all grades.
- EGFNC is committed to providing opportunities for development of all netballers within the club.
- Player welfare is of primary concern for all coaching staff and the EGFNC committee.
- Court time is based on the assumption that all players are fit and healthy to take the court each game. No player will be asked to play when ill or injured.
- We encourage juniors to not only develop their love of their chosen sport, but to also develop skills, fitness, teamwork and positive self-worth.
- The Club makes a commitment to be available to discuss player and team selection at the request of a player/parent/guardian at an appropriate time and place.

### **COMMUNICATION**

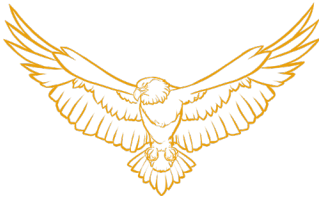
It is essential that this policy is understood by all participants, coaches, parents and guardians. It is available on the Club website [here](#) and will be distributed to all participants and parents/guardians at the commencement of the season.

Any concerns can be raised with the Netball Director for discussion at an appropriate time. Any verbal, physical or online confrontation or abuse of coaching staff and/or volunteers will not be tolerated and will be referred to the Committee for action.

All participants, coaches and parents/guardians are to abide by the Netball Victoria Codes of Conduct which are available on the Club website [here](#).

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### TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES

Selection of the teams shall be based on a number of considerations, including:

- The skill and ability of the player. This is not just a consideration of individual skills alone but what the team may need against specific opposition & attitude towards the team environment.
- What position(s) they play and the needs of each team.
- Whether the player may be better served playing in a different grade to improve their skills or enable them to play in a position that they would not play in at a higher grade.
- Consideration will not be given to players or parents friendship groups.
- Consideration will also not be given to parental support roles.
- Teams will be selected on individual players merits, skills & attitudes.
- Final decision of team(s) composition will be made through consultation with each of the coaches and endorsed by the EGFNC Netball Director.

#### SQUAD SIZE

##### Senior Teams

Senior Squad size shall take into consideration.

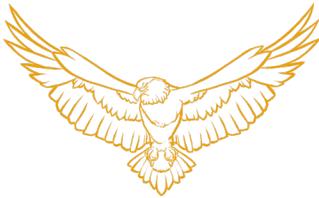
- Development opportunities of players
- Likely absence of players during season
- Likely court time for all players
- Number of available players for court positions
- Senior Squad size is the at Selection Panel/Coaching staff discretion.

##### Junior Teams:

- It is recommended that junior squads be limited to no more than 10 players in order to give all juniors reasonable court time and opportunity for development.
- Squads shall be selected by the coaching panel of each team at trials organised by the Netball Director.
- In the event of more than 10 players trialling for the same age group, a second team may be entered in the AFL Barwon Friday night competition under the EGFNC name.
- If there aren't sufficient players for a second team to be submitted, excess players shall be informed there is not a position for them at EGFNC; or alternatively the Club may elect to form a combined team with another club to provide opportunity for all players to stay involved at EGFNC.

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### TEAM SELECTION – HOME AND AWAY SEASON

#### Senior Teams:

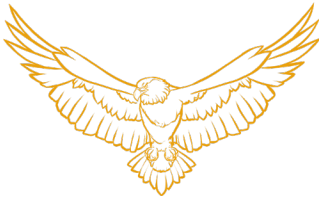
- Coaching staff will use their discretion in factoring in court time and positions to achieve the best possible result for the squad and club.
- Coaching staff will determine the starting line-up and will make changes throughout the match where appropriate. Match circumstances and opposition match ups will be considered in this decision.
- Coaching staff may use their discretion as to the number of quarters a player has in any one game keeping in mind the above principles.
- Players are not guaranteed court time in every game.
- Substitute players who are on the bench have equal rights as to any other player in that squad.
- Players may be moved between Grades (if within GDFNL By-Laws) if it is considered within the best interests of the team and players.
- Players must notify the Head Coach and Netball Coordinator of any planned absences

#### Junior Teams:

- It is recognized that the development of junior players involves regular court time to develop their skills.
- Where possible all players will be provided the opportunity to participate in an age appropriate team.
- All players will be allocated sufficient court time throughout the home and away season to ensure qualification for finals. If players are unavailable throughout the course of the season, then the court time will be calculated on a pro-rata basis (ie additional court time will not be allocated to make up for absences unless authorised by the Netball Director).
- Coaching staff may use their discretion as to the number of quarters a player has in any one game.
- EGFNC will endeavour to have a fair and transparent selection process.
- EGFNC will abide by GDFNL Netball player rules with respect to player qualifications for all squads.

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### TEAM SELECTION – FINALS SERIES

It is generally recognised that finals Netball is different from the home and away games. Finals success is important to Club netball for several reasons including:

- Competition for the League Netball and Club Championship
- Club success and attracting players to increase participation level
- Development and attraction of Junior players through successful teams

Team selection for finals games will be based on the following principles:

- All players who have qualified to play in the match will be a part of the selected team.
- The club will endeavour to provide all players with court time during finals matches.
- An understanding that playing time for individual players may not be equal during a finals game depending on the game situation.
- The Coach will have discretion over the length of playing time that individual players will have on the court and the time each player spends on the bench.
- This may mean that some players may not be given court time, however their role is important as sub player if required and to support their team in the spirit of good sportsmanship and the game.

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