



## **SDNA REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTION POLICY**

### **GENERAL**

SDNA is entering a period of resurgence, with a new Board and a clear vision for the future of the Association. Having been instrumental in Bayside Council securing funding for an exciting new netball facility, work is commencing now to firmly establish SDNA as the Association and representative program of choice in our region.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Athletes wishing to trial must currently play within a club team at SDNA during the Autumn/Winter season, or provide proof of intent to play for a club team in the 2020 season, and register to trial by the due date.

Late registrations may be considered, but must occur at least 48 hours prior to the trials commencing. Late registration may impact the number of match runs an athlete participates in. Athletes must currently reside in, attend a school in the or provide proof of move into the SDNA geographic boundary to be eligible to trial.

Athletes new to the Rep Program must attend at least two (2) trial dates.

Athletes currently in the SDNA Rep Program need to re-trial and must attend at least 1 trial date.

Athletes unable to attend any trial dates must notify SDNA prior to selections, submitting their written apology, explaining their absence. The selectors will take such advice into consideration on a case by case basis.

Athletes currently in the SDNA rep program who are non-financial will be unable to trial for rep without approval from the SDNA Executive Committee prior to selections.

An athlete may wish to trial outside of his/her age group, but must accept that they may not be successful. The athlete may also consider trialling in both their correct age and the older age group, with individual applications required for each.

### **SELECTION PANEL**

A selection panel of a minimum of 3 selectors will be appointed. A minimum of 1 of these selectors will be an independent. Other selectors will include the Head Coach, if in place, along with other current SDNA rep coaches. Any conflict of interest of a selector will be declared prior to the commencement of selections

The selectors will select for athletes trialling for the 11U, 13U, 15U 17U and Open rep program.

The selectors and head coach will select a squad of athletes for the 13U, 15U & 17U specifically to aim at developing the athletes for the Netball Victoria pathway progression. Teams will consist of a maximum of 10 players.

It is preferred that the number of selectors be an odd number, but where this is not possible, the head coach will have the casting vote.

Any queries regarding rep selections and trials must be addressed in writing to [sdnarep@gmail.com](mailto:sdnarep@gmail.com)



## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Athletes must display confidence in areas including, but not limited to:

- ball handling ie strong passing skills, good ball placement, strong ball control,
- footwork/movement, disciplined feet,
- attacking,
- defending
- court and space awareness and
- game sense / game awareness.

Athletes must have a positive attitude on court and towards all team members.

All athletes selected for the SDNA Rep Program must be physically fit to participate fully in the four quarters of a game and at tournaments.

Additional skills selectors value:

- Agility, balance & poise
- Intensity & endeavour in every aspect of your trial from warm up to cool down.
- Decision making
- Focus & concentration
- Team spirit & good sportsmanship
- Positive communicator - with all other athletes, officials and selectors
- Coachability

Each selector will document athlete performance during the selection process against the criteria above.

Inclusion in a team will be based on consensus from all selectors with the head coach to approve the final selection of athletes for the SDNA Rep Program.



## **WHAT TO EXPECT ON TRIAL DAY**

Athletes are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time to check in and warm up, ready to take the court from the start time.

Athletes will be allocated a number, which will be written on your leg

Selectors will use this number to communicate with you so please listen carefully to instructions

A photo may be taken, head and shoulders only, at the beginning of the trial dates to help selectors identify athletes. These photos will not be published publicly.

Trial days will consist predominantly of match play, with every athlete to participate in a minimum of 2 match runs, with at least 1 of these in their preferred position.

Athletes may be requested to play in a position, other than their nominated preferred position/s. This will be at the selectors and head coach's discretion and may be based on potential for an athlete in a different position or the need to fill match runs.

Trials are considered closed sessions, so we ask that parents leave the vicinity of the courts during the session time.

### **What to bring:**

- Water bottle
- Snacks
- Warm clothing for between games

### **What to wear:**

- A PLAIN WHITE T-shirt with dark shorts/leggings
- No club logos or SDNA rep attire of any description is allowed
- Pants/leggings/skins should be ABOVE OR ON THE KNEE so numbers can be written & are fully visible on both calves



## **PLAYER EXPECTATIONS**

The following are guidelines only for the 2020 Rep Program. These will be finalised and form part of the acceptance of a position in the SDNA rep program:

- Athletes selected for the SDNA Rep Program in 13s, 15s & 17s must be available to play at Waverley Netball Centre, Jells Park and attend all tournaments throughout the year. 13s and 15s play on Thursdays and 17s on Wednesdays. Tournaments are played on Sunday and a calendar will be advised as earlier as possible.
- Athletes are expected to attend a team bonding and fitness camp to be held in February 2020 (date to be confirmed)
- Athletes are expected to represent SDNA proudly, respecting all SDNA staff and volunteers, all coaches, officials, team mates and opposition at all times.
- Athletes are expected to play and train all season, including the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Victorian State School holidays if required. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Victorian State School holidays there will be no training, unless otherwise organised and agreed to by their coach and the head coach.

SDNA reserves the right to utilise the first 4 weeks of a new season before finalising team placement. Any proposed move will be endorsed by a Rep Selection Committee before a discussion is held with the athlete, a guardian (where they are U18 years of age), the current coach and the head coach.

## **NOTIFICATION**

All athletes will be notified via email, within a 72hr period if they have been successful, unsuccessful or if they are required to attend the next trial date.

Athletes not selected for a Rep team may be offered a training partner position for the rep program. These athletes will be included in trainings and may have the opportunity to play with a team during the season, depending on commitment and attitude at training, and team availability.

Selectors will not be able to provide individual feedback to players trialling.

If the athlete is offered a position in the SDNA Rep Program and they accept the position, a non-refundable deposit will be required within 7 days of the initial offer. Failure to pay this fee may result in cancellation of offer to participate in the SDNA Rep Program.

Full payment will be required by the due date, unless other arrangements have been made with the executive committee. A payment plan may be considered but will be determined on a case by case basis.

Athletes must abide by the SDNA player commitment and code of conduct which is signed by the athlete and parent/guardian when accepting a position in the SDNA Rep Program.