



# JOONDALUP NETBALL ASSOCIATION

## JNA METRO LEAGUE COMPETITION Policies & Procedures

### Abbreviations

ADO – Association Development Officer  
JETS – Joondalup Extension Training Squads  
JNA – Joondalup Netball Association  
MLC – Metro League Competition  
NWA – Netball WA  
WANL – WA Netball League

### 1. Trial Application Requirements:

- 1.1 All athletes must apply to trial for the JETS program in accordance with the age groups for the year of the MLC competition, being 14U, 16U, 18U & Opens, i.e., applicants must be turning the age required for each age group in the year the competition is held. Two (2) trials will be held at dates to be determined by the ADO and the Development Committee. Information on dates will be available on the JNA website and via email to Club Contacts for distribution to club members.
- 1.2 All applications must be completed and returned by the date advertised.

### 2. Eligibility & Availability Requirements:

- 2.1 All Players entering the competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball WA for the current calendar year (being the year of the current Metro League Competition). Players must be registered to their association **prior to** the commencement of the competition, or prior to their participation within the competition.
- 2.2 Due to the competition beginning in February, NWA have stated that for athletes to qualify for an Association MLC squad, the athlete must have been registered with that Association during the previous year (winter and/or spring competitions) and must also be expected to sign on to play in the winter season of the current year for the association. Single game vouchers do not count towards eligibility.
- 2.3 Minimum age requirement is athletes turning 13 years of age in the year of the competition for the 14U's and for the 18U's the maximum age requirement is athletes turning 18 years of age in the year of the competition. For Open teams, athletes must be turning 19 years of age or over in the year of the competition.
- 2.4 **West Coast Fever, Western Sting & WANL Players.**
  - a. West Coast Fever players will not be eligible to participate in Metro League
  - b. Western Sting players will not be eligible to participate in Metro League

- c. Any player who has signed on to a WANL club for the current year of the Metro League Competition, will not be eligible to participate in MLC. However, should a player participating in the current MLC be then selected for a WANL squad after the MLC player registration closing date, or anytime during the MLC season, the player will be permitted to continue playing for the association's MLC team.
  - d. Players that are listed as a 'Train on' Player for the current season of WANL are eligible to play in MLC.
- 2.5 Athletes **must** attend and participate at **all** trials. If an athlete is unable to attend one of the trials for medical reasons, or school/work commitments, their selection/non-selection will be based on feedback from selectors from the one trial they attended. Notification must be sent to the JNA office advising of reason for not being able to attend one of the trials and provide supporting documentation.  
Note: If for medical reasons then a medical certificate must be produced prior to the trials and a medical clearance certificate before participating further.
- 2.6 Athletes who are selected into the program are expected to be available for all dates of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, training sessions, uniform fitting and distribution, team photos and JETS presentation night (if applicable). These dates are to be advised.
- 2.7 All athletes representing JNA must adhere to the NWA Metro League Competition Rules & Regulations, JNA Policies, Procedures, By-Laws, Codes of Conduct & Behaviour, the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy and must pay **all fees** relating to the Metro League Competition.
- 2.8 It is a requirement that all athletes selected into a JNA MLC team complete and sign the JNA MLC Athlete Acceptance & Commitment Form (including the parent/guardian if athlete is under 18yrs of age).
- 2.9 The Development Committee will name 10 athletes per JNA team (with the option to increase to more athletes if the Development Committee deems it necessary).
- 2.10 Coaching staff for MLC:
- a) It is the JNA policy that JNA Coaches are not to coach teams that include their own children.
  - b) Coaching eligibility & minimum accreditation:  
Coach: Intermediate Accreditation  
Assistant: Development Accreditation
- 2.11 Umpires for MLC: (Refer to JNA Umpiring Policies & Procedures on website for copy of full document)
- a) Umpires for 14U & 16U divisions, must hold a minimum National C Badge for at least one (1) year prior to the event and working towards B Badge, to be eligible to umpire at Metro League. They must also be registered to their Member Association via the online MyNetball form by the specified date from NWA. The Association AUDO will choose and then provide umpires for these divisions.

- b) Open & 18U age division umpires must hold a minimum National B Badge. Associations will register the umpires for allocation. To be eligible the umpire must be TID'd by either the JNA AUDO or a NWA official and then NWA will be responsible for allocating the umpires for these divisions.
- c) Umpires are expected to represent the Association in a professional manner in accordance with the JNA Policy and Procedure Handbook and Codes of Behaviour.

### **3. Training Requirements:**

3.1 All athletes are required to attend **all** training sessions.

3.2 If an athlete is unable to train due to injury, or unable to attend training for any other reason, the Coach and the Manager must be informed as soon as possible, via phone or email, prior to the training session.

3.3 If an athlete is injured, they are still required to attend and observe the training sessions.

(Refer to 4.4)

3.4 If an athlete is unwell/sick they are to remain at home then return to training when well.

3.5 If athletes require any taping/strapping/braces then they should be prepared prior to the training sessions and prior to attending the games during the competition.

3.6 If an athlete misses 2 or more training sessions, without a medical reason, then this will/may lead to their release from the competition and another athlete taking their place. This decision would be made in consultation with the ADO, JNA Development Committee, Lead Coaches, parents and athlete.

### **4. Injuries & Medical Clearances:**

4.1 Any athlete who is unable to train due to injury must be reviewed by an appropriately qualified Healthcare Provider who has a Provider Number. A medical certificate must be provided to JNA.

4.2 The Coach and Manager must be kept informed of treatment and prognosis after each review with the Healthcare Provider.

4.3 Any injury that requires extensive treatment, which means an athlete cannot attend and/or participate in training for an extended period, may result in that athlete being released from the competition. This decision will be made in consultation with the ADO, Development Committee, Lead Coaches, parents and athlete, taking into consideration all medical information from the Healthcare Provider.

4.4 Injured athletes cannot return to training, or playing, until a written medical clearance, from the Healthcare Provider, is given to the ADO, or Development Committee, who is responsible for passing this information on to the Coach.

### **5. Behaviour Expectations:**

5.1 Athletes, Coaches & Managers must remember that selection for the MLC teams means that they are representing the Association and as such are expected to follow the JNA Code of Conduct at all times.

5.2 Athletes, Coaches and/or Managers who break this Code of Conduct, or, who consistently display poor behaviour and/or attitude towards coaches, team mates, other athletes, umpires or any other person involved within the Metro League Competition may be released from the squad & the competition, with **no refund** of fees paid.

5.3 Athletes and/or Coaches who break this Code of Conduct whilst playing or coaching at **Club level**, during the JNA winter or spring seasons **prior to or leading up to** the competition, may be released from the squad & competition with **no refund** of fees paid. This decision will be made in consultation with the Committee, ADO, Coaches, parents and athlete.

5.4 The ADO, or a member of the Development Committee, may arrange a suitable time at the start of the program to meet with the parents of athletes to explain the ethos of the program and its expectations and also to cover the rules of the competition during the MLC.

## **6. Uniforms & Trial Clothing:**

- 6.1 Athletes and Coaches are not permitted to wear any club identifying clothing/accessories during the trials and/or at training, including but not limited to socks, shorts, skirts/skort, leggings, shirts, jumpers or bags.
- 6.2 The Association provides a playing uniform, on loan, for athletes selected for the MLC JNA representative teams to participate in. These uniforms are to be returned to JNA at the end of the competition. The uniform must not be altered.
- 6.3 This uniform is only to be worn when representing the Association over the Metro League Competition, or as requested (e.g., team photos), but not to be worn for training or at any other time.
- 6.4 Athletes must **return the uniform** to their team's Managers on the final day of the competition. Therefore, a change of clothes will be required for the final day of the competition.
- 6.5 Should an athlete's uniform be returned damaged, stained etc. an assessment will be made and an account will be issued from JNA for the appropriate value for the replacement/repair, laundering etc. Should an athlete not return their full JNA uniform then they will be required to pay the total current replacement costs of the items. If not paid then they may be considered unfinancial and may not be eligible for participation in further trials or carnivals/competitions.
- 6.6 Athletes must wear appropriate **black sports briefs** under their uniform and are responsible for providing their own.
- 6.7 As part of the MLC uniform athletes will be required to wear the JNA MLC warm up t-shirt over their uniforms during the competition. The cost of the t-shirt will be incorporated in the total competition fee and the warm up t-shirt will remain with the athlete after the competition ends.
- 6.8 Athletes may purchase a squad training singlet (optional) to be worn at MLC training sessions.
- 6.9 Coaches are required to wear the allocated JNA polo shirts to training and the competition games. The polo shirts must be returned to the Team's Manager immediately after the competition ends.
- 6.10 Managers are required to wear the allocated JNA polo shirts to the competition games. The Manager is to return the athlete's uniforms, including the Coach & Manager polo shirts, to the JNA Uniform Coordinator at a time allocated. Managers are to advise athletes that uniforms are to be laundered in accordance with instructions (hand wash or gentle machine wash) during the competition (uniforms **must not** be placed in a dryer). The athlete's uniforms, Coach and Manager polo shirts are to be laundered, as mentioned above, and returned to the JNA Uniform Coordinator, unless advised that JNA will be laundering all uniforms after the competition. Managers must also return the game bag and any other equipment to the ADO by the date advised.
- 6.11 Athletes, Coaches, Managers and/or JNA Officials are to wear **black** only coloured **track pants, trousers, or skirts** with their JNA uniform/s during the competition, including for photos. No club or other coloured jackets/tops/bottoms to be worn during the competition or for photos.

## **7. Costs & Payments:**

- 7.1 Actual costs may vary from year to year dependent upon the Association costs for the program, which includes, but is not limited to, Warm up T-shirt, Competition Entry Fees, Coaching & Umpiring payments & uniform hire.
- 7.2 There are different payments for each phase. Fees will be confirmed at the time of registration &/or acceptance into the next phase each year.

7.3 If payment is not received by the **due date**, then the athlete will not be eligible to participate in the competition and may be replaced in the team.

7.4 Should anyone be experiencing financial difficulties with reference to the payments they are asked to contact the ADO or MLC Development Committee, via phone and/or email to the JNA Head Office, to organise alternative payment arrangements.

7.5 Any applications for refunds for athletes who must leave the program for medical reasons must be submitted in writing to the ADO, via the JNA Head Office. These will then be forwarded to the MLC Development Committee, who will consider each application, based on evidence provided and any refund approved will be a **pro rata refund less an administration fee**. Note: This does not include the \$50 non-refundable part of the deposit or the cost of the warm up t-shirt.

7.6 There is no refund for any athlete who is asked to leave the Metro League competition.