



JOONDALUP NETBALL ASSOCIATION

JNA ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Policies & Procedures

Abbreviations

ADO – Association Development Officer

FTG&P – Fuel to Go & Play Association Championships

JETS – Joondalup Extension Training Squads

JNA – Joondalup Netball Association

NWA – Netball WA

WANL – Western Australian Netball League

1. Trial Application Requirements:

- 1.1 All athletes must register for the JETS program via the PlayHQ link provided.
- 1.2 All athletes must register to trial for the JETS program in accordance with their age groups (e.g., 12U, 13U etc.) for the year of the championships i.e., applicants must be turning that age in the year that the championships are 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.
- 1.3 All registrations must be completed and received by the date advertised.

2. Eligibility & Availability Requirements:

2.1 Only those athletes that are a financial registered member with NWA in the current year are **eligible to trial**. So as to be **eligible for selection**, athletes must also then register to play in the **JNA Winter season of the following year**, being the year of the championships.

2.1.1 Opens: Athletes that are **affiliated and currently financial** with JNA (i.e., must pay the required affiliation fee due to JNA for the current year of championships, plus the fees for the association championships if selected), but are unable to play in the Open/Senior Winter competition due to work or study commitments, must provide written confirmation of their work or study schedule. It is also expected that they have participated in some voluntary measure to one or more JNA programs (minimum of 10hrs **unpaid** to be completed in the previous year and since the last Association Championships, or prior to the weekend of the Association Championships in the current year).

2.2 Minimum age requirement is athletes turning 12 years of age. For Open teams, athletes must be turning 18 years of age or over in the year the championships are being held.

- 2.3 Athletes who are selected within any WANL Program are not eligible to trial.
- 2.4 Athletes **must** attend and participate at **ALL** trials. Note: If an athlete is unable to attend a trial for medical reasons, their selection/non-selection will be based on feedback from selectors at previous trials, if applicable. A medical certificate must be produced prior to the trials and a medical clearance certificate before participating further.
- 2.4.1 Athletes who are injured at the time of trials must produce a medical certificate and then follow up with a medical clearance certificate to continue with the program.
- 2.5 FTG&P Association Championships is held over the June Long Weekend of each year (unless otherwise advised). All athletes must be available for the ENTIRE weekend and must not have any other commitments during this weekend.
- 2.6 Athletes who are selected into the program are expected to be available for all dates of the program, including pre or post championships. This includes, but is not limited to, training sessions, fitness sessions, uniform fitting and distribution, team photos and presentation/wind-up. These dates are to be advised at the commencement of the program.
- 2.7 All players representing JNA must adhere to JNA Policies, Procedures, By-Laws, Codes of Conduct & Behaviour, the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy and must pay **all fees** relating to the Association Championships.
- 2.8 The Development Committee will name 10 athletes per JNA team (with the option to increase to 12 athletes if the Development Committee deems it necessary), however “train-on athletes” may be named and invited to participate in the training program. “Train-on athletes” participate at no cost unless they are required to join the team when **full fees** will be payable.
- 2.9 Coaching staff for Association Championships:
- 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: Development Accreditation
- 2.10 Umpires for Association Championships: (Refer to JNA Umpiring Policies & Procedures on Website for copy of full document).
- a) Umpires must hold a minimum National C Badge for at least one (1) year prior to the event to be eligible to umpire at the Association Championships. They must also be registered to their Member Association via the online PlayHQ form by the specified date from NWA. The Association AUUDO will choose and then provide umpires for these divisions.
 - b) Umpires are expected to represent the Association in a professional manner in accordance with the JNA Policy and Procedure Handbook & 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 Association Development Officer (ADO) 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 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 championships over the long weekend.

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 program and another athlete taking their place. This decision would be made in consultation with the ADO, 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 ADO and Coach 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 program. 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, who is responsible for passing this information on to the Coach.

5. Behaviour Expectations:

5.1 Athletes and Coaches must remember that selection for the Association Championship squads 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 and/or Coaches 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 JETS program may either not be selected into the program, or released from the program, if they have been selected, with **no refund** of fees paid.

5.2.1.1 Should this involve an already selected athlete or Coach then this action will be taken after consultation with the ADO, Development Committee, Coaches, parent and athlete.

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 championships, may be released from the program 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 JETS program, including court time for athletes during the FTG&P Association Championships.

6. Feedback:

6.1 Athlete feedback will only be given to those athletes who are released after the final Trial and only if requested in writing to the JNA Head Office.

7. Uniforms & Trial Clothing:

7.1 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/skorts, leggings, shirts, jumpers or bags.

- 7.2 The Association provides a full playing uniform, on loan, for athletes selected for the JNA representative teams to participate in the championships. The uniform must not be altered.
- 7.3 This uniform is only to be worn when representing the Association over the FTG&P Association Championships weekend, or as requested (e.g., team photos), but not to be worn for training or at any other time.
- 7.4 Athletes must **return the full uniform** to their team's Manager on the final day of the Association Championships weekend. Therefore, a change of clothes will be required for the final day of the championships.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 Athletes must wear appropriate **black** sports briefs under their uniform and are responsible for providing their own.
- 7.7 Athletes may purchase a squad training singlet and this is to be worn at JETS training.
- 7.8 Coaches are required to wear the allocated polo shirts to training and the championships. Jackets will also be provided for the championship weekend. The polo shirts and jackets must be returned to the Team's Manager immediately after the Association Championships weekend and/or prior to the presentations/windup.
- 7.9 Team Managers are required to wear the allocated polo shirts to the championship weekend. The Manager is to return the team's athlete's uniforms, to the JNA Uniform Coordinator at the JETS presentation/wind up function. JNA will be laundering all uniforms after the championships. The Coach and Manager polo shirts and jackets are to be returned at the presentation/wind up to the JNA Uniform Coordinator.
Managers must also return the game bag and any other equipment to the ADO by the date advised.
- 7.10 Athletes, Coaches, Managers and/or JNA Officials are to wear **black** only coloured **track pants, trousers, shorts or skirts** with their JNA uniforms over the Association championships weekend (including for any photos). No club or other coloured jackets/tops/bottoms are to be worn during the championships, or for photos.

8. Costs & Payments:

- 8.1 Actual costs may vary from year to year dependent upon the Association costs for the program, which includes, but is not limited to, Specialist Coaches, Fitness Sessions, Equipment, umpiring payments, uniform hire, Competition Entry Fees and Insurances.
- 8.2 There are different payments for each phase. Fees will be confirmed at the time of registration &/or acceptance into the next phase each year.
- 8.3 If payment is not received by the due date, then the athlete will not be eligible to participate in the program and may be replaced in the program.
- 8.4 Should anyone be experiencing financial difficulties with reference to the payments they are asked to contact the ADO, via phone or email to the JNA Head Office, to organise alternative payment arrangements.
- 8.5 All outstanding Association Carnival fees **must** be paid by the Carnival date. Athletes who haven't paid Association Carnival fees by the date of the Carnival are deemed unfinancial. Athletes cannot return to play for their club teams in the normal competition until they become financial, having paid their outstanding fees.

8.6 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 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 deposit.

8.7 There is no refund for any athlete who is asked to leave the JETS program.