



AQUINAS COLLEGE NETBALL

Selection Procedures

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Aquinas Netball team selection procedures have been formulated to align with the ASA Policy (see below). They are reviewed by the Netball Committee before the trial and selection process begins each year.

TEAM SELECTIONS

Purpose

To support the Aquinas Netball Committee and Aquinas team coaches in adopting and following robust, transparent, and fair selection decisions.

Procedures

- a) The Aquinas College Netball Committee are responsible for co-ordinating team selection and trial processes.
- b) Selection and trial process must follow the format outlined in this policy.
- c) Exceptions to this must be approved by the Director of Sport with reasons communicated to other trialists where appropriate.
- d) The format for selections and trial process will be included in the Sports Handbook.
- e) The selection policy must be available to all students prior to selection trials.
- f) It is preferred practice that at least one external selector is arranged by the Aquinas College Netball Committee to oversee team trials and make selection decisions.
- g) This selection panel should not include parents of students seeking selection. Parent coaches acting in a selector role should seek the advice of the Director of Sport prior to selection trials.
- h) Students must nominate the level at which they seek selection (eg age group or premier team). Under age students seeking selection in premier teams shall be entitled to be considered in accordance with their ability and capacity to cope with the demands of the competition.
- i) Students must advise selectors of other sporting or personal commitments that may affect their availability during the season. Selectors should advise the student if other commitments will adversely impact their selection. Availability to compete at tournament week or other key events may be a consideration for selection, but should be balanced against other criteria including general availability during the season, skill level, ability to attend practices, and general team functioning.
- j) Students who choose to compete for non-school teams in competitions where the school has or would have a team shall not be eligible for inclusion in school teams for that sport (for example AIMS or school exchanges). Exceptions shall only be considered in extreme circumstances. Applications for exceptions shall be made to the Director of Sport. Any exceptions granted shall not result in a regular team member being excluded from competing.
- k) Every student who is a member of an Aquinas sports team shall sign an Aquinas Sportsperson Agreement.
- l) Where practical, consideration should be given to enable students to fulfil commitments during seasonal cross over and during the season for same season sports.
- m) During terms 1 and 4 summer sports will have priority while during terms 2 and 3 winter sports shall have priority.
- n) Students competing in events such as end of season championships that clash with the following season's selection events for another sport shall not be excluded for reason of inability to attend part of the trial. Selectors should consider previous seasons performance and where practical, organise additional trials to consider the selection of students who inform the Aquinas College Netball Committee of their inability to attend all trials due to the competition requirements of other sports.

PREMIER, JUNIOR, YEAR 8 AND YEAR 7 SQUAD SELECTION

- A squad of 20 players in each of the 4 groups may be selected.
- Where applicable an A and B team will be selected after the completion of a squad training session – the number of these is at the discretion of the coaches/selectors of the two teams and must be approved by the Aquinas College Netball Committee.
- Aquinas Netball reserves the right to move players from team to team if unforeseen circumstances arise. It is our endeavour to make as few changes as possible.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

- All trialists have an opportunity to play in their preferred position for at least two trial 8-10 minute games.
- Due to large numbers of players in some areas of the court, players may be asked to try alternative positions.
- Willingness to apply their skills to any court position is noted by selectors and trialling out of position is noted on the trial sheet.

SELECTORS

- Parents of students trialling in an age group cannot act as selectors or administrators of that trial.
- The external selector will be an experienced Netball player/Coach/Administrator at a minimum of Zone or Centre representative level
- Internal selectors will include, but are not limited to; teachers, past students, experienced persons or experienced parents (as long as they comply with point one above)
- Selectors must attend both trials for consistency.
- Students are to be numbered on both legs to ensure transparency of selection.
- Trialists are assessed against a variety of opponents and are rated dependent on their skill level, ability to attend practices, and general team functioning. Other factors are also considered to a lesser degree such as knowledge of rules, understanding of position, combinations with other players, and attitude towards umpires, players and others.
- We reserve the right to invite players to squad even if not at trials through injury or absence
- After second trial and during squad trainings, the coach can be involved in the final selection of the team. When squads are chosen it is up to coaches where players play.

EXAMPLE TRIAL RECORD SHEET

First Name	Surname	Tutor	Yr	D.O.B	Dates	Position preference			Position in trial games					
						1/3	1st	2nd	3rd	1	2	3	4	5
Claudia	Baker	HTH	7	30/04/1998	Y	WA	WD		WA		WD			
Molly	Beadle	HBR	7	23/12/1998	Y	C	WA	WD		C				WA
Catherine	Berry	COR	7	21/02/1999	Y	GD	C	GK	GD		GK			
Amy	Broadley-Ryan	CBS	7	09/11/1998	Y	WA	GD	WD	WA		GD			

FINAL TEAM SELECTION

- Final lists are formulated by selectors based on trial information and discussions between selectors.
- The Aquinas College Netball Committee ratifies the team lists. The Sports Coordinator will email the teams lists to families after 3.30pm, then post the team lists on the sports notice board and on the school website.

TRIAL PROCESS – instructions for facilitators

One person available at each trial to assist/organise the following:

1. Collect 3 chairs and a table from in front of sports office and/or upstairs classroom and place on sideline on netball courts for selectors
2. Ensure bag of balls (8 minimum) provided are all pumped up and taken out to courts
3. Lay out 2 sets of bibs for trial court
4. Check with umpire liaison that umpires are available and ready
5. Using register provided, take register of attendees that are:
 - present for current trial and check they are able to attend next trial/s
 - present but unable to trial (due to illness/other commitments/no gear etc)
 - if name is not on the list it means they have not completed a Trial Form
 - Check with each attendee that their preferred positions are correct
6. If required, before students warm up, outline expectations of trials –
 - No PE gear – No trial
 - No footwear – definitely no trial
 - Pre-registration fee to have been paid or alternative arrangements
 - Hair tied back
 - Nails cut
 - No jewellery – unless it is for medical purposes
 - No glasses to be worn – unless they are prescription glasses
 - No sun hats or caps to be worn
 - No chewing gum
7. Clarify that if you are unable to make a trial date the Trial Co-ordinator needs to be aware so players can be played more often.
8. Minimum two trial days – one midweek and one weekend day.
9. Dependant on numbers – All players will be on court at least twice in their 1st/2nd choice position throughout the selection process.
10. Games will be played in 8-10 min brackets.
11. Outline process for naming of teams (ie: lists sent home after 3.30pm and then posted on sports notice board and on the website).
12. Outline what selectors are looking for:
 - Basic skills – passing/catching/footwork/shooting/accuracy/decision making
 - Understanding of position
 - Team work
 - Rule knowledge
 - Attitude

SET UP

- Netball Court/Goals 2
- Table 1
- Chairs 3
- Stop Clock 1
- Clip Boards 3
- Pens 3
- Trial Forms
- Carbon Paper
- Grading Sheet
- Bibs 2 sets
- Balls 8
- Whistles 2
- Registration Lists