

NORTHERN SUBURBS NETBALL INC.

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8 NOMINATION INFORMATION TO TRIAL FOR 2015 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

All Trialists wanting to be considered for selection must be a member of a Member School within Northern Suburbs Netball boundaries and must be either Year 7 or Year 8 at the beginning of the 2014 School Year.

Once registered, trialists will be given an identifying number which must be clearly displayed on both the player's arms and legs during competition play throughout the trial process. The first formal trial will be held on:

Sunday, 26 April, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at Newlands College

Selectors will reduce the number of trialists after the first trial. Remaining trialists will be advised. They MUST attend the final trial which will be held on:

Sunday 3 May, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at Newlands College

**NOMINATION REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
12NOON FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2015.**

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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2015 REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Each year Northern Suburbs Netball (NSN) select a Year 7 and a Year 8 Representative Team to represent our association in Junior Rep Tournaments held in various locations in the lower North Island. The aim of the Rep teams is to win games and tournaments whilst developing and improving team member's skills and sense of team play.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, you must attend a Member School within Northern Suburbs Netball's area and be either a Year 7 or Year 8 in the 2014 school year.

Teams

This year a team of maximum 11 players will be selected for Year 7 and also for Year 8. If there is sufficient depth of talent in Year 7 and/or Year 8 Development team of 11 players will also be selected. The Teams are conditional on securing suitable Rep coaches.

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Trials will be held wet or fine. You should come prepared to participate fully throughout the trial with all the personal gear you need – water bottle, snacks, medicine, appropriate footwear and clothing etc.

Selections

Experienced and independent selectors will be appointed. Effort will be made to allow you to trial in the two preferred positions you nominated. However selectors may also need to trial you in different positions other than your two preferred positions. Not all trialists will receive the same amount of court time. The selectors will determine how long they need to see each player on court – limited court time does not equate to a poor trial; extended court time does not equate to a good trial. Simply, the selectors will stop playing you when they have seen enough to reach a decision on your play.

Commitment

The Rep season can be up to 15 weeks long from late May until late August. You must be available for all tournament days and attend all trainings. Trainings will be twice a week – Wednesday's 7pm for YR7, 8pm for YR8 at Karori Rec Centre and Sunday's 10am-12pm Newlands College. You must be able to commit to this or you should not apply to trial. Every endeavour is made to give one week's holiday from training during the July school holidays, but this is dependent upon the dates of the selected tournaments each year. Tournaments are usually played on Sundays.

Costs

Successful Rep players will be levied \$165 each which goes directly towards helping to fund the Rep programme (*Applications for a Hardship Grant can be made in confidence to the Chairperson*). Players and their parents will be expected to participate with Rep fundraising activities.

The costs associated with Reps are for the provision of uniforms, training gear, umpire's payments, tournament entry fees and 'away' tournament costs (accommodation and meals). The Rep Committee applies for grants and funding as well as receiving conditional financial support from the general NSN fund. Players will be expected to contribute towards travel costs for each 'away' tournament. This is estimated at approx \$50 per 'away' tournament. If car pooling is undertaken for local tournaments, then some contribution towards petrol will also be sought for this. If NSN is unsuccessful with obtaining grant funding then there will be other costs for players to cover the 'away' tournament accommodation costs, however, NSN will endeavour to minimise costs as much as possible.

Squad members may order a NSN Sweatshirt Hoodie. This is a voluntary cost of \$65 and payment must be made prior to orders being placed at the beginning of the Rep season.

Tournaments

The Rep Committee meet to determine the tournaments attended each season. Tournaments are likely to be Wellington x 2, Levin, Palmerston North & Wanganui, so travel will be required. Families are welcome to travel and stay with the teams (if accommodation is available at the same motels) they will need to cover their own costs for travel, accommodation and meals.

Tournament dates for 2015 are:

14 June (Sunday) Palmerston North;
21 June (Sunday) Whanganui;
28 June (Sunday) Levin;
Date TBA (Saturday/Sunday) – Wellington Combined

Please note; the final tournament is the Wellington Combined Tournament which is the pinnacle of the representative season. As at 4 March 2015 no date has been set. Last year this fell on the last weekend of the school holidays. PLEASE take this into consideration when completing the nomination form as we expect all selected players to be available during the holidays for training.

Team Management/Rep Committee

Volunteer Coaches and Managers are required to ensure we can both select and enter teams into tournaments. NSN will endeavour to appoint Coaches before the trials and Managers by 6 May.

NSN has a Rep Committee, headed by a Rep Coordinator, who organise and oversee the Rep programme. This sub-committee comprises experienced people who have previously been involved in the Reps programme.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Chairperson. Please also check the 'REPS' tab on the website for updates.

It is a privilege to represent Northern Suburbs Netball as a Representative Player.
Thank you for your nomination and we wish you the best in the trials.

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