



1. Purpose

The purpose of the Malvern Netball Club Team Selection Policy is to guide the club in selecting teams each year. The aim of the policy is to ensure selection is conducted fairly and effectively and in the best interests of the players and club.

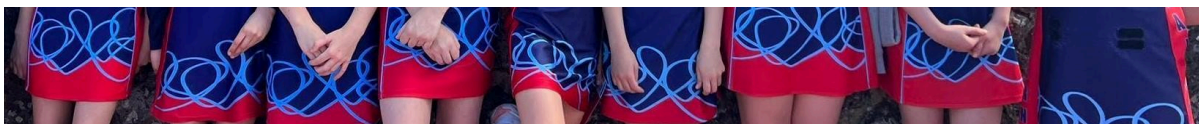
2. Scope

The policy outlines the responsibilities of the Malvern Netball Club (MNC) Committee ('The committee') in selecting teams and includes all MNC teams that play in the Waverley District Netball Association (WDNA) Saturday competition.

Malvern Netball Club teams that play in other competitions or tournaments are not in scope.

3. Key policy principles

- 3.1 A player must be registered with the Malvern Netball Club (MNC) and have a current Victorian Netball Association registration to be considered for team selection.
- 3.2 Team selection occurs in January for eligible players in U9s, U11s, Sub-Junior, Junior and Open sections.
- 3.3 Teams remain the same for the full calendar year subject to registration numbers.
- 3.4 New players will be considered outside the team selection period if there are vacancies in the relevant age group.
- 3.5 MNC is a community club that provides a friendly environment for all players. The club does not undertake grading and instead focuses on creating a social environment where players can have fun and develop skills.
- 3.6 Players who register after team selection has been completed will be allocated to a team at the committee's discretion.
- 3.7 Teams may be changed at any time (due to injuries, team issues etc.) at the discretion of the committee.
- 3.8 Draft teams are presented to the committee for review to ensure compliance with the policy. Final teams are distributed to all registered players by the Registrar.



Grade 3-6

- 3.9 When there are enough registered players for more than one team per year level, teams will be selected using the following criteria:
- Age / school year level
 - Friendships
 - Team balance (balance of skills, experience, ability etc.)
- 3.10 Players will be placed in a team from the same school year unless composite teams are required due to uneven registration numbers across year levels. This needs to be agreed by the committee.
- 3.11 Shortly after registration, players will be asked to nominate three friends they would like to play with. This information will be used to ensure each player has at least one friend in their team.
- 3.12 Teams are selected by the club's committee based on the friendship requests, feedback from previous coaches regarding skill level and previous ball sports experience.
- 3.13 Teams are structured with a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 10 players to give maximum court time to each player. In exceptional circumstances, 11 players will be allowed.
- 3.14 Where more than the maximum number of players have registered, the priority for selection will be with current players of the club, and then based on the date of registration and ability to commit to the team.
- 3.15 At the end of each calendar year, teams will be mixed up to encourage the development of new skills and to promote inclusion.

Year 7 upwards

- 3.16 When there are enough registered players for more than one team per year level, teams will be selected using the following criteria:
- School year level (if relevant)
 - Friendship groups
 - Team balance
 - Preferred positions
- 3.17 Teams are structured with a minimum of 8 players with a maximum of 14 to accommodate other sporting commitments.
- 3.18 Where more than the maximum number of players have registered, the priority for selection will be with current players.
- 3.19 Players in the Junior section can play up an age group if they are of a suitable skill level and it will not impact an existing team (e.g. team size). This will be at the discretion of the committee.