



## SUCCESS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY POLICY

### 1. INTENT OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the eligibility of athletes in the winter netball competition at Success Netball Association Inc. ('SNA') who participate in one or more high level netball competitions.

### 2. HOW THE POLICY WORKS

The policy sets out the steps to be followed by Clubs, coaches, and athletes to deal with athlete eligibility at SNA competition level.

The SNA Board will consider applications for exemption under this policy.

### 3. THE POLICY

- a) An athlete who is a current playing member of:
  - i. a Suncorp Super Netball ('SSN') team;
  - ii. an Australian Netball Championship ('ANC') team;
  - iii. a West Australian Netball League ('WANL') team;
  - iv. a National Netball Championship ('NNC') team, or;
  - v. a team in an equivalent competition to those listed above in another State, Territory, or country;shall have their participation in the SNA winter competition restricted. For the purpose of this policy, these athlete's will be defined as **Identified Athlete's**. This includes all **Identified Athlete's** that have had a contract for the previous playing season.
- b) An **Identified Athlete** who is turning 16 or older is not eligible to participate in any division during the SNA winter competition except:
  - i. 17 & Under Division 1 (where age eligible);
  - ii. Senior Division 1
- c) Clubs with multiple **Identified Athlete's** registered are required to place these athlete's in their highest graded Senior team (e.g. Senior Division 1), or, where age eligible and at the discretion of the Club, in a 17 & Under Division 1 team. There will be a limit of 2 registered **Identified Athlete's** per team.
- d) Where a Club does not have any teams graded into the divisions specified in clause 3(b), then **Identified Athlete's** at that Club must be placed into the highest graded Senior team at that Club, or, where age eligible, the highest graded 17 & Under team.
- e) Clubs are required to send through to the SNA Board, the details of all **Identified Athlete's** that they are nominating in a team with their current status. This includes training partners or train-on athletes. This must be submitted via email when submitting teams on PlayHQ prior to SNA's grading date.

Clubs may apply to the SNA Board to have exemptions for training partners or train-on athletes considered additional to the 2 registered Identified Athlete's in clause 3(c). If an approval is given, then a maximum combination of 2 registered **Identified Athlete's** including training partners or train-on athletes, will be allowed on the court at any given time.
- f) Clubs shall be responsible for advising SNA of any alteration to the status of an athlete with involvement at any level included in clause 3(a) during season. This might include, but is not limited to:
  - i. a promotion from training partner or train-on to the playing squad of a competition, or;
  - ii. being selected into a competition during the SNA winter season.



- g) It is an **Identified Athlete's** responsibility to notify their Club of their selection into a team in any of the competitions listed in clause 3(a), including any change in their status, such as those in clause 3(f).
- h) Should the Board be made aware of an **Identified Athlete's** change in playing circumstances that impact their eligibility under this policy, then the Board may choose to review the grading of that player in the SNA competition.
- i) A Club may apply in writing to the Board to consider an exemption to this policy due to extenuating circumstances applicable to an **Identified Athlete**.
- j) Clubs must provide the following information on any application for an exemption:
  - i. The competition and division in which the **Identified Athlete** is participating, including the relevant club (e.g. Peel Lightning Netball, Western Sting, West Coast Fever);
  - ii. The **Identified Athlete's** SNA Club, Club team, and Grade nominated for the team.
  - iii. The division(s) that the **Identified Athlete** has played in previous years for any level of competition included in clause 3(a) and at SNA;
  - iv. The **Identified Athlete's** current pathway or progression (e.g. athlete returning from pregnancy; athlete returning after extended absence)
- k) Applications for exemption must be lodged with SNA:
  - i. With Club Team Nomination Forms to be considered for the forthcoming season, or;
  - ii. By 4pm Wednesday's prior to the first match in which it is intended that the **Identified Athlete** take the court, to cover a change of circumstances after the SNA season has commenced.
- l) All decisions made by the Board in relation to this policy are final and there is no right of appeal.
- m) This policy applies to the usage of Single Game Vouchers by **Identified Athlete's**.

#### 4. PENALTY

In the event of a team playing a player who is not eligible to play for that team, the offending team shall forfeit the match and shall be penalised a further two (2) points