



FREMANTLE NETBALL ASSOCIATION (Inc)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NETBALL LEAGUE PLAYER ELIGIBILITY POLICY

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A) INTENT OF POLICY

To clarify the eligibility of WA Netball League players (Open and 20 & under divisions), ANL players and Suncorp Super League players participating in the netball competition at Fremantle Netball Association (Inc) [hereafter referred to as FNA].

B) HOW THE POLICY WORKS

The policy sets out the steps to be followed by Clubs, Coaches and athletes to deal with elite player eligibility at FNA competition level.

FNA shall appoint annually a Permit Committee (a panel of three members) who shall consider all applications for variation to the policy. Should a member/s of the Permit Committee have any conflict of interest in relation to any 'application for a variation' (*e.g. A Permit Committee member having any connection to the FNA team involved in the grade for the submitted application for variation*) they shall be replaced by an officer/s of the Association (i.e. the President, First or Second Vice President).

C) THE POLICY

1. An athlete who is a member of
 - (i) A WA Netball League Squad;
 - (ii) A National League team playing in the National Championship competition

Shall be restricted on where they may play within the FNA Winter competition structure.
2. Any Senior WANL player shall only be eligible to play in the Senior A1, Senior A2 or senior A3 divisions at FNA unless a variation has been granted to play in a lower division at FNA.
3. Clubs with several Open or 20 & under WA Netball League players registered are required to place the majority of these WANL players in their SA1 team, unless the player is age eligible for either the 19 & under or 17 & under divisions as per Points 4 and 5 below.
4. An athlete who is a member of a WA Netball League team or squad and is age eligible for either the 19 & under divisions or the 17 & under divisions at FNA, shall be eligible to play in 19 & under Division 1, 17 & under Division 1 (provided they are age eligible in the year of competition) and no lower than the Senior A3 at FNA.
5. A Club who has a player/s in the 20 & Under WA Netball League team but does not have a team in 17 & U1, 19 & U1 or SA3 (or above) must place the player/s in the highest graded 17U, 19U or highest graded senior team. All age eligibility criteria will apply.
6. Clubs are required to indicate on their FNA team Nomination Forms the status of any players they are registering who are involved with WANL.

7. FNA member clubs shall be responsible for advising the Administrator, of any alteration to the status of a club player with involvement at WANL level during season. This could for example be
 - (i) a change from being a training partner or train on to becoming a 'regular player';
 - (ii) joined a WANL Club during the FNA season.
8. Should the FNA Permit Committee be made aware of a WANL player's change in playing circumstances {promotion} (at WANL level), then the Permit Committee have authority to review the grading of that player at FNA competition level.
9. A Club may apply in writing to the Permit Committee for 'application for variation' to consider extenuating circumstance applicable to an individual athlete.

Clubs are required to provide the following information on any application:

- i. WANL Club playing for and division;
- ii. FNA Club, Club team number & Grade this team is in at FNA
- iii. Division/Grade this athlete played in previous year for both WANL Club and FNA Club;
- iv. Athlete's current pathway or progression e.g. good athlete picked up by a WANL club in the lower half of the WANL competition; athlete returning from pregnancy; athlete returning after 2-year absence; etc.

Applications must be lodged with the Administrator of FNA either

- (i) With Club team registrations to be considered for the forthcoming season, or
 - (ii) At least 3 days prior to a match to cover a change of circumstances after the FNA season has commenced.
10. All decisions of the Permit Committee are final and there is no right of appeal.
 11. Similarly, where players who are members of an ANL or A National League team playing in the National Championship can play at FNA will be determined by points 2 to 9 above.

D) 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.