

# HENLEY SHARKS NETBALL CLUB GUIDELINES/POLICIES





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All policies are subject to review in consultation with the Netball Committee Officers.



# HENLEY SHARKS NETBALL CLUB

## MISSION STATEMENT

To create an inclusive and welcoming environment within the Henley Sharks Football Club ensuring as many people as possible have the opportunity to play Netball.

Promote participation in sport along with creating a community spirit by encompassing the Henley Sharks values.

To create a safe and friendly environment where netball players and their families can socialise and mix with other members of the Henley Sharks community.

## NETBALL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Netball Coordinator, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Coaches Director, Umpires Director, Equipment Officer, Child Protection Officer and Grants Officer.

## WAITLIST/REGISTRATION

Expression of Interest forms MUST be completed before players are placed on the waitlist.

Teams to be filled by:

1. Siblings of current players
2. Players returning after 12 months – due to injury or extenuating circumstances at the approval of the committee
3. Family association of Sharks
4. Application date
5. Netball committee discretion
6. Any other applicants

## FEES

Fees will be due in full on a date to be determined depending on team numbers.

If a payment plan is required, member to contact the club treasurer for options.

If a player withdraws before trials all but \$50 of the fees paid will be refunded.

If a player withdraws 4 days before trials, during or after trials no refund will be provided.



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## TEAM PLACEMENT

Trials will be coordinated by the coach coordinator. The number of trial dates required each year will be influenced by the number of player registrations for each age group. The trial process will be held in accordance with Club guidelines and will endeavor to give players an opportunity to trial similar amounts of times on court as possible, in nominated positions and on occasion out of position.

### Under 11's to under 17's

Selections will be based on both skill level and team positional balance.

### Under 8's and under 9's

Players will be placed in teams of similar abilities, which will be determined by conducting a skills clinic in accordance with Club guidelines. Friendship requests may be considered.

## COACHES

Focus of coaches will be development of players skills with safety and welfare as a priority. Ongoing support and training will be offered via various means dedicated to player development. Coaching Director will be available for advice and guidance. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players play equal court time throughout the season and ensuring all players have the opportunity to learn multiple positions.

It is not a requirement for a coach to hold an accredited qualification. It is encouraged however this would be at the expense of the individual.

The coach has access to the coach coordinator should any problems or concerns arise with players, parents or officials.

Under 8s and Under 9s must learn all positions on the court and this is to be done by fair rotations. During the second half of the Under 9s Season coaches can begin to place players in more regular positions in preparation for Under 11s.

### Captains

The coaches of under 8's, under 9's and under 11's will adopt a rotating captain for the team. Adopting a rotating captain or appointing a captain in the under 13 age group will be at the discretion of the coach. The under 15 age group and above the coach will appoint a captain and vice-captain for the season.

### Court time

The coach must ensure, to the best to their ability, that all players have equal court time during the minor round matches; and keep a record of it.

The coach is not obliged to consider player absence or unavailability when calculating equal court time in the minor rounds.



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The coach to ensure all players must take the court for at least one half per game during the major round games (finals).

## TRAINING

The appointed coach will be responsible for deciding the training day and time and communicating that to the team.

The process for deciding the training day and time is at the discretion of the appointed coach; they may ask for each player's availability or they may choose a day and time that is best suited to their own availability.

Should a player be unavailable on the decided training night, negotiations between player (parent/guardian) and coach should occur to determine a suitable agreement to be inclusive of the player and fair to the team.

If difficulties are encountered in negotiations the coach can seek assistance from the Coach Coordinator to facilitate an outcome.

During the winter season the Club expects compulsory attendance at training. With exceptions being illness/injury, holidays or as agreed in training negotiations (as per above).

Training during the school holidays is not compulsory and can be determined by the coach.

Unexplained non-attendance at training may result in less court time, unless otherwise agreed in training negotiations.

The coach shall plan appropriate training sessions that encompasses the capabilities of all players.

If the coach is unavailable to attend a match or training session, they should attempt to arrange a suitable alternative person to coach.

In the event of inclement weather, it will be the responsibility of the coach to assess and determine if attendance at training is required and to then contact each of the players' parent/s and ensure an acknowledgement is received.

The coach must advise the secretary of any cancelled trainings.

## FILL IN PLAYERS

In the event a team has insufficient players for a scheduled match a club player must be sought in the first instance.

Insufficient players mean 7 players or less.

A team with 7 players has sufficient players to play the match and do not need a fill in.



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The coach may seek a fill in player as the 8<sup>th</sup> player (a substitute) as per Club policy; a Club player filling in must play minimum 2 quarters, an external player is NOT to play more court time than a Club player.

Fill ins will not be sought as the 9<sup>th</sup> player of a team.

The order and process of seeking a fill in player for Under 8 – Under 17 is:

1. A player should be sought from a lower Division team of the same age group as negotiated between the coaches.

Assistance can be sought from the coach coordinator.

Any player who fills up must be played for a minimum of 2 quarters.

2. In the event a player cannot be sought from within the Club an appropriate player may be approached from the Club waitlist.

Assistance can be sought from the Club Registrar.

The player must be registered prior to the match and not be registered with any other Club.

This player must NOT play more court time than a Club player.

The Club is unable to guarantee a wait list player who fills in of a position in the following years.

3. If no Club or wait list player is available an external player can be sought.

The external player must NOT play more court time than a Club player.

A player from a below age group can also play up and can play 2 games in one day if times suit. The player filling in must not have their court time reduced with their usual team if filling in for another.

As per SAUCNA rules and regulations a maximum of 4 matches can be played by a player playing up. After 5 matches in the higher team, they must remain in that team for the rest of the season.

After a fill in has played 5 games they must pay a registration fee to be determined by the committee.

Any fill in who plays the major round (finals) must pay a registration fee to be determined by the committee.



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## UMPIRES

Town umpires for Under 17s and Opens must be recruited and confirmed before the start of the Season. They go into a pool and do not necessarily umpire their own “Club” teams. SAUCNA manage Town umpires.

Suburban umpires (for home games) must be recruited and secured and go into a pool for weekly allocation. The Umpire Coordinator manage Suburban umpires.

Umpire payments as follows (per game):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City SAUCNA Courts		pay difference between Henley rate and SAUCNA
Henley Courts (U8-U15)	B Badged	\$50
	C Badged	\$45
	Unbadged	\$40
	1 <sup>st</sup> year umpire	\$35
Trials (per session) – time depending	Badged	\$70
	unbadged	\$60
Mentoring – per game/session		As per game rate

All rates determined by the umpire coordinator subject to assessment.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Any derogatory or inflammatory comments will be removed and depending on the severity may result in disciplinary action.

## DISCIPLINARY/COMPLAINT ACTION

All complaints to be acknowledged and addressed by the Committee and action determined.

Any disciplinary action to be assessed and approved by the Committee. Serious disciplinary action may result in a revoke of membership.

## CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Player safety is paramount and we will abide by the Henley Sharks policy on Child Safety while appointing our own Child Safety Officer for direct netball concerns and enquiries.



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## CODE OF CONDUCT

We aim to ensure a safe environment for players, parents, officials and spectators to be able to attend netball games. All players, officials and spectators to treat each other, the opposition (players and supporters) and all officials with respect and consideration.

All players are asked to abide by SAUCNA's ten commandments of sportsmanship:

The Ten Commandments of Sportsmanship are:

1. We shall not cheat.
2. We shall not quit.
3. We shall not sulk.
4. We shall not make excuses.
5. We shall not boast.
6. We shall not dispute the umpires.
7. We shall not steal our teammates' glory.
8. We shall not ask odds we are unwilling to give.
9. We shall play the game for the game's sake.
10. We shall cooperate for the team's sake.

As we are affiliated with the SAUCNA competition we abide by their full Code of Conduct which can be found here: <http://www.saucna.net>.

Any member not abiding by the above code of conduct or mission statement will be asked to report to the committee and may result in disciplinary action.