

Queenscliff Netball Club (QNC) Player & Parent Participation Policy

This policy outlines Queenscliff Netball Club's (QNC) official position regarding player participation in club netball.

QNC aims to promote involvement in and enjoyment of the game of netball for players of all ages and abilities. Netball is a team sport that requires the participation and commitment of all players over the course of each season.

Training

All players are expected to attend weekly training for the purposes of skill development and team building. The coach (who is a volunteer of the Club) is responsible for finding a regular training time that best suits the majority of players. Not everyone can be pleased and we request that in organising a time to suit every member of a team, and given this is a team sport, priority is given to training for netball above individual commitments. Training is between 60-90mins and prompt arrivals are appreciated. We also expect that QNC Players & Parents show our volunteer coaches & managers the utmost respect. In the event of disruptive players / teams the Coach & Manager may ask for Parents to attend training to help with any issues.

Games

All players are expected to be available to play the majority of competition games each season. Occasionally circumstances arise that cause a player to miss a game or two but any more than that and the player should probably not register to play at the start of the season. It is unfair on other team members to be regularly missing games.

Knowledge of needing to miss more than two Games in a Season requires notification WITH registration, not following team grading.

If Games are missed during a Season it is not up to the Coach / Manger to try and get a player to catch up on "missed court time" in their remaining Games.

Where possible coaches will endeavour to ensure all players have approximately equal court time and development opportunities over the course of the season as long as trainings and games are attended.

Generally, a player may receive less playing time if the player was absent from training without prior contact with the coach or at least as soon as possible or if multiple games have been missed during the Season with no prior notice. This is to allow coaches to effectively plan for games and training sessions.

Where a player is regularly absent from training or Games, court/playing time will be reduced. The coach should discuss the absence with the player/parents to seek understanding and resolution of any issues. If this is unsuccessful, the Club Coaching Convener will support the coach to seek a resolution.

Wherever possible, QNC will keep the player involved as long as this involvement does not affect the team environment.

Umpiring

All players in the U12s age group and above are required to assist with team umpiring duties as determined by the Manly Warringah Netball Association (MWNA) umpiring roster.

Fulfilment of these umpiring duties is a condition of registration for 12 years and older players. Parent Mentoring of these young Umpires is a condition of registration.

The presence of parents during the umpiring duties of their child is expected and a responsibility as a result of your child's registration with QNC. This is not an opportunity to drop your child and return later. These young Umpires benefit from having a parent or guardian present, if nothing else but to let them know that they are doing well, trying their best and help build their confidence. The Club has a published list of mentors available at the start of each Season. If you feel that your young Umpire needs more assistance than you are able to provide, these Mentors can be accessed. There is a fee associated and the organisation and payment is made directly with the Mentor. All Mentors have been approved by the Club Umpiring Convenor. Parents may use their own Mentors if they so choose.

Parents are STILL expected to be present during the allocated Umpiring Duty for support.

Further, the mentoring of your Umpires should not fall on the shoulders of Club Coaches and Managers. Parents must take responsibility and the list of Mentors mentioned previously is accessible well in advance. Umpires, whose parents do not accompany them to Games, will not be permitted to registrar with the Club in future seasons.

Umpiring Pathways towards C Grade Badges is a Program that players should indicate they are interested in so that Mentoring can be organized.

Duty Rosters

Along with all Clubs that are members of the Manly Warringah Netball Association, QNC is expected to provide volunteers for canteen, control room and BBQ duties on Saturdays several times per season. As such, QNC parents are expected to assist with fulfilling our duty roster at least once a season. These responsibilities should be shared fairly through a Team's Parent body and it is not the responsibility of the Coach & Manager unless they are happily committed to do so. Other more regular responsibilities for Parents include Scoring, Fruit Duty, Kit Bag Management, Training Assistance, First Aid duties, etc.

A club is only as strong as its volunteers and QNC needs lots more parents to be involved with Game Day and with training. When Coaches & Managers ask for volunteers for these roles at the beginning of a Season we are hoping Parents will be more than willing to help out.

Injury

QNC recommends any injury sustained while playing or training be assessed as soon as possible after it occurs. It is essential that the Coach & Manager of the team be given accurate information about the injury, rehabilitation requirements, time-out from training and games, and recommended reentry to the game. QNC will be cautious about the return of an injured player and will gradually increase court/playing time in line with the player's rehabilitation or medical recommendation.

All registered players are insured, for information on making claims contact the Club secretary.

Sickness

Where a player has been absent from training or games for over 2 weeks due to illness, coaches will be mindful of the player's health in any decisions at training and games. We recommend players obtain medical clearance from their Medical Practitioner.

Covid-19

Covid-19 will at times have its own set of requirements and these will be communicated at the time to the QNC Community as relevant and pertinent. This Pandemic is extremely unpredictable and we need to live with the advice set by the Government and relevant health bodies at different times and expect for parameters to change.

We expect all QNC Members and their parents / guardians to follow the Covid-19 advice provided by the QNC Club. Failure to do so may require further action.

QNC expects players, parents, coaches, managers and Club officials to be supportive of this policy. If you cannot commit to this Policy or the expectations of our Club you need to consider your Registration for the upcoming Season.

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