



Junior Player Policy

Our Commitment

We, the Hahndorf Netball Club, believe that junior sport should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior competition will contribute to children developing a life-long love of sport.

What We Will Do

- Emphasis to coaches and parents that junior sport is about participation, not competition
- U9 and U11 players – we will try to match children with others of their own ability (eg: if there are enough players, have more teams in an age division)
- Provide players with a broad range of experiences (eg: team positions, leadership roles, umpiring opportunities)
- Provide equal playing time for all U9 and U11 players regardless of their ability
- Ensure all children play in finals – excluding U9 carnivals
- Opportunities to substitute into higher level teams will be offered if and when the need arises at the discretion of the coaches involved
- U13-U17 players - when there is more than one team per age division we will trial prior to season which will be based on ability and team positioning (see Senior trials and team selections)

What We Ask From You

Coaches

- Focus on children getting the chance to play, learn and rotate through positions, ensure equal time for everyone
- Focus on the participation, not winning and losing
- If you do not coach your own children, treat them like everyone else in the team.

Parents

- Help the coach where possible at games eg: offer to be Team Manager or First Aid Officer
- Encourage your child and their team
- Respect the coaches selection decisions
- Dissatisfaction with team selection needs to be expressed in writing to HNC committee (in line with the HNC Grievance Policy)