



BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB: TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

SELECTION DAY

1. Positions on Selection Day

- At check in, each player is to fill out a selection slip which includes their name and three preferred positions. These slips are provided to the selectors and players are moved around.
- Preference is given to a players noted preferred position however players may be moved out of position if needed.

2. Time on Court

- If it is apparent which team a player is going to be selected for, that may result in less time on court at selection day to allow for other players for whom it isn't as apparent to have more time to be seen by selectors.
- Time on court is not a reflection on an individuals skill level, it simply comes down to limited time on the day and logistics of letting the selectors more thoroughly assess those players who are closer to each other in skill level.

3. Selectors

- Selectors are independent. No current junior coaches or parents/relatives are selectors. Experienced senior Belcoma players who aren't coaches, parents or relatives of junior players may fulfil the role.
- Selectors make their recommendations based on how many teams need to be filled, position preference and performance.
- Selectors will note their comments and recommendations on each players position slip, which is passed back to the committee for consideration.
- Selectors are not coaches. Their comments on Selection Day/s aren't intended to be used for a players game development, it is simply to guide the committee in team selections.

COMPILING TEAMS:

Belcoma provides no guarantee that teams from the season before will remain the same. The team selection panel will take last seasons teams into consideration only, however with players coming and going it's not a viable promise to make between years.

1. What's taken into consideration?

- Team size (ideally each team will have a minimum of 8 players)
- How many teams per age group
- Player experience



- Position preference (however we are of the firm belief that no player “owns” a position throughout a season. Coaches will place players in whatever position is needed/within that players capability on game days eg. a player might have only played mid court on selection day but finds themselves in goals on a Saturday as directed by their Coach).
- Player goals eg. is this player aiming to play Rep? Are they an older junior player looking to play for a higher open team/A Grade in the next few years?
- Ability to fill in (players can only fill in for teams of a higher section or age group, not lower)

2. Friends/requests

- Players may request to play with friends in the same age group and those requests will be considered **where possible**.
- If a request is made to play together and the players have already been put in different teams, the player who has been put in the higher team will be moved to the lower team.
- If players are of a different age, it is less likely these requests can be accommodated due to player numbers in each age group.
- If there is any external factors that indicate certain players shouldn't be placed in the same teams (eg. bullying issues at school), please email belcoma.pres@gmail.com so it can be worked around when teams are compiled. We expect that all players respect each other on and off the court regardless of other issues however understand that sometimes kids/teens just don't get along.
- Please submit all requests to belcoma.pres@gmail.com prior to the conclusion of Team Selection Day #2 at the latest so that they can be taken into consideration during the selection meeting, rather than popping up after teams have been sorted. **Requests are less likely to be able to be actioned if they come in late as they are likely to effect more than one team.**

3. Final decision & team submissions:

- The Committee will hold a team selection meeting shortly after Selection Day #2.
- Generally players are put into age groups first, then movement occurs where any backfill is needed (eg. an older U13 may be asked to move up to U15 a year early if U15 is a player short and there's an excess of U13).
- If a player is being considered to move to a higher age group earlier than planned, they and their parent will be asked before the move is set in stone. If the player or their parent isn't comfortable with the move, please let the Committee know so we can look at alternatives. The Committee will never move a player up early without everyone being ok with it.
- Where there is multiple teams in the same age group, teams are sorted in consultation with last years coaches and the comments/recommendation from



the independent selectors from Team Selection Days. If the player is new to Belcoma, the Committee will be guided by the Selectors recommendation.

4. Notification of Selection

- Players (and/or their parent/s) will be notified of their team & training time/day by their Coach either by phone or email once teams are finalised.
- Given the timeframe of beginning training & having to submit team lists to MDNA, players may train as a squads by age group until teams are finalised.

Reminder: throughout the Selection process, all players, coaches, parents & committee members are expected to comply with the Netball Victoria Code of Conduct just as they are throughout the season. Any kind of rudeness, discrimination, bullying and otherwise unpleasant behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in internal disciplinary action, including expulsion from Belcoma Netball Club.