



Equal Game and Playing Time Policy

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Disclaimer

This policy should be read in conjunction with NSW Netball's Player Code of Conduct. There are two parts to this policy. Part A applies to normal competition matches. Part B applies to finals matches.

PART A: Competition Matches

Bungendore Netball Club (the Club) has a strict policy of "equal game time" for all registered players to promote participation, development and enjoyment of netball.

Application of the "equal game time rule" should result in all players playing a minimum of 3 quarters per game depending on the number of players within the team. Where the number of players within a team does not permit equal game time to be allocated each week, equal game time should be achieved for players across successive two to three week cycles.

The Club believes that equal game time will provide an environment within which players can develop their netball talent, have fun and become the best player they can be. For players in the 8's, 9's and 10's competitions equal game and playing time should be accompanied by positional rotation so players experience the challenge of playing in as many positions as possible.

Positional rotation will introduce players to the different requirements of each area of the court and assist coaches in matching the individual to the suitable positions in years to come.

For players 11's years and above, coaches will give greater consideration to the players size, strength, skill level and game sense when rotating players positions. This may result in players playing in fewer positions. In turn, however, this will enhance the opportunity for the coach to help the player develop their knowledge of positional play.

The coach's discretion will be applied in the case of injury or fatigue to not give a player equal court time during a particular game.

A commitment by coaches to play players equally requires a commitment by players to try their hardest and comply with NSW Netball Players Code of Conduct. The coach's discretion can also be applied in the case of poor attitude and any behaviour that is contrary to the NSW Netball Players Code of Conduct. Where a coach's discretion is applied in these circumstances, the coach will notify the Club Executive of the reasons for this decision.

Players can take advantage of the opportunity provided by equal game time by helping their team and their teammates by:

- playing to the best of their ability,
- preparing themselves (physically and mentally) to play to the best of their ability at all times,
- demonstrating commitment to the team by maximising attendance at training wherever possible, and
- behaving appropriately and with respect.

Each team will participate in a training session each week and it is expected that players will attend their training sessions. If for a valid reason a player cannot attend training, you are required to contact your team's coach/manager with an explanation as to why you could not attend. If players fail to communicate with their team's management re nonattendance to training it may affect the quantity of time a player receives in that week's game.

The number of players allowed to join a team each year is capped at 10 to support the objectives of this policy.

Coaches must document the positions played by each player in a game and any allocated time off court in the Coach's Handbook.

PART B: Finals Matches

The Club allows game time allocation to players to be at a coach's discretion during finals matches.