



Winter Pre-Season Trials

The St Monica's Netball Club will hold Junior pre-season trial sessions commencing in early February each year, as advised following the close of registrations. The purpose of these sessions is to select teams to compete in the SAUCNA winter season.

Squad Sessions

The St Monica's Netball Club may hold a squad session to aid with the player selection process. Squad sessions will be held after the trials and will group players together according to their skill level. These sessions will provide further opportunity for Selectors to allocate players and fine-tune teams.

Attendance

- Players in U8 and U9 with enough registrations to fill multiple teams may be required to participate in a squad training session in early February to assist with team and player allocations.
- Players in U11, U13, U15 and U17 junior age divisions with more than 10 registrations are required to attend pre-season trials in order to be correctly graded into an appropriate team to compete in the upcoming season. Attendance allows selection panel members to make judgement as to appropriate team selection, with a correct balance of players capable of playing the various team positions.
- In the event that junior players are unable to attend the trial sessions, selectors and club officials will consider previous playing experience, performance and draw upon reports from previous coaches and statistics, if available.
- It is also important that players who attend pre-season trials understand, that whilst their attendance will certainly be an advantage, there will be other players who may come into consideration for team selection.
- Players who have not registered prior to selection trials will only be placed in teams with vacancies, following the selection process.

Selection Panels

The selection process is a comprehensive process, involving many hours of volunteered time from the panel members and the selection supervisor(s).

SMNC uses selectors who are independent from trialling players, and possess sufficient skill and knowledge for this task. Selection panels will report to the selection supervisor(s), who will be responsible for organising the trial days, and providing information and support to the selectors during the process.

Selection panels will not discuss selection matters with players, parents or those not involved in the selection process, either during or after the selection trials.



Selection Criteria

Players will attend pre-season trials in the appropriate age group, and be available to represent the club in the team selected. Teams will be selected by the Selection Panel who may seek further input from previous coaches, and the selection supervisor(s), where necessary.

Players will be allocated equitable court time, as a minimum, in their first two nominated positions by the selection supervisor(s). It is therefore important that players nominate their preferred positions on the registration form carefully, as this is a key criteria considered in formation of final teams.

Opportunity to trial in further positions will be subject to time constraints and any wishes from the selectors to view players in other positions/combinations.

Players will be placed after consideration of the following:

- Ability
- Experience
- Past performances
- Positions played
- Positions required
- Team dynamics
- Reliability
- Development requirements

Selection Time Line

Teams will be announced as soon as possible following the trial process.

Grievances and Procedures

Our club is committed to providing an environment where all members feel valued and respected. Club members have the right to express opinions and provide suggestions to benefit players.

Any grievances are kept confidential and are addressed as promptly and fairly as possible.

Player Selections

Previous experience in a high division of a lower age group does not automatically correlate to selection in a high division team in the next age group. Experienced players, in their second year in an age division, may make up the majority of players in higher division teams of a given age group.

The number of players trialling for a given position can have an impact on team selections. Players will not always be selected in the same team their friend(s) are in. Players who wish to be in the same team, need to both request this, and will have to accept placement in the lower team if they are graded differently.





Any grievances in regard to selections are to be emailed to club secretary/president within 48 hours of receiving notification of team placement.

Concerns will be addressed with head selectors and/or members of the selection panel, and a response provided.

We ask parents and players alike to respect the decisions made, selectors have considered a broad range of factors across multiple teams during the process of team selections.

Registration fees, less 20%, will be refunded to players who choose not to play following the selection outcome.

Grievances during the season

These should firstly be expressed with team coach and/or team manager. If not resolved, please email the club secretary/president.

