

# Arawang Netball Association

*A successful community driven by **PEOPLE & PASSION***

## **Junior Representative Program 2022 Handbook**

## JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Arawang Netball Association (ANA) Junior Representative Program (Junior Rep) is to offer ANA athletes the opportunity to receive high quality coaching and play within a representative environment in order to develop themselves to their highest potential.

With a focus on skills, specialisation and player development, the program aims to enhance sportsmanship, confidence, teamwork, high performance behaviours and provide a positive experience. Doing well on the scoreboard is also a welcome bonus.

Athletes in the Junior Rep program compete in the Netball ACT (NACT) premier annual junior netball competition – *ACT Junior Championships* (Junior Champs).

Junior Champs sees all ACT District Associations compete for the title of ACT Junior Champion in all respective age groups. In 2021 this was from Under 11's to Under 17's. 2022 age groups are to be confirmed by NACT early in the new year.

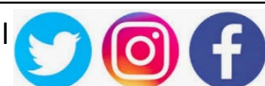
We are looking forward to a fun filled 2022 season. If selected into a team, further information will be provided in a Welcome Pack.

## COMMUNICATION

ANA uses email communication as well as their website and social media pages to announce achievements, information or other items for the wider community to view. All policies relevant to Junior Rep can be found on the ANA website.

- Website - <http://arawangna.act.netball.com.au/>
- Facebook - @arawangna
- Instagram - @arawang\_netball\_assoc
- Twitter - @arawangNA

Important information will be sent via email  
and promoted through our social channels



## 2022 DRAFT SCHEDULE

- ⇒ **November – December 2021:** Delivery of the *Arawang Court Ready Program*, a specialised netball pathways program, open to all athletes of all abilities, genders and age groups.
- ⇒ **Late November 2021 – Late January 2022** – nominations open for the 2022 Junior Representative Program.
- ⇒ **February 2022:** Trials for each age group, team selection and registration - following confirmation from Netball ACT on the 2022 Junior Champs Program.

- ⇒ **March – July 2022:** Junior Rep Program formally commences, including trainings, local and interstate netball carnivals in the lead up to the ACT Junior Champs.
- Entry into local carnivals is dependent on ACT District calendars and entry into interstate carnivals (NSW) will be dependent on NSW District calendars.
    - Our participation in these will be confirmed closer to the time.
  - Dates for ACT Junior Championships are to be confirmed by Netball ACT in early 2022. Tentative dates are currently slated for June and July 2022 (see Junior Championships below for more information).
- ⇒ **August 2022:** At the end of each season ANA holds a presentation event to celebrate our Junior Representative teams. This will be communicated with teams closer to the time.

## ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN JUNIOR REP

As the ANA Representative Program is representing the association, all participants in the program (with the exception of under 17's players) must play with a school or club within the ANA Saturday winter competition. Under 17's players are encouraged but not required to play within the ANA competition.

Should you not be able to play in the ANA Saturday competition, you must submit an exemption outlining the reasons why. Exemptions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

All age groups are the given age and under. Ages of players are taken from the 31st of December of the competition year.

ANA mandates that all players must play in their own age group. However, on rare occasions, there may be exceptions to this rule.

Under 11 teams will consist of players who will be turning 9, 10 or 11 during that year.

All players must participate in ACT Junior Championships, unless otherwise agreed prior to selection or in extenuating circumstances.

## FEES

ANA is committed to providing a fair and transparent fee schedule for all players and families whilst ensuring that the fees cover the operational and growth needs of our Association.

A Registration fee is charged for the Junior Representative Program. The fee amount may vary from year to year at the discretion of the ANA Committee. Registration fees typically include:

- Season fees
- Coaching and equipment costs (includes uniform)
- Attendance at carnivals
- GST Transaction fee (to cover charges levied by the bank/payment services provider)

### **Registration fees for 2021**

Registration fees for the 2022 will be confirmed at time of trials. Fees for the 2021 season were:

- Representative Player \$250.00/player
- Representative Training Partner \$90.00/player

### **Family Discounts**

We value our community and offer a family discount where more than one child is successful in being a representative player. ANA may permit a payment plan agreement with the family.

### **Genuine Hardship**

ANA acknowledges that some families experience genuine hardship from time to time. In these cases, ANA must receive a notification and request for assistance prior to the payment due date specified in the welcome pack provided on selection. The matter will be dealt with confidentially.

If payments are not made by the agreed due date, ANA can exercise action to redeem monies at their discretion and act to accordingly.

## **TEAM SELECTION**

Players will be selected into teams within their age group. This will be based on the following:

- Skills
- Work ethic
- Fitness
- Behaviour and attitude
- Commitment
- Player combinations

All teams will ideally have ten players. Coaches and selectors have the right to select only nine players, dependent on skill level and squad depth (Teal and Black teams only).

### **Training Partners**

Training partners may also be selected for each age group and are a vital part of our program. They are invited to train every week and will be called upon to play in teams at carnivals under various circumstances, including injury, illness, and absence. Training partners are expected to train alongside the teams allocated in their age group.

Training Partners are called into the team competition environment under the guidance of the coach. Selectors may be asked to reassess player performance prior to a decision/invite.

## **PLAYER EXPECTATIONS**

All parents and players of the Junior Representative Program are expected to be aware and adhere to the [ANA code of behaviour](#) as stated in the ANA fixture information.

As a part of the Junior Representative Program, we encourage all players to perform at their best. All participants are to be treated equally with a positive attitude in a competitive and friendly environment.

ANA players and training partners must:

- Have and display respect and co-operate with your coach and team manager.
- Show respect, support and encourage fellow members of your team.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team - your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team or the opposition.
- Compete by the rules and always abide by and respect all officials.
- Commit to attend all training and fitness sessions as required by the coach.
- Notify the Coach in advance of any absences stating reasons. If necessary, you may consult the Junior Representative Convenor for guidance.
- Wear the correct Rep Team or Rep Train on Squad uniforms.
- Support all association fundraising activities.
- Commit to attend all Rep Carnivals entered in to.
- Play for the fun of it, and not just to please parents and coaches.

## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

All parents and players of the Junior Representative Program are expected to be aware and adhere to the [ANA code of behaviour](#) as stated in the ANA fixture information.

As parents/guardians of Junior Representative Program participants, we encourage a positive and supportive attitude in a competitive and friendly environment. All ANA players and training partners will be treated equally.

We (ANA) expect parents and guardians to behave in a fair and reasonable manner in line with the following expectations:

- Commit to taking your child to every training session, carnival and the ACT Junior Championships.
- Ensure your child adheres to the ANA Player Expectations.
- Respect and support the coach, team manager, ANA committee, team members, ANA squad members, opposition teams and fellow parents.
- Respect umpires and their decisions.
- Assist with various roles at carnivals and support all association fundraising activities.

## TRAINING

All training sessions are **compulsory**. Each team trains at least once a week. Further information on the training schedule will be provided in the Welcome Pack.

Players will be expected to train in the following attire:

- ANA training shirt or hoodie (weather dependent)
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit pants
- Sun visor and sun protection (weather dependent)
- Good quality netball shoes.
- Hair must be tied back and out of the eyes.

No jewelry or items of clothing (not included) in the above list are to be worn.

### **Specialist Clinics**

From time to time, ANA will run specialist skills clinics exclusively for their Rep players. These clinics will be at no cost to the players and are compulsory to attend.

## **CARNIVALS**

ANA is planning to attend various carnivals during the 2022 representative season. Carnivals are generally an all-day commitment, often playing 5-10 short games, and are a fantastic opportunity to play against other strong representative teams, revise skills, practice team strategies and are excellent for team bonding.

All teams will be entered into ACT district association carnivals during the season. Additional interstate carnivals may be entered based on availability of players/coaches and travel restrictions in place (if any). It is not guaranteed that all age divisions will travel to interstate carnivals.

Carnival entries will be announced once confirmed by Junior Representative Programs in the ACT and NSW (where applicable).

## **ACT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The culmination of the Junior Representative season is the ACT Junior Championships (Junior Champs). Junior Champs sees all ACT District Representative Programs compete for the title of Junior Champion in all respective age groups.

ACT Junior Champs are played over two days at ACT Netball Centre in Lyneham. Age groups are split across separate weekends, scheduled and managed by Netball ACT.

ANA teams will be entered into Junior Champs, based on skill level and performance outcomes. As an association our goal is to get into the Grand Final for each divisional age group competition.

Whilst we will seek to challenge our representative teams, it is not our aim to see players discouraged by competing in divisions above their skill level and confidence.

Tentative dates are currently slated for June and July 2022 (as of Nov 2021), and are subject to confirmation/change;

<b>DATE</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>
2 - 3 July (TBC)	11, 12 & 13 age groups
25 - 26 June (TBC)	14, 15 & 17 age groups

## UNIFORM

During all trainings and carnivals, all ANA representative players and officials are required to wear full ANA uniform.

The compulsory ANA Representative uniform consists of:

- A playing dress hired from ANA (included in registration fees)
- ANA training shirt (included in registration fees)
- Black boyleg shorts/leggings

The non - compulsory ANA Representative uniform options:

- ANA Trackpants
- ANA Hoodie
- ANA socks
- ANA drink bottle
- ANA bag
- ANA sun visor
- ANA training shorts
- ANA headband
- ANA towel

All non-compulsory items are available for sale at the Arawang canteen.

## KEY CONTACTS

Your ANA contacts for the 2022 Junior Representative Season are as follows:

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