



## **FREMANTLE NETBALL ASSOCIATION (Inc)**

### **STATE NETBALL LEAGUE PLAYER ELIGIBILITY POLICY**

Reviewed and Adopted 5/4/2011

#### **A) INTENT OF POLICY**

To clarify the status of player eligibility of Open State League Squad and 18 & Under State League athletes and ANZ Championship athletes, participating in the netball competition at Fremantle Netball Association (Inc) [hereafter referred to as FNA].

#### **B) HOW THE POLICY WORKS**

The policy sets out the steps to be followed by Clubs, Coaches and athletes to deal with elite player eligibility at FNA competition level.

FNA shall appoint annually a Permit Committee (a panel of three non playing members) who shall consider all applications for variation to the policy. Should a member/s of the Permit Committee have any conflict of interest in relation to any 'application for a variation' they shall be replaced by an officer/s of the Association (i.e. the President, First or Second Vice President).

#### **C) THE POLICY**

1. An athlete who is a member of
  - (i) An Open State League Squad;
  - (ii) A National League team playing in the National Championship competitionshall only be eligible to play in the Senior A1 competition at FNA unless a variation has been granted to play in a lower division at FNA.
2. A Club who has a player/s in the above categories but their number 1 senior team is not in Senior A1, must place this player/s in their highest graded senior team.
3. An athlete who is a member of an 18 & Under State League team shall be eligible to play in the highest division of the 17&Under competition, the highest division of the 19&Under competition and no lower than the Senior A3 competition at FNA.
4. A Club who has a player/s in the 18 & Under State League team but does not have a team in 17&U1, 19&U1 or SA3 (or above) must place this player/s in their highest graded 17&Us, 19&U's or highest graded senior team.
5. Clubs are required to indicate on their FNA team Registration Forms the status of any players they are registering who are involved with SNL.
6. FNA member clubs shall be responsible for advising the Secretary, of any alteration to the status of a club player with involvement at SNL level during season. This could for example be
  - (i) a change from being a 'train on player' to becoming a 'regular player';
  - (ii) joined a SNL Club during the FNA season.
7. Should the FNA Permit Committee be made aware of a SNL player's change in playing circumstances {promotion} (at SNL level), then the Permit Committee have authority to review the grading of that player at FNA competition level.
8. A Club may apply in writing to the Permit Committee for 'application for variation' to consider extenuating circumstance applicable to an individual athlete.
9. Applications must be lodged with the Secretary of FNA either
  - (i) With Club team registrations to be considered for the forth coming season, or
  - (ii) At least 3 days prior to a match to cover a change of circumstances after the FNA season has commenced.
10. All decisions of the Permit Committee are final and there is no right of appeal.

#### **D) PENALTY**

In the event of a team playing a player who is not eligible to play for that team, the offending team shall forfeit the match and shall be penalized a further two (2) points.