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The 2027 Representative Program will look quite different from previous years as we continue to strengthen and develop our pathway for players, coaches and families.

Our goal is to create a program that is clear, transparent and development-focused, while providing players with the best possible opportunity to grow and succeed. We want to build a strong and sustainable representative pathway that supports long-term player development and fosters a positive culture built on commitment, teamwork, accountability and performance.

Squad Selection Process

For 2027, players will initially trial for selection into a representative squad rather than a final team.

Selection into a squad recognises a player's potential and provides the opportunity to participate in an extended assessment and development period. It is important to understand that squad selection does not automatically guarantee placement in a final representative team.

This approach allows coaches and selectors to observe players across a range of environments and over a longer period of time, helping ensure selections are fair, informed and in the best interests of both the individual player and the team.

Players may be assessed on factors including:

- Skill level
- Fitness
- Game awareness and decision-making
- Coachability
- Attitude and sportsmanship
- Commitment and attendance
- Teamwork and communication
- Positional balance within teams
- Performance at training, competition games and carnivals

Following participation in at least one lead-up carnival, and potentially additional development opportunities, final team selections will be made.

Team Nominations

JNA's priority is to provide meaningful representative opportunities while ensuring teams are appropriately prepared for competition.

Teams will only be nominated where selectors and coaches believe they are ready to compete at the required standard. Similarly, if an age group has sufficient numbers for multiple teams but only one team is performing at the necessary level, JNA may nominate a single team.

This approach is not about excluding players. Rather, it is intended to support player development, maintain competitive standards and ensure our athletes are entering competitions well prepared and equipped for success.

Squad Acceptance

Players who are offered and accept a position in a 2027 JNA Representative Squad will be required to pay a **\$200 acceptance fee** upon accepting their position.

This \$200 payment will be **credited towards the player's final 2027 representative fees**.

Full representative program fees will be advised once all relevant competition and program costs have been confirmed.

Please note that acceptance into a representative squad does not automatically guarantee selection into a final representative team.

Player Agreement

To ensure all participants understand the expectations associated with representative netball, players selected into final teams will be required to enter into a Player Agreement.

The agreement will outline expectations relating to:

- Attendance
- Commitment
- Behaviour and conduct
- Uniform requirements
- Training expectations
- Financial obligations
- Representation of JNA

This initiative is designed to provide clarity and consistency for players, parents, coaches and officials.

Training Program

Planning is currently underway for the 2027 training schedule, with squad members expected to train twice each week during the assessment and development phase.

These sessions will focus on player development, team building and ongoing evaluation while selection processes are taking place.

Once final teams have been announced, training schedules may be adjusted based on team requirements and coach availability.

JNA values the significant contribution made by our coaches, many of whom volunteer considerable time while balancing work, family and personal commitments.

Training will commence once squads have been announced, providing players with approximately 6 to 8 months of preparation before competition.

Sessions will continue throughout December and January. While we understand that some families may travel during this period, players and coaches will be encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible.

Representative netball requires commitment, and regular attendance will form part of the ongoing assessment process for players seeking final team selection.

Travel and Accommodation

From 2027, JNA representative teams will no longer travel or stay together as a group during competitions.

Families will be responsible for organising their own:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- Meals

This approach allows players to remain with their parent or guardian, ensures individual needs can be met, and provides greater flexibility for families.

It also reduces the responsibility placed on volunteers and creates clear accountability for player care outside of official training and competition environments.

Our Vision

The 2027 Representative Program is built around the principles of:

- Development
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Teamwork
- Community

Representative netball is a rewarding opportunity that brings with it a higher level of responsibility and commitment. We want all players, coaches, parents and officials to understand the expectations involved and to work together in creating a positive environment where athletes can thrive.

Our focus is to develop not only stronger netballers, but also confident, committed and respectful representatives of Jimboomba Netball Association.

Please note: Players may be invited into representative squads throughout the season at the discretion of the Representative Coordinator and appointed representative coaches, where development and team requirements support additional opportunities.