

# **BOROONDARA NETBALL ASSOCIATION    JUNIOR NETBALL POLICY**

**RE: 13U and 15U REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

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The Boroondara Netball Association is affiliated with Netball Victoria and, as such, must operate within the guidelines and objectives of the “Netball Victoria Junior Netball Policy”.

## **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- 13U and 15U Representative teams are classified as **‘developmental teams’**, the focus being on broad skill development not specialisation.
- Participation in finals of the 13U & 15U age group may be a player’s first exposure to ‘representative team finals’ and every effort should be made to make it a positive experience.
- At all times, efforts must be made so as not to preclude any child from participating.
- Rewards should be for participation, individual achievement, sportsmanship and improvement.
- Coaches may feel that there is no challenge for themselves and their players if they are not trying to get into and win finals. However there are many challenges a coach can set her players that are not dependent on a win or a place in a grand final - refer Coach Director for guidelines.
- All coaching should be by qualified personnel - minimum requirement for POWER teams = Development

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Participation  
Confidence building  
Skill development  
Enjoyment / Fun  
Positive experiences  
High standards of sportsmanship

## **STATEMENT re matches:**

*The focus in all games is not just on winning but on providing a positive experience to all players who have been selected into our Association Talent Identification Program.*

*All players in the 13U and 15U age groups must participate in at least 2 quarters of every game - unless there are extenuating circumstances which include injury, non-attendance at training or poor attitude - and all players must be made to feel that they have been worthy contributors to the game.*

## **STATEMENT re finals:**

*The focus in finals is on winning but also on providing a positive experience to all players who have been selected into our Association Talent Identification Program.*

*All players in a 13U & 15U representative team must participate in at least 1 quarter of all finals – unless there are extenuating circumstances which include injury, non-attendance at training or poor attitude - and all players must be made to feel that they have been worthy contributors to the game.*