Surrey Hills Netball Club Policy

PURPOSE

Team sport is an important component of school life and future long term health. Clarity of expectations and decision processes is essential to ensure:

1. Fair and just treatment of all
2. Provide guidance and understanding to players, coaches and parents
3. Encourage sports participation incorporating skill and game play development
4. Support the school vision and values
5. Engender strong self-esteem and team skills

This policy applies to the Surrey Hills Netball Club. Inter-school teams will be selected and play under the Surrey Hills Primary School Sports Team Policy. The Surrey Hills Netball Club will operate within the vision and values of Surrey Hills Primary School and Netball Victoria guidelines.

TEAM SELECTION NETBALL

1. Team selection each season will be decided by coaches, Coaching Co-ordinator and the Club Secretary.
2. Team selection will be made based on:
   a. Team balance
   b. Skill development
   c. Friendship
   d. Where possible year level based in Primary aged players
3. Where more than the maximum number of players have registered the priority for selection will be in the following order:
   a. Current Surrey Hills Primary School students who have played with the club before
   b. Current Surrey hills Primary School students who have not played before
   c. Past Surrey Hills Primary School students who have played with the club before
   d. New players who do not or have not attended Surrey Hills Primary School
4. Written requests for placement can be considered if attached to Registration
GAME TIME NETBALL
1. Coaches will endeavor to allocate even game time over the fixtured season
2. The priority for the fixtured season play will be participation and skill/game development
3. Player availability and training participation will impact Coaches allocation of game time
4. Coaches decisions will be made firstly with the best interests of the team followed by consideration for individuals
5. Should a team reach finals the coach will endeavor to ensure all players take the court however in elimination games or Grand Finals the coach may use their discretion to select and place the team for the greatest chance of success
6. Coaches will ensure that detailed records of training attendance, player game time, play positions and availability (including notifications of absence). These records are available to all team members and their parents on request, however respectful consideration for the coaches time is needed (i.e., Not before and during matches or training).
7. Where possible the Team Manager or a person appointed by the coach will keep the records. Coaches will be provided with templates for record keeping

TRAINING NETBALL
1. Players must be available for training with their team
2. Players must attend scheduled training sessions respecting punctuality, training attire and team attitude
3. Non-attendance (other than prior notified absence due to illness or holidays) will result in loss of games time
4. Injured players are expected to attend training unless their injury prevents this. This enables players to continue to support the team and learn strategies and skills through observation
5. Players are required to notify their coach in writing (text message, email or written note) not less than one week prior to a match of unavailability. Where unavailability is due to late injury or illness notification must be made as soon as possible. Non-notification of absence from training will result in loss of game time
6. Training will normally be held at Surrey Hills Primary School. Where possible Primary aged teams will train immediately before or after school or during lunchtime

REGISTRATION NETBALL
1. Registration is open to all students at Surrey Hills Primary School from Year 2. Players not attending Surrey Hills Primary School may lodge a Registration Form for consideration. See Priority selection below.
2. Players and umpires must be registered and financial members of the Surrey Hills Netball Club and have current VNA registration to be entered into a team.
3. Normally new players will not be registered mid-season unless required to increase team numbers to make a team viable.
4. Netball: Primary aged players should play within a team of their own year level, unless required in the form of a composite team due to uneven numbers in year levels or new players beginning.
5. Teams with less than 9 players will not normally be considered for registration
6. Grading recommendations will be made to Whitehorse Netball Association on lodgment of Registration and at re-grading if required
UNIFORM
1. Players will wear the club designed lycra netball dress. Boys will wear school rugby shorts with the pockets sewn closed and a school polo shirt or school singlet. Footwear is the responsibility of the player.
2. The dresses may be purchased or hired with a deposit payable

GUIDELINES NETBALL
1. Primary aged players will train and play in different positions during the season to learn the skills of both defence and attack
2. The coach will determine a players playing positions
3. Players, coaches and supporters are expected at all times to represent the club with pride and respect. Sportsmanship both on and off the field/court is essential. Respect for coaches, team-mates, opposition and umpires is critical to ensuring the enjoyment of sport for all. This contributes to a lifelong enjoyment and participation outlook.
4. Players, coaches and supporters who breech the expected Codes of Conduct may be penalized through loss of game time or attendance at training and/or matches
5. Concerns should be addressed in the first instance with the coach. Should the matter not be resolved, concerns should be addressed in writing to the Club Secretary.
6. Players and families will be notified via the school website of training and playing times and locations as soon as these are available

IMPLEMENTATION NETBALL
All players coaches and umpires will be notified of the Netball Team Policy

EVALUATION NETBALL
Ratified by School Council 20 August 2012
Regular evaluation will take place based on the feedback of players, officials and staff.