



JOONDALUP NETBALL ASSOCIATION

JNA STSAC Policies & Procedures

2018

Abbreviations

ADO – Association Development Officer

STSAC – Smarter than Smoking Association Championship

WIT – Warriors in Training

WANL – Western Australian Netball League

JNA – Joondalup Netball Association

WCNR – West Coast Netball Region

1. Trial Application Requirements:

1.1 All athletes must apply to trial for the STSAC squads in accordance with their age groups e.g., 12U, 13U etc. for the year of the championships i.e., applicants must be turning that age in the year of the championships. Two (2) trials will be held at dates to be determined by the ADO and the Development Committee. Information on dates will be available on the JNA website and via email to Club Contacts for distribution to club members.

1.2 All applications must be completed and received by the date advertised.

2. Eligibility & Availability Requirements:

2.1 Only those athletes registered to play in the **current Winter season at JNA** are **eligible to trial** and must also then **register to play in the Winter season of the year of the championships** to be **eligible for selection**.

2.1.1 Opens: Athletes that are **affiliated and currently financial** with JNA (i.e., must pay the required affiliation fee due to JNA for the current year of championships plus the fees for STSAC if selected), but are unable to play in the Open/Senior Winter competition due to work or study commitments, must provide written confirmation of their work or study schedule. It is also expected that they have participated in some voluntary measure to one or more JNA programs (minimum of 10hrs **unpaid** to be completed in the previous year and since the last STSAC, or prior to the weekend of the STSAC in the current year).

2.2 Minimum age is athletes turning 12 years of age in the year of the championships and maximum is athletes turning 17 years of age in the year of the championships. For Open teams, athletes must be turning 18 years of age or over in the year of the championships.

2.3 Athletes who are selected within any WANL Program (18's, Reserves or League) are not eligible to trial, with the exception of WCNR WIT athletes and WCNR training partners/train on athletes, as directed by the region.

2.4 Athletes **must** attend and participate at **all** trials. Note: If an athlete is unable to attend a trial for medical reasons, their selection/non-selection will be based on feedback from selectors at previous trials, if applicable. A medical certificate must be produced prior to the trials and a clearance certificate before participating further.

2.4.1 Athletes who are injured at the time of trials must produce a medical certificate.

2.5 STSAC is held over the June Long Weekend of each year. All athletes must be available for the ENTIRE weekend and must not have any other commitments during this weekend.

2.6 Athletes who are selected into the program are expected to be available for all dates of the program pre or post championships. This includes, but is not limited to, training sessions, fitness sessions, uniform fitting and distribution, team photos and presentation/wind-up night. These dates are to be advised at the commencement of the program.

2.7 All players representing JNA must adhere to JNA Policies, Procedures, By-Laws, Codes of Conduct & Behaviour, the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy and must pay **all fees** relating to the Smarter Than Smoking Association Championships.

2.8 It is a requirement that all athletes selected into a JNA Representative team complete and sign the JNA Athlete Acceptance & Commitment Form (including the parent/guardian if athlete is under 18yrs of age).

2.9 The Development Committee will name 10 athletes per JNA team (with the option to increase to 12 athletes if the Development Committee deems it necessary), however "train-on athletes" may be named and invited to participate in the training program. "Train-on athletes" participate at no cost unless they are required to join the team when full fees will be payable.

2.10 It is the JNA policy that JNA Coaches are not to coach teams that include their own children (this does not apply to assistant coaches).

3. Training Requirements:

3.1 All athletes are required to attend **all** training sessions.

3.2 If an athlete is unable to train due to injury, or unable to attend training for any other reason, the coach and the Association Development Officer (ADO) must be informed as soon as possible, via phone or email, prior to the training session.

3.3 If an athlete is injured they are still to attend and observe the training sessions.

3.4 If an athlete is unwell/sick they are to remain at home then return to training when well.

3.5 If athletes require any taping/strapping/braces then they should be prepared prior to the training sessions and prior to attending the games during the championships over the long weekend.

3.6 If an athlete misses 2 or more training sessions, without a medical reason, then this will/may lead to their release from the program and another athlete taking their place. This decision would be made in consultation with the ADO, Development Committee, coach/s, parents and athlete.

4. Injuries & Medical Clearances:

4.1 Any athlete who is unable to train due to injury must be reviewed by an appropriately qualified Healthcare Provider who has a Provider Number. A medical certificate must be provided to JNA.

4.2 The ADO and coach must be kept informed of treatment and prognosis after each review with the Healthcare Provider.

4.3 Any injury that requires extensive treatment which means an athlete cannot attend and/or participate in training for an extended period may result in that athlete being released from the program. This decision will be made in consultation with the ADO, Development Committee, Lead Coaches, parents and athlete, taking into consideration all medical information from the Healthcare Provider.

4.4 Injured athletes cannot return to training or playing until a written medical clearance, from the Healthcare Provider, is given to the ADO, who is responsible for passing this information on to the Coach.

5. Behaviour Expectations:

5.1 Athletes and Coaches must remember that selection for the STSAC teams means that they are representing the Association and as such are expected to follow the JNA Code of Conduct at all times.

5.2 Athletes or Coaches who break this Code of Conduct, or, who consistently display poor behaviour and/or attitude towards coaches, team mates, other athletes, umpires or any other person involved within the STSAC program may either not be selected into the program or released from the program if they have been selected, with **no refund** of fees paid.

5.2.1.1 Should this involve an already selected athlete or coach then this action will be taken after consultation with the ADO, Development Committee, Lead Coach/s, parent and athlete.

5.3 Athletes or Coaches who break this Code of Conduct whilst playing or coaching at **Club level**, during the JNA winter or spring seasons **prior to or leading up to** the championships, may be released from the program with **no refund** of fees paid. This decision will be made in consultation with the Committee, ADO, Coaches, parents and athlete.

5.4 The ADO, or a member of the Development Committee, will arrange a suitable time at the start of the program to meet with the parents of athletes to explain the ethos of the program and its expectations and also to cover the rules of the competition during the STSAC, including court time for athletes during the STSAC.

6. Feedback:

6.1 Athlete feedback will only be given to those athletes who are released after the final Trial and only if requested in writing to the JNA Head Office.

7. Uniforms:

- 7.1 The Association provides a full playing uniform for athletes selected for the STSAC JNA representative teams to participate in.
- 7.2 This uniform is only to be worn when representing the Association over the STSAC weekend, or as requested (e.g., team photos), but not to be worn for training or at any other time.
- 7.3 Athletes must **return the full uniform** to their team's Managers on the final day of the STSAC weekend. Therefore, a change of clothes will be required for the final day of the championships.
- 7.4 Should an athlete's uniform be returned damaged, stained etc. an assessment will be made and an account will be issued from JNA for the appropriate value for the replacement/repair, laundering etc. Should an athlete not return their full JNA uniform then they will be required to pay the total current replacement costs of the items. If not paid then they may be considered unfinancial and may not be eligible for participation in further trials or carnivals.
- 7.5 Athletes must wear **black** sports briefs under their uniform and are responsible for providing their own.
- 7.6 Athletes may purchase a training singlet and this is to be worn to STSAC training.
- 7.7 Coaches are required to wear the allocated polo shirts to training and the championships. Jackets will also be provided for the championship weekend. The polo shirts and jackets must be returned to the Team's Manager immediately after the STSAC weekend and prior to the presentations/windup.
- 7.8 Team Managers are required to wear the allocated polo shirts to the championship weekend. The Manager is to return the team's athlete's uniforms to the JNA Uniform Coordinator at the STSAC presentation/wind up function laundered in accordance with instructions; **fully** dried and folded. The Coach and Manager polo shirts and jackets are to be laundered, as per the athlete's uniforms, and returned at the presentation/wind up to the JNA Uniform Coordinator.
- 7.9 If Athletes, Coaches, Managers and/or JNA Officials select to wear track pants (or trousers) over the STSAC weekend they must be **black** in colour only.

8. Costs & Payments:

- 8.1 Actual costs may vary from year to year dependent upon the Association costs for the program, which includes, but is not limited to, Specialist Coaches, Fitness Sessions, Equipment, Uniforms, Competition Entry Fees and Insurances.
- 8.2 There are different payments for each phase. The following table outlines the fees. These are approximations based on the previous year's fees and will be confirmed at the time of registration/acceptance into the next phase each year.
- 8.3 If payment is not received by the due date, then the athlete will not be eligible to participate in the program and may be replaced in the program.
- 8.4 Should anyone be experiencing financial difficulties with reference to the payments they are asked to contact the ADO, via phone or email to the JNA Head Office, to organise alternative payment arrangements.
- 8.5 Any applications for refunds for athletes who must leave the program for medical reasons must be submitted in writing to the ADO, via the JNA Head Office. These will then be forwarded to the Development Committee, who will consider each application, based on evidence provided and any refund approved will be a **pro rata refund less an administration fee**.
- 8.6 There is no refund for any athlete who is asked to leave the STSAC program.

<u>PHASE</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE FEES</u>	<u>DATE PAYABLE</u>
Trials	Nil	
Squad Team	\$50 Non-refundable Deposit	At time of acceptance of position in squad, or as per date on STSAC Calendar on website.
STSAC Fees	\$150 (subject to change)	Date as per STSAC Calendar on website.
STSAC Hoodie (Optional)	\$62 (subject to change)	At time of ordering.
STSAC Training Singlet (Optional)	\$40 (subject to change)	At time of ordering.