



BUSSELTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION
2026 REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Congratulations

Congratulations! You have been selected to represent Busselton Netball Association (BNA). Our Representative Program is designed to nurture players with passion, talent, and commitment to netball, providing a platform for personal and athletic growth.

1. PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Player and Parent Expectations

All players and parents/guardians involved in the Busselton Netball Representative Program are required to read and fully understand their commitment to the program.

Player Expectations

- Players must commit to attending all scheduled training, matches, and events, ensuring they contribute positively to the team dynamic. If injured or unwell (unless contagious) the expectation is to attend all scheduled training, matches, and events.
 - Players are expected to exhibit sportsmanship, respect for coaches' teammates, and officials, both on and off the court.
 - Players are expected to comply with the standards set by Netball Australia, Netball WA, and the Busselton Netball Association (BNA). These standards are outlined in the respective Codes of Conduct, Procedures, and Policies, which all participants are bound by.
 - Players must comply with all relevant policies, including those around social media usage, conduct during games, and their behaviour in the community.
 - Players must understand that any breach of the Codes of Conduct or program policies, including misconduct or failure to comply with these expectations, will result in consequences. These consequences may range from a written warning to potential removal from the program, depending on the severity of the breach.
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Parent /Guardian Expectations

- Parents/Guardians are expected to support their child's involvement in the program in a positive and respectful manner.
- Parents/Guardians should refrain from any dissent towards umpires, coaches, or other players during matches or events.
- Any communication with coaches must remain respectful and professional. Disrespectful or inappropriate communication will not be tolerated.
- Parents/Guardians are expected to comply with the standards set by Netball Australia, Netball WA, and the Busselton Netball Association (BNA). These standards are outlined in the respective Codes of Conduct, Procedures, and Policies, which all participants are bound by.
- Parents/Guardians must ensure their child is aware of and upholds the same standards as above.
- Parents/Guardians must understand that any breach of the Codes of Conduct or program policies, including misconduct or failure to comply with these expectations, will result in consequences.
- These consequences may range from a written warning, removal from an event or your child's removal from the program, depending on the severity of the breach.

2. TRAINING EXPECTATIONS

The expectations for training sessions to ensure we make the most of the session.

Come Prepared

Training will proceed regardless of weather conditions, so please arrive ready to train in rain, shine, or wind. Appropriate footwear, clothing, water bottles, and any necessary equipment should be brought to every session.

High Intensity and Focus

Our training sessions are designed to push players to reach their full potential. We expect high levels of effort, focus, and commitment from every participant. This is not

the time for distractions or mucking around; our goal is to maximise skill development and team cohesion.

Skill Development Through Drills

Sessions will emphasise building fundamental skills through targeted drills. While match play will be incorporated, the primary focus is on sharpening individual and team capabilities through structured practice.

Coach Expectations

Our coaches hold high expectations for effort, attitude, and sportsmanship. They will challenge you to improve and perform at your best every session.

3. KEY DATES FOR 2026 SEASON

- Information Session: March 12, 2026, 5:45pm (30 min meeting) at the BNA Club Room. This is an informative session tailored for 12&U parents and new parents. During this session, we will present an outline of the program, discuss the Netball WA pathway, and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Returning parents are welcome.
- Player Registration: Player registrations, including payment for the program, are due by Thursday, 12th March. If you encounter any issues or difficulties with payment, please contact Christie (ADO) prior to the due date to discuss arrangements.
- Week 1 & 2 – Team Selections (26th February & 5th March 2026).
- Team training sessions will commence on March 12, 2026. From this date forward, teams will train with their team coaches. See table on last page for training dates.
- Match Play - Sunday 15 March, 2026 (Busselton)
- Susan Fuhrmann: March 22 March, 2026 (Bunbury)
- Fuel to Go & Play Championships (FTG&PAC): May 30 – June 1, 2026
- South West & Peel Regional Championships (SWPRC): June 20 – 21, 2026 – Bunbury
- Awards Night: Thursday 25 June 2026 (All other details TBC)

4. PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

Volunteering Requirement

Each family is required to volunteer during these events as either scorer or timer as requested by the team manager.

5. FEES & COSTS

Program Fees

- \$400
- Fees cover the full program, carnival entry, umpire payments, and coaching support.
- Register here: : <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/a68229>

Uniform Costs

- Representative Training Shirt: \$45 (compulsory for training and carnivals)
- Representative Jacket: \$50 (as we have to get a new supplier the ones previously ordered are no longer available (compulsory for carnivals)
- Representative Socks: \$15 per pair (compulsory for carnivals)

6. CARNIVAL COMMITMENTS

Susan Fuhrmann Carnival

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2026

Location: Bunbury

1. This carnival is a practice-focused event aimed at enhancing team readiness, not about “winning.” There are no finals or awards.
2. Coaches will use this time to explore different player positions and strengthen team relationships.
3. Parents and players are encouraged to embrace the spirit of learning, teamwork, and growth, setting aside competitive outcomes.

Fuel to Go & Play Association Championships (FTG&PAC)

Dates: May 30 – June 1, 2026

Location: Gold Netball Centre & Perth Netball Association

Please Note:

1. The FTG&P Association Championships (FTG&PAC) is an event where our teams compete against metropolitan and regional teams from across the state.
2. All teams will participate in this carnival.
3. This three-day event is organised into "hubs". Further details will be provided.
4. Finals will take place on Monday.
5. As a Netball WA event, all fixtures and grading are managed by them. While we have the opportunity to nominate teams into divisions, we are not responsible for the final allocation of teams. The ADO, coaches, and Board will collaborate to discuss team placements prior to nominations.
6. We kindly discourage team dinners during this event due to the logistical challenges they present. Factors such as the varying commitments of players, financial constraints, and the potential for FOMO (fear of missing out) among those unable to attend can create unnecessary stress. Our focus is on encouraging an inclusive environment for all participants, and we believe it's best to avoid such gatherings.
7. Due to the HUBS format of the event, there is no expectation for all teams to be present at the opening ceremony.
8. It is expected that if a Busselton team reaches the finals (excluding extreme weather conditions), all teams are expected to stay and support their fellow teams.
9. The flag bearers for the opening ceremony will be the youngest participant (player) in the morning HUB and the oldest participant (which may include a player, umpire, or coach).
10. The MVP medallion is not awarded during the Fuel to Go and Play Association Championships (FTG&PAC). Instead, this award will be presented at the end of the program by the respective coach.

11. There will be a West Coast Fever game during the FTG&P Association Championships weekend. Further details on how this impacts the weekend's HUBS will be circulated when received.

South West & Peel Regional Championships (SWPRC)

Dates: June 20 – 21, 2026

Location: Bunbury Netball Association

Please Note:

1. The South West Peel Regional Championships (SPWRC) is a competition featuring teams from across the South West and Peel regions.
2. Team 12&U Blue have been nominated to represent the Association at the opening ceremony for SWPRC.

Court Time Guidelines for all Carnivals

- 12 & Under: All players are expected to receive equal game time across each carnival. However, this may be influenced by factors such as training attendance, illness, injury, and attitude. All players will take the court in finals.
- 13 & Over: Each player will play a minimum of three halves across the competition. All players will take the court in finals.
- Reminder: Court time may be influenced by attendance, participation, and attitude.

Essentials to Pack for Every Carnival

- Uniform: BNA Representative Uniform, training shirt, jacket, and socks
- Footwear: Game shoes + an extra pair for wet weather
- Personal Items: Spare hair ties, sweat towel, 2 drink bottles, snack foods, band-aids, sunscreen, strapping tape, any necessary braces, medications, and sanitary items

Game Readiness

Before Each Training & Game:

- Trim and smooth nails
- Remove ALL jewellery
- Tie back hair
- Bring a positive attitude!
- If you strap for training come strapped!

Other

1. Heja Team Chat: Join team chat with code DI-121445 (this is for parents/guardians only)
2. Facebook Group: Join BNA Representative group
3. Register & Payment: <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/a68229>

Reminder payment is due by the 12th March 2016

4. You will be required to register for each carnival. Once teams have been selected, you will receive a registration link from your Team Manager. Please ensure these registrations are completed as soon as possible. We ask that you respect the time of your Team Manager and ADO by attending to this promptly and avoiding the need for follow-up reminders.

2026 Program Schedule

Date	Event Name	Location	Event Type	Details
26 Feb	Week 1 Team Selections	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team selections (Week 1 of 2)	4:30pm -6:00pm
5 March	Week 2 Team Selections	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team selections (Week 2 of 2)	4:30pm -6:00pm
12 March	Information Session	Club Rooms	Informative session tailored for 12&U parents, new parents. Returning parents welcome.	5:45pm to 6:15pm
12 March	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
15 March	Match Play	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Match play	9:00am to 12:00pm
22March	Susan Fuhrmann Carnival	Bunbury	Carnival	Times TBC
19 March	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
26 March	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
2 April	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30 - 6:00pm
School Holidays				

Date	Event Name	Location	Event Type	Details
23 April	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
30 April	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
7 May	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
14 May	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
21 May	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
28 May	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
30 May - 1 June	FTG&PAC	Gold Netball Centre & Perth Netball Assoc	3-day carnival	Times TBA
4 June	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
11 June	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
18 June	Team Training	Lou Weston Hard Courts	Team Training	4:30pm -6:00pm
20-21 June	SWPRC	Bunbury	2-day competition	Times TBC
25 June	Awards Night	TBC	End of Season Event	Details TBC