



# Court Time Policy

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## Minor Rounds

Coaches are to make every effort to ensure that by the end of the minor rounds, players have received equal court time, or as close as possible taking into consideration player availability.

All players should play a minimum of two quarters in all matches.

Coaches are to ensure all players, particularly young junior players, are given the support and encouragement to develop their netball skills by providing them with a variety of positional changes.

Coaches are required to keep accurate records of all player rotations (positions and time off) during the season.

## Non-Attendance at Training (Winter Season)

Players who miss a training session or are unable to complete a full training session may only receive half a game the following week. This is in addition to their normal time off with the team rotations. Coaches have some discretion in enforcing this policy, taking into consideration family/school commitments, however it must be carried out in a consistent manner for all players. Players should be made aware of expectations regarding training at the commencement of the season. Coaches are required to keep accurate records of the players that attend each training session.

## Major Rounds (Finals)

Team selection for all major round matches will be at the coach's discretion, allowing the coach to play the best combination of players for all finals matches. All players, however, should play a minimum of two quarters in each final. The coach is required to ensure all players and parents of junior players are aware of this requirement from the beginning of the season and that they are reminded prior to the commencement of finals.

## Fill In Players (Minor Rounds)

A fill in player will only be sought when a team has less than 7 players, resulting in the fill in player playing a full game. When a team shortage occurs, replacement players should be first sort from other Hallett Cove Netball Club teams after consultation with Club Secretary and relevant coaches. The club attempts to avoid using players from outside the club to fill in, instead using players who are already registered with the club. If a player from outside the club must be used, we need to then ensure they are registered with SAUCNA on the PlayHQ platform, prior to playing. The Coach will need to supply the Club Secretary with the player's email address so the link to register, as a fill in player, can be sent to the player. There is no registration fee associated with registering as a fill in player.

A fill in player can not be put on the court at the expense of a registered team member who has indicated they are available to play.

## **Reserve Players (Minor Rounds)**

A reserve player can be obtained if the team has 7 players but wants an 8<sup>th</sup> player, as a reserve, just in case of injury/illness or when a player is returning from injury/illness and unsure they can play a full game.

The reserve player and their family, in the case of a junior player, must be fully informed and be in complete agreement that they will only be put on the court in an emergency, such as an injury or illness to another player that needs to leave the court and is unable to participate any further in the game.

Every effort must be made to ensure, if a reserve player is required, that a player already registered with Hallett Cove Netball Club is used.

If a player from outside the club must be used, we need to then ensure they are registered with SAUCNA on the PlayHQ platform, prior to playing. The Coach will need to supply the Club Secretary with the player's email address so the link to register can be sent to the player.

## **Finals**

Players must play at least 3 matches in the team to qualify to play in the finals.

Teams that only have 7 players available for finals matches are permitted to allow a player from a Hallett Cove team not playing finals to be used as a reserve player. The reserve player will only play should an injury/illness occur. Players will be made aware of, understand, and agree that they will only be put on court in the case of an emergency.

## **Injured Players**

Players who leave the court due to injury should be carefully considered before returning to the court. Any player who is treated on the side with ice should, ideally, take no further part in the game (with the exception of minor finger injuries).

If a player, that has been treated on the side with ice feels they are able to return to the court, they must complete a full warm up before recommencing play.

Players returning to netball after a length of time away from the game due to injury are required to obtain a medical clearance from their medical practitioner (Doctor, Physio, etc) before they can resume training/playing. Players must fully participate and complete at least one training session before resuming matches on Saturdays (winter season).