



POLICY – Member Protection Policy

Member Protection Policy – *Part 0 – Financial Assistance (Rep Only)*

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Purpose and Background

The **Brisbane Netball Association Inc.** acknowledges that netball has significant costs involved when playing a high level. The **Brisbane Netball Association Inc.** recognises that some families may not be able to afford the costs involved for their children to play at Representative levels without assistance, forcing talented players to miss out on representing their association and/or state at a State/National level.

Policy Statement

Brisbane Netball Association Inc. aims to provide an environment whereby all children are able to meet their full potential without being penalised for financial hardship.

Applicability

This policy applies to **Brisbane Netball Association Inc.** and persons identified in Member Protection Policy Clause 3.

Purpose

1. Financial assistance may be provided for players who meet the criteria and as assessed by an independent panel. This assistance may be provided in the way of full or partial reduction in Representative playing fees.
2. The members of the independent panel will be appointed as required from year to year by the Development Director
3. If a part reduction in fees is provided then the player will be required to pay the remaining portion of the feed in line with the payment due date (or enter into a written payment plane with **Brisbane Netball Association inc.** as to the paying of these fees)
4. **Brisbane Netball Association inc.** will provide financial assistance to players in cases of financial hardship. The **Brisbane Netball Association inc.** reserves the right to determine annually the association's capacity to provide financial assistance to players.
5. A player may receive financial assistance for consecutive teams/programs, however must submit a further application form for each application for financial assistance. Each application will be considered individually.
6. It will not be possible to enter into further discussions about a candidate's suitability, once a final decision has been made.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be eligible for selection in a representative team or the TIP program in the year in which they are applying.
2. Applicants must have submitted the relevant nomination form and paid the applicable fee before submitting their application for financial assistance.
3. Applicants must be a current registered member of Netball Queensland – meaning they are a financial member of a **Brisbane Netball Association inc.** club for the winter season in the year in which they are applying.
4. Applicants must be experiencing financial hardship. This may be the result of unexpected loss of income, serious family injury/illness, very low income household or other exceptional circumstances. Evidence may be required to support the information provided on the application form.
5. Applicants must demonstrate that they are (or will be) a valuable member of the association. Applicants may outline how they are prepared to volunteer their time or pledge their assistance to the association, to support this criteria.

Process

1. Applicants should complete the application for financial assistance form addressing all criteria and answering all questions
2. Each applicant must submit their application no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the relevant trial date. There is no fee to submitting an application.
3. Applications will be considered by the financial assistance panel, who will then advise the applicant of their scheduled interview time. The applicant, together with their parent/carer, if they are under 18, will be required to attend the interview to provide further information regarding the application.
4. Applicants will be notified by email of the outcome, no less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the time of the selection trials
5. All applications will be handled with strict confidentiality, and information regarding the applicants will only be accessible to the assessment pane and the **Brisbane Netball Association inc.** Board of Directors.

Addendum 1: Application for Financial Assistance

Addendum 2: Payment Plan



APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/s name: _____
(If under 18)

Parent/s Phone Number: _____
(If under 18)

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Fees for which financial assistance is sought (ie junior rep, Tip etc)

Outline your netball history for the past 3 years (including involvement in club, school, representative and any other team)

Have you applied for or received any other sporting grants in the last 12 months including government or non-government grant? If so please provide details

Have you been granted or are you currently receiving any other scholarships (ie education, sport, or the arts)? If so, please provide details:

Provide a statement as to how you meet the criteria (i.e. are experiencing financial hardship, are a valuable member of the association)

I confirm that I have read and understand the Financial Assistance Policy and all of the information contained in this application is true and correct

Signature of Player: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

(If player is under 18)

Date: _____

This application must be submitted no less than 14 days prior to the relevant trials, by email to rep@brisbanenetball.org.au



**BRISBANE NETBALL
ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS
PAYMENT PLAN**

Between: _____ (person entering into
agreement) and

Brisbane Netball Association

For the payment of fees for _____ (player's name) to compete in
_____ (write event/team).

I request that a payment plan be entered into, allowing me to pay off the fees in the following
manner (please outline what payments will be made and on what date) -

Date	Amount to be paid	Payment made? (office use only)
Total		

Please note that whilst we are willing to enter into a payment plan in order for fees to be paid off after the due date, all fees must be paid in full (both playing fees and uniform fees) **prior to the event**. If you are unable to make full payment of the fees prior to the event you/your daughter will be ineligible to compete.

I understand the above conditions and agree to make the payments as outlined above. I understand that if I do not make payments as outlined above, my/my daughters' position in the team will be forfeited.

Players/Parents (if under 18) Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Office Use Only:

On behalf of Brisbane Netball Association we accept the payment plan as outlined above and agree to enter into it for the fees to be paid off by the named person above.

Treasurer's Signature: _____

Date: _____