



Eltham Panthers Netball Club

Training Partner Program Policy

1. Purpose

The Training Partner Program (TPP) was introduced in 2023 to meet the needs of new and/or beginner players who could not be allocated to existing teams at the time of their enquiry. This policy outlines the TPP eligibility criteria, guidelines for team allocation, and relevant onboarding procedures.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all potential players and families who make an enquiry to join the Eltham Panthers Netball Club and cannot be allocated to existing teams.

3. Eligibility criteria

- a. 8 years old and over (i.e., too old for the EPNC Net Set Go program)
- b. Little or no previous playing experience (i.e., not yet ready to play in a team with more experienced players)
- c. Teams in the relevant age group/experience level are already at capacity

4. Guidelines for team allocation

- a. Size of team -
 - i. Teams that are already at capacity (e.g., 10 players) may not be able to absorb a training partner
 - ii. Smaller teams (e.g., 8 players) may benefit from a training partner to assist the team when fill-in players are required;
- b. Division of team - Division 1 teams are not well suited to beginner training partners, but could potentially accommodate training partners with previous experience at a similar level (e.g., inter-club transfer)
- c. Coach of team - less experienced or junior coaches may not be able to readily accommodate training partners, or there may be issues within the team that the coach identifies would not suit the needs of a training partner.

5. Onboarding procedure

- a. New player enquiries are directed to the EPNC Registrar, who will seek to clarify:
 - i Age group - determine relevant age group based on date of birth;

ii Social connections at the Club - determine if there are any existing friendship or school/social connections in existing teams

iii Experience level - determine any previous playing experience

iv TPP Fees & Insurance - offer the opportunity for the training partner to purchase a EPNC training top (optional \$30 fee), and after their first four free trial sessions, request that they purchase a [Netball Victoria Membership](#) (\$70 Junior player; \$90 Senior player), which provides ongoing insurance cover for the remaining weeks of the season.

- b. Registrar liaises with Squad Coordinator of relevant age group to help identify if there is a suitable team, based on guidelines above
- c. Coaches Coordinator confirms relevant coach is willing/able to accommodate a training partner
- d. Registrar provides a welcome pack via email (cc'd to Team Manager), which includes relevant documentation around Trialing Members, Netball Victoria Membership and insurance and the EPNC Code of Conduct: **Refer Appendix A**
- e. Should the player satisfactorily engage in the Training Partner Program, including demonstration of regular attendance and our Club values, they will be offered a place in a team either during the season (if a place becomes available) or at the commencement of the next season.

6. Contact Information:

For assistance or more information regarding the Training Partner Program at EPNC, please contact the Registrar via email to: registrations@elthampanthersnetballclub.com.au

APPENDIX A

Sample communication letter;

Dear xxxx,

We are looking forward to welcoming you and xxxx to our U xxxx team on Thursday xx xxxx!

The xxxx are coached by Coach xxx, and we have connected you to the Team Manager, xxx via this email.

We train on Thursdays at the outdoor courts in Templestowe, cnr James and Anderson Streets, next to Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre. Our xxxx **train from x-xpm on Court x.**

As a Training Partner, xxxx will train with the team to grow and develop her skills but will not join the team for games on Saturdays. Occasionally, the team may require a fill-in due to player illness or absence. If so, Coach xxxx will approach you to see if xxx is available to play and direct you to our Club Registrar who can help you to register for the game (using a Single Game Voucher).

Regarding training attire, the girls train in black shorts/leggings/active wear and wear the Club training top and/or jumper. As a training partner, xxxx can wear whatever she feels most comfortable in e.g., school sports uniform or casual comfortable clothes/sportswear. **You also have the option to purchase a Club training top for \$30, to help xxxx feel part of the team.**

Before xxxx starts, can you please:

- Complete our [Trialling Members Form](#), which ensures you are covered by Netball Victoria insurance for up to 4 training sessions. Please note this must be completed prior to each of the first 4 training sessions.
- After xxx's fourth session, we recommend that you purchase a [Netball Victoria membership](#) for continued insurance cover, or sign our No Insurance Disclaimer [Waiver Form](#).
- Read through our [Player Code of Conduct](#)
- Contact our Uniform Coordinator uniforms@elthampanthersnetballclub.com.au if you would like to purchase a training top for xxxx

If you have any questions before xxxx starts with us, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Team Manager, xxxx. Otherwise, we look forward to welcoming you on xxxx!

Kind regards,

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