

## **REPRESENTATIVE AND QUALIFICATION POLICY**

### **Rationale**

To ensure that players participating in both representative (Squad) teams and domestic finals are genuine and regular team members.

By definition, represent means *“to participate in a sporting event on behalf of (one's club, town, region, or country)”*

### **Policy**

Players selected in any FDNA Squad team must be a member of an affiliated Club in the same year. The player must be a regular member of a junior team playing in the FDNA Winter Saturday season (*current exception in relation to 17U applies*). Players must play a minimum of two full quarters of a game in 50%(minimum) of fixtured matches during the current Winter season.

For any player to participate in Finals matches in the Saturday Winter domestic competition they must have played a minimum of two quarters of a game in 50%(minimum) of fixtured matches during the current Winter season.

### **Procedure – Squad representation**

- Squad players must nominate their Club when registering for try outs. For players moving into the Association they will be advised that they must register with an affiliated Club and be provided information on all affiliated Clubs to enable a fair & equitable opportunity to join any Club.
- Upon final Squad selection and affiliated Club team entry details, FDNA administration will cross reference to ensure Squad players are listed with an appropriate team.
- If any player is found not to have registered Squad Coordinator will contact said player's family and instruct them to join a club (or withdraw from Squad). A fair & reasonable time frame will be allowed for members new to the Association.

- Admin will periodically check team qualifications to ensure players are playing 50% of fixtured matches. Anomalies will be reported to Squad Coordinator to discuss with player's family. A fair and reasonable time frame will be established to evidence appropriate improvement. This player's participation will be monitored monthly. Unless exceptional circumstances have been established the player will have their place with Squad revoked if conditions not met.

### **Procedure – Saturday finals**

- Players intending to participate in finals will need to have played a minimum of two full quarters of a game in more than 50% of fixtured matches during the current season.
- Admin will ensure only qualified players' name print on finals scoresheets
- Players and Clubs will be able to view statistics online (post Tuesday after each round)
- Players not meeting above conditions will not be allowed to take the court in finals. Umpires will mark off players before taking the court.

*Requests for special consideration will be considered under exceptional circumstances. The appropriate pro forma and process is available separately to this policy.*

Endorsed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2019, Board of Management