



QUALIFICATION POLICY

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QUALIFICATION & REPRESENTATIVE POLICY

Introduction

The FDNA Qualification Policy is designed to ensure fairness and integrity in FDNA competitions by requiring players to have participated in a minimum number of games during the season to be eligible to participate in finals.

This policy aims to promote equity among teams, uphold the spirit of the sport, and enhance the overall quality of the competition.

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

Definitions

- 'Represent' is defined as: *"to participate in a sporting event on behalf of (one's club, town, region, or country)"*

Policy

This policy should be read in conjunction with the FDNA by-laws to ensure comprehensive understanding and compliance with all governing rules and regulations regarding player qualifications.

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 (*refer to By-laws for exemption applicable to players in the 17U age group*).

Players must play a minimum of two full quarters of a game for that game to count toward the player's qualification for a season.

Players must play the minimum quarters(above) in 50% or more of fixtured matches during a season to be eligible to participate in finals for that season.

Scope

This policy applies to;

- FDNA Saturday Winter & Spring Competition
- FDNA Monday Junior Premier Competition
- FDNA Evening Competitions

Procedures

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 are not met.

Finals

- Only qualified players' name will appear on any printed finals scoresheets
- Players and Clubs can view statistics online via Netball Connect
- Unqualified players will not be allowed to take the court

Special Consideration for Finals

- Requests for special consideration will be considered under exceptional circumstances.
- To apply for special consideration, complete the following form: [Special Consideration for Finals](#)

Appendix 1

Extract from FDNA By-Laws 2024

19. PLAYER QUALIFICATION

19.1 *Subject always to Bylaw 17, players shall be permitted to play in one age division(s) competition per day/night.*

19.2 *Players must play a minimum of 2 quarters in 50 percent of the number of weeks fixtured in the season to qualify to compete in the finals*

19.3 *Teams or Clubs found playing an ineligible player during finals will be deemed to have lost that game.*

19.4 *Teams or Clubs may apply for special consideration to allow an unqualified player to participate in finals under exceptional circumstances. The Association will consider each request on it's own merits & may approve or deny the request at it's sole discretion.*

Penalty: *If the individual does not play the number of games and quarters as stipulated above, the player will be ineligible to participate in finals for that section (with the exclusion of permission granted per Rule 19.4)*

Related Documents

- [FDNA By-laws](#)