

# Registration of Junior Age Footballers & Netballers

## North Ballarat City Football & Netball Club

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*Whilst the Ballarat Football League (BFL) has imposed no caps on the numbers of players a Club can register in the Senior Football and Netball Competitions (Seniors down to and including Under 18.5) number caps - the BFL has imposed player number caps in the Junior Football and Netball competitions.*

*Our Club has resolved not to have self-imposed player number caps.*

*North Ballarat City Football & Netball Club has previously adopted the 'Pathway' Policy which in summary says that the Club exists to provide a pathway for footballers, netballers and their families to remain together at the Club. It is acknowledged that it is only with the active support of families that the Club will remain sustainable.*

*To add further context: - the following is an excerpt for our 'Strategic Plan – 2013-2016'.*

### **Community Football & Netball**

*The Club will develop a structure to deliver the 'pathways' philosophy in a manner and culture conducive to winning premierships at senior level.*

*The Club's success is due to the successful transition of players through the pathway program beginning with the junior pathways program, access to quality facilities and a well developed coaching program.*

*Success indicators include:*

- *The percentage of the premiership team who originated from the North junior ranks*
- *The percentage of players who transition from the North Juniors program through to the North senior program*
- *Volunteer retention rates*
- *The level of respect from opposition clubs.*

### **Juniors**

*The Club will continue to develop an inclusive junior program of football and netball providing a great environment for young people, their parents and families, fully engaged in the North culture.*

*All coaches behave and teach players the North way, which is:*

- *Providing the maximum number of opportunities for players in each age group*
- *Winning at a junior level as a result of our skill, the player development process, by experienced coaching staff and efficient administration*

*Due to the BFL imposed player registration caps for Football and Netball grades in the Junior Competitions – a Policy is required to fairly prioritise registrations of players where numbers of players seeking registrations exceeds the BFL imposed caps.*

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## Policy

1. This Policy only applies to Ballarat Football League imposed player registration caps.
2. It is Club Policy to register players to the maximum of BFL imposed Player Caps.
3. Priority of Registration with the Club shall be determined on the below listed criteria –
  - A) Player seeking to re-register from the year prior.
  - B) Player seeking to register with the Club for the first time and has a sibling/s playing with the Club in the prior year. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes siblings playing within any grade of netball or football within the Club – including the Senior Competitions.
  - C) Player who has a family association with the greater North Ballarat Football Club.
  - D) Player who is the child of a Committee Member/ Coach (including sub-committees) of the North Ballarat Football Club and North Ballarat Junior Football Club.
  - E) Player who is the child of an Employee of the North Ballarat Football Club or the North Ballarat Sports Club.
  - F) Player previously registered with the Club (not previous year)
  - G) Player seeking to register with the Club for the first time.
4. Notwithstanding the above criteria, the Committee of the North Ballarat Junior Football Club reserves the right to register players as it sees fit.

NB. In the event that that the number of players seeking to re-register with an age group exceeds the BFL imposed player registration cap – the criteria from B) downwards shall be applied.