



# Raiders Court Time Policy

## 1 Guidelines for Equal Playing Time

Raiders encourage all players to strive to be the best in both their playing ability and attitude and support a competitive and fair approach for all teams regardless of the division. Raiders Allstars Netball Club seeks a commitment from all players who play with Raiders to commit to their team and to the club both at training and games.

Raiders believes that players must demonstrate a commitment to their development at both games and training, with the factors outlined in the table to be taken into consideration when determining court time allocation for competitive teams:

Raiders Court Time Factors	
Commitment to attend and arrive on time for training and games	Effort, attitude and behaviour during practice games
Fitness level	Team work

Coaches have the right to make decisions on court time for their players if they are concerned that one or more of the above factors are not being met.

Raiders coaches must communicate with their players, or parents of players on how they intend to coach their team at the commencement of the season, and reinforce this message throughout the season. This message should include the coaches expectations on behaviour, attitude, commitment and fitness in accordance with this policy.

Where a player is not meeting the coaches' expectations or the Raiders Court Time Factors resulting in reduced court time, the coach must explain their reasoning to the player or players parents. The coach must set individual goals to allow the player to rectify the issues that are impacting on court time. Coaches must effectively communicate these goals to the player without making the player feel inadequate or uncomfortable.

### **1.1 Net Set GO Teams (non competitive)**

All modified players are be provided with [equal court time](#) throughout the season

Net Set GO Coaches are to ensure the Modified Competition focus is on skill development, individual improvement and teaching the fundamentals of all positions on the netball court, rather than winning as the outcome.

Net Set GO Coaches must ensure that they track the positions that players have played and each players court time throughout the season to ensure that both position rotations and court time remains equally weighted.

### **1.2 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, Cadets and Intermediates (competitive)**

These age groups are at the beginning of a young players playing career. Every effort is to be made by the coach to ensure all players play a meaningful part in every game. However these age groups are the start of competitive age group and players need to be aware that sometimes there may be times where the strongest team combination must be played. Coaches are to make every effort to balance court time throughout the duration of the season.

During Finals, Raiders coaches must endeavour to provide equal court time for all players in their team.

### **1.3 Opens teams (competitive)**

Coaches are to make sure every reasonable effort is made to ensure that all players get some playing time throughout the season. Court time throughout the season is not required to be equal or guaranteed and must be earned.

The Raiders Court Time Factors must be used by the coaches of this age group to assist in creating the most appropriate team line up for each week's game. If a decision is made to not give court time to player due to one of these factors, this should be communicated to the player so they are able to undertake corrective action.

## **2 Guidelines Players**

If any player or parent has any questions or concerns about court time, they are to approach the coach directly in a calm manner. A conversation should not be held

when a player or parent is angry. Raiders expect that the discussion would be postponed until everyone is calm and able to talk objectively.

All players have the right to seek information from their coach on what they can improve on, both on and off court. Players should listen and comprehend their coaches' advice these discussions. If a player does not understand they should feel comfortable in saying this and ask for a further explanation.

If a player or parent disagrees with the coach's action or decision, a complaint must be submitted in writing to the Raiders Management Committee to address.

All players are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and take responsibility for their actions. If a coach suggests extra training to assist with skill development (eg, improve shooting accuracy, stronger arm to throw the ball, improve court fitness etc) coaches should provide specific instruction on what the player needs to work on and how they can do this. Players should then take the necessary measures to implement these suggestions. Poor behaviour, attitude and behaviour could affect your court time. Coaches will notify the Raiders committee should this occur.

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