



2027 CALOUNDRA JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS & SELECTION PROCESS

2027 Junior State Age – Trial & Selection Information

Caloundra District Netball Association (CDNA) is committed to providing players with a fair and supportive opportunity to demonstrate their netball ability, skills and potential throughout the 2027 Junior Representative selection process.

For the 2027 season, CDNA will conduct a selection process that allows selectors to assess players across multiple trial sessions and subsequent squad training sessions before final teams are selected.

This approach recognises that player development is ongoing and that selection involves more than a player's performance at a single trial. It allows selectors to consider playing ability, willingness to learn, consistency, versatility and the potential to contribute to a team.

Our aim is to select teams that are competitive, balanced and committed to representing CDNA with pride, sportsmanship and respect – *The Caloundra Way*.

Age Groups:

The 2027 Junior Representative Trials are open to eligible players in the following age groups:

- **U12** – players born in 2016 and 2015
- **U13** – players born in 2014
- **U14** – players born in 2013

Important Dates:

Trial 1	17 th November	4-8pm (times for age groups TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Trial 2	24 th November	4-8pm (times for age groups TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Announcements	26 th November	Email sent to players invited back to join Squad	
Squad Training	1 st December	4.30-6.00pm (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Training	8 th December	4.30-6.00pm (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Training	13 th February 2027	8.30am-10.00am (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Squad Training	20 th February 2027	8.30am-10.00am (TBC)	Caloundra Stadium
Team Announcements	24 th February 2027	Email sent to players regarding team selection	

Attendance Requirements:

Players are expected to attend **all scheduled selection trials** to ensure selectors have the opportunity to assess their skills, ability and potential across both sessions.

Players must attend all selection trials unless a leave of absence has been approved by both the Representative Convenor and Coaching Convenor.

If a player is unable to attend a trial, a written request for exemption must be submitted to the Representative Convenor **at least one week before the first scheduled trial**. The request must clearly outline the reason for non-attendance.

Approval of an exemption is not automatic. Players and parents should not assume an absence has been approved until confirmation has been received.

Attendance at squad training sessions is also an important part of the selection process for players who progress to the squad.

What Will Selectors Be Looking For?

Throughout the trial and selection process, selectors will consider the following areas:

Playing Ability and Skills

Individual netball skills, execution, game understanding and positional effectiveness.

Decision-Making and Game Awareness

The ability to read the game, make effective decisions and respond to changing game situations.

Coachability and Response to Feedback

Willingness to listen, learn, apply feedback and make adjustments to performance.

Attitude, Effort and Work Ethic

Commitment, preparation, resilience, sportsmanship and a positive approach to training and competition.

Consistency and Improvement

Performance across the trial sessions, including the ability to demonstrate growth and apply feedback during squad training.

Versatility and Adaptability

The ability to perform in different positions and adapt to the needs of the team.

Teamwork and Combinations

Communication, cooperation, connection with other players and the ability to contribute to effective team combinations.

Overall Team Balance:

Selectors will consider positional requirements, player combinations, and the needs of each team and division to ensure teams are balanced and effective.

All selection criteria will be considered collectively when making decisions. No single skill, attribute or performance will necessarily determine the outcome of selection.

How the Selection Process Works:**Stage 1 – Initial Trial 1 and 2**

Players will participate in the two scheduled trial sessions – November 17th and 24th, 2026. Selectors will assess players during match play, considering skills, decision-making, positional performance, attitude and teamwork.

Stage 2 – Squad Announcement

Initial squads will be announced on **November 26th, 2026**. Players selected into the squad will progress to the next stage of the selection process.

Stage 3 – Squad Training and Further Assessment

Squad training sessions will take place December 1st and 8th, 2026, followed by further sessions on February 13th and 20th, 2027.

These sessions will provide further opportunities for selectors and coaches to assess players in the CDNA Representative environment. Players will be observed on their ability to apply feedback, improve, work within different combinations, demonstrate consistency and contribute to the team.

Stage 4 – Final Team Selection

Final teams will be announced on **February 24th, 2027**.

Selectors will consider performances across the selection process, player development, positional requirements, combinations and the overall balance of each team when determining final team placements.

Who Will Be Involved in Selection?

The selection panel will include the relevant Head Coach, Assistant Coach and an independent selector. The panel will work together to assess players fairly and consider individual performances alongside the needs of the teams being selected.

Important Information for Players and Parents

- All players must attend both scheduled trials unless an exemption has been approved.
- Previous selection in a CDNA Representative team does not guarantee selection for 2027 or placement in the same team or division.
- Selection is based on current performance, demonstrated potential, attitude and the requirements of the teams being formed.

- Players may be assessed across different positions to help selectors understand their versatility and potential contribution.
 - Overall team balance and positional requirements will be considered as part of the final selection decisions.
 - Players are encouraged to arrive prepared, give their best effort, listen to feedback and support their fellow players throughout the process.
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A Message to Our Players:

Trials are an opportunity to show what you can do, how you approach challenges and how you contribute to a team.

Focus on your own performance, be willing to learn, support those around you and take every opportunity to improve. Selectors understand that players develop at different rates and that potential can be demonstrated in many ways.

Remember: this trial process does not define your netball journey. Whether you are selected or not, there are always opportunities to learn, develop your skills and continue enjoying the game.

Our Commitment to Fair Selection:

CDNA understands that representative selection can be an exciting and emotional experience for players and families. We are committed to conducting the process professionally, respectfully and with the best interests of the Association and its players in mind.

We ask all players and parents to respect the selection process, the selectors and the decisions made.

We appreciate the commitment, preparation and effort that every player brings to trials.

**We wish all players the very best for the
2027 CDNA Junior Representative Trials!**