



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107
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Cadets / Seniors Workshop – Saturday 29th July 2023

A Cadets / Seniors Workshop of Ku-ring-gai Netball Association was held 11am and 2:15pm Saturday 29th July 2023 at Canoon Road Netball Courts Complex, Canoon Road, South Turramurra.

ATTENDEES:

Name:	Club:
Stephanie Sheppard	Wahroonga
Giselle Stollznow	West Pymble
Benn Murphy	Lindfield
Kylie Middleton	St Ives
Mel Costa	St Ives
Beth Stewart	Kissing Point
Megan Bowen	Hornsby Heights
Letitia Watson-Ley	Berowra
Kath Edgar	Berowra
Stuart Moore	Kissing Point

Name:	Position:
Kissane Gray	KNA Grading Convenor
Katie Bonjer	KNA Fixtures Convenor
Louise Woods	KNA Senior Rep Selection Convenor
Tanya Baker	KNA Club Coaching Convenor
Andrew Younan	KNA Junior Rep Selection Convenor

Firstly, thank you for everyone who attended and the submissions we have received.

It is so pleasing that there are so many people that want a positive outcome and have put time into coming up with ideas for change.

As we discussed, there have been many ideas trialled over the years and as the competition has evolved, it is appropriate to review, reflect and make change if necessary.

I have summarised the discussion that we had in both workshops. If there are points missing of significance, please come back to us so we can modify accordingly. Once agreed on the discussion, we will try and pull all this together for everyone to consider voting for change at the SGM.

Summary of discussion:

Everyone was united in a Club First policy where reps should be considered but shouldn't be the driving force for change.



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Age Groups:

There were mixed views on having a 13, 14, 15 individual competitions, with a combined 16, 17 & 18 cadet competition.

This was countered with leaving the status quo of Inters 13-14. Then new 15-16 competition, 17-18 competition. 17/18 can play seniors if preferred. There was also an idea of a 13 comp, with a 14/15 and 16/17/18.

The concern with individual age groups was the number of players coming through and that they will be very small age groups and not have the breadth of competition that is desired.

Minimum age of 16 to play in Seniors and if a 16-year-old is to play in Seniors, they must also play for their club in 15/16 or 16/17/18 competition (whichever is operating). This is to ensure the cadet competition remains strong with players playing in cadets for their home club and not changing clubs before Seniors.

There was also the view that a 15 can play Seniors if they are selected and certain rep teams will join and want to play in the A1 comp as 16.

Allowing players to play two games - A1 and Cadets

Some 17/18 do not want to play seniors and also seniors do not necessarily want to play against juniors in some cases.

The possible introduction of the rep teams in the standard competition. i.e. U12 rep team enters in the U14 competition. If this was to occur, players must play for their club in their correct age group before playing in their rep game. Also, it was raised that this can be an issue around carnivals and junior state titles due to loading on players and reluctance to play due to injury.

Only allowing rep players to transfer with KNA approval or bringing back the 15-rep policy. 1 point per rep player (maximum 4 or 5)

A possible time change for inters to later a Saturday to allow for private schools. There was also disagreement to this and to leave inters at the existing time.

To summarise and possible changes to be considered:

- Leaving inters at 13/14 or changing to individual 13 and 14 comp then New 15/16 and 17/18 comp.

Or

- New 13 comp, 14/15 combined, 16/17/18 combined.
- All players 16 and under, must play in their age group, but can play in an older age group.
- Minimum age for seniors is 16. 16. (was also the view that a 15 can play Seniors if they are selected and certain rep teams will join and want to play in the A1 comp as



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16. (This should not happen until the year after the 15s Rep season has ended, making them '16', or turning '16' in this playing calendar year in order to be able to play in seniors.

- Allowing players to play in juniors and seniors - rules and eligibility to be considered. Allowing players to play two games - Cadets and Seniors (*note that not all cadet age players play in A1, they're scattered throughout seniors. Tends to be only those 'whole rep teams' that play in A1*).
- Transferring of rep players by KNA approval and points system return for U15.
- Rep teams playing 'up' age groups. The possible re-introduction of the rep teams in the standard competition. i.e. 12s rep team enters in the Inters competition. If this was to occur, players must play for their club in their correct age group before playing in their rep team. Also, it was raised that this can be an issue around carnivals and junior state titles due to loading on players and reluctance to play due to injury.