

Memo

To Associations
From Margaret Hamley – General Manager Performance & Pathways
CC Darren Simpson – Executive General Manager – Community & Pathways
Date Tuesday, 24 August 2021
Re **Performance & Pathways - Expression of Interest, Nominations and Program updates**

Expression of Interest – Coaches, Managers and Selectors

Netball NSW Performance & Pathways programs aim to lead the way in delivering positive experiences that challenge and inspire a drive to strive for success.

Coaches, Managers and Selectors are at the core of creating a winning culture for NSW athletes and experienced and passionate Coaches, Managers and Selectors are strongly encouraged to apply for one or more of the following positions.

Successful applicants will be supported in their growth with individualized education and mentoring opportunities.

2022 Performance & Pathways - Roles and Opportunities

- 1) **Netball NSW State Teams**
 - 17U and 19U Head Coaches
 - 17U and 19U Assistant Coaches
 - 17U and 19U Apprentice Coaches
 - 17U and 19U Managers

- 2) **Emerging Talent Teams**
 - Regional and Metro Head Coaches
 - Regional and Metro Assistant Coaches
 - Regional and Emerging Managers

- 3) **Sydney Netball Academy**
 - Head Coaches

- Assistant Coaches
 - Umpires Coaches
 - Managers
- 4) **Regional Academies of Sport (Central Coast Academy, Hunter Academy, Illawarra Academy, North Coast Academy, Norther Inland Academy, South- West Sydney Academy, Southern Sports Academy, Western Region Academy, Western Sydney Academy)**
- Head Coaches
 - Assistant Coaches
 - Umpires Coaches
 - Managers
- 5) **Selectors**
- State Teams and Emerging Talent Teams
 - Sydney Netball Academy and Regional Academies of Sport
 - Talent Identification

Associations are asked to encourage all aspirational coaches and support staff to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)

EOI – State Team, Emerging Talent and Sydney Netball Academy Coaches, Managers and Selectors

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/performance-pathway-coaching>

EOI – Regional Academies Coaches and Managers

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/academies-sport>

2022 Performance & Pathways - Athlete and umpire athlete opportunities

Associations are asked to encourage all aspirational athletes to take up the challenge and nominate for upcoming 2022 Performance & Pathways trials.

Regional Academies of Sport

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/academies-sport>

Sydney Netball Academy

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/sydney-netball-academy>

State Team & Regional and Metro Emerging Teams

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/nsw-state-teams>

2022 Performance & Pathways - Program Updates

Netball Academies of Sport

Netball NSW, Regional Academies of Sport and the Office of Sport work together to deliver twelve programs state-wide that provide an individualised, positive and wholistic experience for athletes. Focus is for athletes to **Enjoy the Challenge**.

The Academy programs provide regular training sessions from January – April and July - September, enabling athletes to focus on representative netball in the lead up to State Titles. Training sessions challenge athletes and umpire athletes to set individual goals and strive for technical and tactical growth. Throughout the program there is a strong focus on physical development and athlete well-being to ensure athletes learn life-long skills that will help them reach their potential on and off the court.

In 2022, the target age for athletes will change to 15-16 years and for umpire athletes to 14-18 years of age.

Foundation Waratahs

In 2022 Netball NSW will introduce the Foundation Waratahs program. This state-wide program for athletes turning 13 and 14 in the year of the program will be delivered in multiple locations throughout metropolitan and regional NSW. Focus is for athletes to **Love the Game**.

The targeted athlete age aligns the Foundation Waratahs with the Netball NSW Athlete Pathway Framework and competition structure. Mindful that athletes develop at different rates and times the Foundation Waratahs program will not have a selection component and is targeted at all aspirational athletes. A technical skills program will be developed centrally by Netball NSW's most experienced coaches.

The Foundation Waratahs program will also benefit umpire athletes and coaches throughout NSW who will be supported to challenge their skills in a caring and collaborative environment.

Further information about the Foundation Waratahs program including dates and nomination forms will be available shortly.

Indigenous Athlete, Umpire and Coach Program

In 2022 Netball NSW will deliver a program to support Indigenous athletes to realise their potential on and off the court. The program will foster an environment where cultural connections and pride are built alongside technical and tactical skills, physical competencies and athlete wellbeing.

The statewide program will target aspirational Indigenous athletes 13 and 14 years of age and will also support the growth and fuel the passion of Indigenous umpires and coaches.

Athletes will build confidence and readiness to trial for pathway programs. Focus is for athletes to **love the game**.

Further information about the Indigenous Athlete, Umpire and Coach program including dates and nomination forms will be available shortly