

ERNA Junior Representative Selection Program 2027

Parent & Athlete Handbook

Why Choose the ERNA Junior Representative Program?

At ERNA, we believe representative netball is about more than selecting teams - it is about developing athletes.

Our Junior Representative Program provides a positive, challenging and supportive environment where athletes build skills, confidence and resilience while enjoying the experience of representing ERNA.

Every stage of the program is designed to support long-term athlete development and provide meaningful opportunities for every player to grow.

A Development-First Approach

At ERNA, development comes first.

Representative and Development Teams are equally valued, with every athlete receiving quality coaching, purposeful development opportunities and clear learning outcomes appropriate to their stage of the pathway.

Our program focuses on building confident, coachable athletes who are prepared for the next step in their representative journey.

Representative Experiences

Being part of the ERNA Junior Representative Program provides athletes with opportunities to:

- learn from experienced representative coaches
- train in a high-quality representative environment
- compete at representative carnivals and Junior State Championships
- build confidence, resilience and leadership
- develop lifelong friendships while proudly representing ERNA.

Our goal is simple - to help every athlete enjoy the journey, reach their potential and develop a lifelong love of netball.

2027 Season at a Glance

When	What's Happening
20 Sept 2026	14 & 15 Years Initial Trials
27 Sept 2026	12 & 13 Years Initial Trials
November	Skills & Selection Program
30 Nov	14 Final Selections
3 Dec	15 Final Selections
Dec – Jan	Break
February	12 & 13 Selection Phase 14 & 15 team training commences
March–June	Representative Carnivals
June Long Weekend	15 Years Senior State Championships
Early July	12–14 Years Junior State Championships

2027 Trial Program

15 Years

- **Phase 1 Trial Day – Sunday 20 September 2026**
 - Sign on: 8.30am
 - Warm up: 8.50am
 - On-court trials: 9.15am
- **Selection Training Program**
 - Athletes selected from the initial trial will join the ERNA Selection Training Program. Across eight sessions, athletes train in a representative environment with experienced coaches, receive specific coaching and continue to be assessed throughout the selection process.
 - Training Dates: 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23 & 26 November 2026.
- **Attendance**
 - Athletes must actively participate in at least five of the eight sessions unless an exemption is approved by the Selection Convenor. Attendance at other representative programs is not considered grounds for exemption.

- **Community and Pathway Connection**
 - Athletes are required to attend one day of Junior State Championships to support ERNA teams, observe representative netball and experience the pathway ahead.
- **Final Selection**
 - Monday 30 November 2026.
- **2027 Training**
 - Rep and Development team training will reconvene on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 2027.

14 Years

- **Phase Trial Day – Sunday 20 September 2026**
 - Sign on: 10.30am
 - Warm up 10:50am
 - On-court trials: 11:15am
- **Skills & Selection Program**
 - Nine November sessions form part of the selection process. Athletes continue to be developed and assessed by the Selection Committee and appointed coaches.
 - Training Dates: 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30 November
- **Attendance**
 - Athletes must actively participate in at least five of the nine sessions unless an exemption is approved by the Selection Convenor. Attendance at other representative programs is not considered grounds for exemption.
- **Final Selection**
 - Thursday 3 December 2026.
- **2027 Training**
 - Rep and Development team training will reconvene on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 2027.
- **Community and Pathway Connection**
 - Athletes are required to attend one day of Senior State Championships to support ERNA teams, observe representative netball and experience the pathway ahead.

13 Years

- **Initial Trial – Sunday 27 September 2026**
 - Sign on: 8.30am
 - Warm up: 8.50am
 - On court trials: 9.15am
- **November Skills Program**
 - Four Thursday sessions led by ERNA Senior Representative coaches in partnership with the appointed age coaches. The focus is skill development, game understanding and continued assessment.
 - Training Dates: 5, 12, 19 & 26 November.
- **Phase 2 Selection**
 - Thursday 4 February
- **Phase 2 squad training**
 - followed by sessions on 9, 11, 16 and 18 February.
- **Final Selection**
 - Tuesday 23 February 2027.
- **2027 Training**
 - Players selected in Rep and Dev teams will commence team training on Thursday 25 February.
- **Community and Pathway Connection**
 - Athletes are required to attend one day of Senior State Championships to support ERNA teams, observe representative netball and experience the pathway ahead.

12 Years

- **Initial Trial – Sunday 27 September 2026**
 - Sign on: 10.45am
 - Warm up: 11.00am
 - On court trials: 11.20am
- **November Skills Program**
 - Four Thursday sessions led by ERNA Senior Representative coaches in partnership with the appointed age coaches. The focus is skill development, game understanding and continued assessment.
 - Training Dates: 5, 12, 19 & 26 November.
- **Phase 2 Selection**
 - Thursday 4 February

- **Phase 2 squad training**
 - followed by sessions on 9, 11, 16, 18 and 23 February.
- **Final Selection**
 - Thursday 25 February 2027.
- **2027 Training**
 - Players selected in Rep and Dev teams will commence team training on Tuesday 2 March.
- **Community and Pathway Connection**
 - Athletes are required to attend one day of Senior State Championships to support ERNA teams, observe representative netball and experience the pathway ahead.

11 Years Development Squad

- **Selection**
 - Wednesday 10 February 2027.
- **Training**
 - Commences Wednesday 3 March and continues weekly until the end of June.
- **Community and Pathway Connection**
 - Athletes are required to attend one day of both Junior and Senior State Championship events to support ERNA teams, observe representative netball and experience the pathway ahead.