

# HEATHFIELD VOLLEYBALL

HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Players,

We are coming to the time of the year where we are looking towards selecting training squads for the Honours teams in preparation for State Cup and eventually National Schools Cup.

It is the expectation that every player should be aiming to play in the Honours team of their age group, however the realisation is that only a maximum of 10 players will make it. The SIV staff feels that there is a need to reiterate and communicate the expectations and selection criteria for those players who make the Honours division.

Selection for the Honours division is as follows:

1. The needs of the Heathfield Volleyball Squad in order to maximise our ability to be successful
2. The needs of the team - setters, balance, defenders, encouragers, guts and determination, middles, libero and pass hitters.
3. The needs of the players. ie role, year levels, ability to be comfortable in the team.

Other factors taken into account:

- Statistical effectiveness of the player in State, Junior League, Warrnambool, New Zealand, Goldball, Norwood Challenge, Class (points won v's points lost)
- Consistency of the player in match situations and in particular, pressure situations.
- Attitude, Professionalism, reliability, coachability, ability to concentrate, punctuality and trustworthiness.

The second point that we would like to clarify is the expectations around court time.

**ALL** players have had the same opportunities during the year, and well done to those making a commitment to getting better and gaining valuable experience which they can build on throughout the year

***The reality is:***

In the Honour Divisions the emphasis is very much on getting the best results possible out of the team. Players have been selected for specific roles within the team, some of these roles may not involve the same amount of court time as others but are extremely valuable in the structure of the team. (eg a few years back a players only role was to serve tough to possibly break the game open. She made an impact every time she entered the court but in reality was only on the court for a few minutes at a time)

In the other divisions coaches endeavour to give all players relatively equal court time but will depend on the roles that they play in the team. But again, if the crunch comes in a match the coach is expected to use the players who are at that stage doing the job. If they are on the bench then they are expected to be positive and supportive and are still able to contribute to the success of the team.

Please understand that unexplained absences from trainings in the lead up to State Cup and National Schools Cup could affect the team they will be placed in and it will influence the amount of court time they receive during the competition.

We are asking as a demonstration of understanding of the information presented above that both the parents and players sign and return the slip below. None of the information is new; it has been imported from the player's handbook and State Cup information.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to email.

Regards,

Ross Wall  
Responsible Living Coordinator

Stuart Scott  
Program Manager

Alistair Brown  
Principal

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I have read and understand the information regarding Honour/Div team selection and court time. By signing this document I am agreeing to play and train under these expectations.

Player Name:

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_