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Purpose

The **NETBALL WA COURT OF CHAMPIONS** celebrates **West Australian developed players** who have reached the ultimate pinnacle in the sport by representing Australia at the **highest International level of competition** available at the time, and who have made a significant contribution to the sport in Western Australia.

Players with origin outside WA, who play at the highest international level whilst representing WA's elite team, **may** also be considered on individual merit.

Responsibilities

The **Netball WA Awards & Recognition Committee** will be responsible for collating relevant information and consideration of potential Candidates.

Recommendations for induction into the Court of Champions will be referred to the **Board of West Coast Fever**, if input is required.

Recommendations for induction into the Court of Champions will be referred to the **Board of Netball WA** for ratification.

Process

1. Primary Criteria

To be eligible for induction into the Court of Champions, Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- As a West Australian developed player, hold an **Australian Debut Playing Number** assigned by Netball Australia;
- **Must** have been retired from elite level competition for at least three (3) years.

2. Secondary Criteria

When determining the selection of Candidates, consideration will also be given to the following secondary criteria:

- The **number of Australian Caps**;
- The number of years played;
- The number of games played;
- Period in a leadership role, e.g. Captain or Vice-Captain;
- Induction into **Netball Australia's Hall of Fame** (Player Category);
- Induction into the **WAIS Hall of Champions** (consideration will be given to both Individual and Team Categories).

In addition, Players must have made a significant contribution to netball in WA, including outstanding performances, sportsmanship, leadership, integrity and overall impact to the sport.

Players may be inducted into the Court of Champions posthumously.

The Netball WA Board reserves the right to determine if Candidates can be considered based on the criteria that Players with origin outside WA may play at the highest international level whilst representing WA's elite team.

Recommendation

The number of Candidates for the inaugural induction into the Court of Champions will be eight (8) players, and a further four (4) players in 2021 and 2022, and five (5) players in 2023, to ensure all eligible Candidates are inducted prior to Netball WA's centenary in 2024.

The Netball WA Award & Recognition Committee shall review all Candidates to ensure each nomination meets the criteria and, if appropriate, put forward such nomination for recommendation to the Board.

Ratification

The Netball WA Board shall review all recommendations received from the Award & Recognition Committee and determine inductees by vote.

Recognition

- From Netball Western Australia's centenary year in 2024, Candidates will be inducted every four (4) years, in the same year that the Netball World Cup (or equivalent) is held;
- A maximum of three (3) inductees may be endorsed and awarded at any one time, post 2024;
- Recognition for all Court of Champions inductees will be established at the Gold Netball Centre in WA;
- Induction into the Court of Champions will be awarded at an appropriate Netball WA Event or Awards Dinner;
- Inductees will be presented with an appropriate memento to commemorate the occasion and acknowledged via Netball WA communication and media platforms and channels;
- Travel costs associated with attendance at the induction will be negotiated on an individual basis.

Retraction of Court of Champions Award

The Netball WA Board reserves the right to withdraw or retract an award if the recipient's conduct draws the Netball WA Court of Champions Award and/or the Organisation into disrepute. As part of the deliberations, the Netball WA Court of Champions recipient in



question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Court of Champions Award status.

A Netball WA Court of Champions recipient has the ability to resign their Court of Champions Award.

Other

Netball WA will review and update this policy every two years.

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