



Director of Coaching Administration
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PFA Representative Teams Train-on Squad for 2012

Dear Club Secretary,

Following the holding of the 15th Asian Championships Competition from the 16th – 18th December, we are now proceeding to select our representative teams train-on squad for 2012. In the next twelve months PFA intends to enter teams in the international events shown in the PFA Calendar. I seek your assistance in this process.

I ask that you encourage your Nationally Licensed players to express their interest in being considered for selection. If they nominate, they will be required to sign an Expression of Interest Form.

In signing this form, they will be:

- ⊕ Agreeing to participate in the required training program determined by the Australian Representative Coach,
- ⊕ Committing to attend the designated competition, and
- ⊕ Acknowledging that they accept responsibility for the cost of travel, accommodation and meal expenses not provided by the host country or PFA.

Each player that submits an Expression of Interest to join the Australian Representative Train-on Squad is required to lodge a nomination bond of \$150 at the time submission. The Nomination Bond will be retained and assigned to the costs of representation when a player is selected. The bond will be transferred to a Representative Fund for general representation expenses if the player withdraws from the Representative Squad prior to the competition.

A 'train-on squad' will be selected based on nominations made by the State Coaches to the Director of Coaching Administration. The teams to represent will be determined by the National Selection Panel based on evaluations made by state coaches and recommendations from the Director of Coaching Administration.

This train-on squad will be required to participate in an ongoing training program. The program will focus on individual and team development. Each player will have an individual development plan. Players will be required to play in competitions in teams determined by the Director of Coaching Administration and the State Coaches. At regular times, the squad members will be evaluated against a set of criteria. Additional players may be added to the squad; members that do not show regular improvement may be omitted from the squad.

Please advise your players that their selection will be based on the following considerations:

- ⊕ **Skill Levels** – the consistency and effectiveness of their pointing and shooting as determined by training and practise results,
- ⊕ **Competition Performance** – the results of performance in designated competitions throughout the year,
- ⊕ **Teamwork** – the ability to work with others as part of a team; the ability to accept decisions made by coaches and team captains, and

- ⊕ **Self Management** – the ability to manage own emotions; the ability to ensure that behaviours, emotions and thoughts do not adversely affect other team members.

Please encourage your players to nominate on the attached “Expression of Interest in selection for a PFA Representative Squad Form”. The completed forms should be sent to your State Coach by the 9th January 2012.

Thanks for your assistance.

Regards,

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