

2024 VNL Recruitment Information

2024 Recruitment Timeline

Clubs may commence the athlete recruitment process from **1 October 2023**.

This process may involve trials or a direct approach from the club to the athlete.

Clubs must finalise their 23 & Under and Championship teams by **Friday 26 January 2024**. Clubs are not permitted to add athletes to their lists after this date, however, replacements (temporary or permanent) may be made at any time throughout the season.

Athlete Information Session

Netball Victoria will be hosting an athlete information session on **Wednesday 13 September at 7pm** to educate athletes on what to expect when trialing for VNL, how to decide which clubs to trial at and clarify the expectations of playing in the VNL competition.

Attendees may submit questions in advance which will be covered during the presentation.

Register online at: https://netballvictoria.formstack.com/forms/athlete_information_session

Integrity Reporting Form

A reporting form has been developed to allow athletes, coaches, officials to report breaches related to the operations of VNL, which may include the recruitment process. Reports may be made anonymously and all information provided will be held in strict confidence.

Please note clubs may not recruit athletes until **1 October 2023**. Any discussions prior to this can be reported using the report form at:

https://netballvictoria.formstack.com/forms/vnl_integrity_reporting_form

Trials Information

A calendar of club trials for the 2024 VNL season will be posted online via the Netball Victoria website on **Wednesday 13 September**. Athletes are recommended to view club Facebook pages or websites to find further information on trial dates and locations.

Athletes are encouraged to view the club's selection policy prior to attending.

Signed Athletes

Clubs may sign 15 athletes per team (23 & Under and Championship) and have two Development teams. There will be no formal training partner positions in 2024.

The minimum age for athletes across all teams is 16 years as at 31 December (ie. Born 2008 or earlier).

Athletes who receive an offer from a club have 7 days to accept or decline the position. A Standard Player Agreement is required to be completed, as well as an Online Registration Form, to confirm the position.

A list of signed athletes will be published on the VNL website from Monday 9 October 2023, and updated on a weekly basis thereafter.

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Development Teams

VNL clubs are permitted up to two (2) Development teams, that meet the VNL age criteria (minimum 16 years) with at least one team competing in a 4 x 15 minute quarter match.

Development team athletes may be drawn on to fill any vacancies throughout the season within the VNL competition.