

Marist Water Polo Club

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is clearly articulate the expectations of Players and Parents when being asked/invited to play up a division.

It includes guidelines on player selection and team selections.

U12 to U14 (Boys and Girls)

Selection criteria:

Selection by Invitation only.

Player selection will be based on the coaches' assessment of the individual's capacity to be competitive at a higher level.

Training Commitment:

U12 to U14 1st Season at Marist: A player invited to play in the U14 age group must still play in his/her designated age group for the remainder of the season. Playing up an age grade is deemed to be an additional commitment.

U12 to U14 2nd Season at Marist : In the event an U12 player being invited to play in the U14 grade for a second season, the player may be exempt from attending U12 training sessions, however to be considered for any U12 tournament team the player must be able to attend at least two U12 training sessions as close to the tournament start as possible

Fees U12 to U14:

Players invited to play up will be charged the full training cost for the higher grade as well as

Season 1 players: All U12 sessions during the term, plus applicable tournament fees

Season 2 players: A pro rata amount for the U12 sessions attended plus applicable tournament fees.

U14 to U16 or U16 to U18 (Boys and Girls):

Selection criteria:

Selection by Invitation only.

Player selection will be based on the coaches' assessment of the individual's capacity to be competitive at a higher level.

Training Commitment:

Players selected are expected to attend all U16/U18 training sessions where practicable.

Priority is to be given to "in" season age group training sessions (i.e. where there is a crossover of U14 preseason and U16 in season, priority should be given to U16 training sessions)

Fees U14 to U16 or U16 to U18:

Players invited to play up will be charged a playing up fee in addition to their own age grade fees

Auckland League Selection and National Tournament Selection:

U12 players to play in U14 Division 2* only (*Unless Exceptional talent – identified by coaches)

U14 players to play in U16 Division 2* only (*Unless Exceptional talent – identified by coaches)

Priority to be given to current age grade players over players selected to play up, where numbers are limited.

*Where there is a need to have more than 4 non age grade players in a team, Marist will seek dispensation from NZWP to enter an invitational team, to allow those age grade players that would otherwise miss the opportunity to participate.

***NZWP Rule 5:** No more than four U12/U14 players may play in the same team for National Tournaments.

This rule is in place to encourage clubs to give priority to the current age grade players, with the aim of player retention.