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PFA Representative Teams Train-on Squad for 2013/4

Dear Club Secretary,

With the change in license policy for 2013-4, any player is eligible to express an interest in being included in the PFA Representative Teams Train-on Squad. Representative Teams are selected from members of the Train-on Squad.

I ask that you encourage any of your Nationally Licensed players to express their interest in being considered for selection by joining the Train-on Squad. They should discuss their desire to join the squad by approaching their State coach. The State Coach will provide an overview of the training and playing commitment required. 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.

The 'train-on squad' will be selected and maintained based on nominations made by the State Coaches to the Director of Coaching. The teams to represent will be determined by the Director of Coaching based on evaluations made by state coaches. The PFA Board will endorse the selected team to confirm representation.

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 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 and their achievement of International Pass standards,
- ⊕ **Competition Performance** – the results of performance in designated competitions throughout the year – their state championships and a state event of significance,
- ⊕ **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; representative qualities.

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 for on forwarding to me.

Thanks for your assistance.

Regards,

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