



NORTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE WINTER NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Introduction:

To support the growth of netball in the region and to provide an additional opportunity for clubs and players to compete, the Northern Football Netball League is hosting a new tournament to be held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend (8th & 9th of June 2019). The tournament is a great opportunity for netball players to come together in a competitive and fun environment and test themselves against new players and teams.

The tournament is inclusive of male and female players. It will include an Open Men's and Under-19 Boys tournament, along with Open Women's, Under-19 Girls, and a Master's section for women over the age of 40.

The NFNL Winter Netball Tournament will be held over two days, with three games played on the Saturday for all sections, which will then be graded for the Sunday morning. On Sunday a further two games will be played in the morning, before the top-four in each section play a finals series. This will decide the inaugural NFNL Winter Netball Tournament Premiers for each section for 2019.

Entry to Competition - Cost – Per Team \$100.00

Team Eligibility

1. Only affiliated Netball Victoria Clubs are eligible to participate.
2. Teams are required to pay an entry fee, payable upon application of registration form.
3. Teams will be required to submit a team list via the online entry form by the requested date or they will be deemed ineligible to play
4. Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players listed.
5. Entry to the competition can be in the following competitions:
 - Under-17
 - Under-19 Female
 - Under-19 Male
 - Open Women's
 - Open Men's
 - Master's (over 40s)
6. Divisions may be created to cater for the number of entries into one age group. Divisions will be:
 - a. Section 1
 - b. Section 2
 - c. Section 3
7. Associations/Leagues can enter more than one team per division at the discretion of NFNL.

Player Eligibility/Membership

1. To be eligible to represent, a player/coach/umpire must have current Netball Victoria Insurance or purchase a Day Pass per day of the competition, which will be available to be purchased at the venue on the days of play.
2. Players cannot play in more than one team during the Tournament.

Competition Management



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1. NFNL Netball Manager will be responsible for the management of the competition.
2. NFNL Netball Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.
3. NFNL Netball Manager may at their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and exercising such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.
4. NFNL has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

Umpires

- 1 An Umpire Administration Assistant will be appointed by the NFNL to allocate the umpires to all matches.
- 2 NFNL Umpire Coach shall be appointed by the NFNL to mentor the umpires.
- 3 A Venue Manager shall be appointed to manage the venue for the day of competitions.

Coaches

All coaches must have a current Foundation Netball Accreditation and current VNA. Coaches shall be required to be submit these details via an Online booking form.

Club Personal

A non-playing Team Manager, present at the competition, must be listed on the registration online form.

Competition Organisation

Competition matches shall be as per the Official Rules of Netball, revised 2019.

Conduct of Matches

1. All round games shall consist of two 7-minute halves, with no break at half time.
2. Finals will consist of (2) two 7-minutes halves, with one-minute break at the interval.
3. The clock shall not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rules, the player must be substituted immediately.
4. In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one-minute break before two 4-minute halves, with a 1-minute break at the interval when team change ends.
5. If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, play shall continue until one team has scored two goals.
6. All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by the NFNL Official.
7. Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

Fixture and Points

1. NFNL will determine the sections and fixture after all teams are entered and final numbers are known.



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2. In grading matches Rounds 1-3 the following points shall be awarded:
 - a. Four (4) points per win
 - b. Two (2) points for a draw
 - c. Zero (0) points for a loss.
 - d. No percentage

3. In non-grading matches the following points shall be awarded:
 - a. Four (4) points per win
 - b. Two (2) points for a draw,
 - c. Zero (0) points for a loss.

Finals

At the conclusion of the Rounds, teams shall be ranked by points awarded by win/loss.

Ladders:

In all matches, four (4) points will be allotted for a win, four (4) points for a team in whose favour a forfeit or walkover is ruled, two (2) points for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss. In competitions involving an uneven number of byes for competing teams, the League shall also prepare a match-ratio which reflects the number of wins by each team against the number of matches played by each team

Score Sheet

1. Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit at the score bench for the entire duration of the match.
2. The score sheet shall be provide by the NFNL and will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
3. NFNL will not accept the scoresheet unless scoresheet is signed by the two scorers signature.
4. The wining team shall take the score sheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

Late Arrivals and Forfeits

1. All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
2. If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative for the team present must notify the Venue Manager immediately.
3. The Venue Manager may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
4. A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Venue Manager.
5. Once declared a forfeit by the Venue Manager, the team present will be awarded the four (4) points and a winning margin of 10-0.

Cancellations



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1. When matches are cancelled due to injury, prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with the (2) two points and (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture.
2. When matches are cancelled due to injury, after the start of the game, both teams will be credited with the (2) two points and (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture.
3. If a match is cancelled after the commencement of the second half, the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

Uniforms and Equipment

1. All players within the team must wear club uniforms.
2. No long sleeve garments or leggings longer than the dress/skirt/shorts to be worn, unless special consideration is granted by the NFNL prior to tournament.

Balls

All game Netballs shall be provided by the NFNL, which must be used in all matches.

Awards

Winning teams will receive awards supplied by the NFNL.

Admission to Venue

All players, coaches, and spectators over the age of 18 must pay \$2.50 at point of entry. Pass Out shall be valid for day of receipt.

Weekend Pass will be available,

Competition Specific

All teams are required to register at the competition desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team and collect any relevant information.

Centre Pass

Decided by the toss of a coin, with the first named team to call.

First Aid

The NFNL shall provide a First Aid Officer on site.

Policies

NFNL Tournament shall comply with Current Netball Victoria regulations and NFNL By Laws.

NFNL Tournament shall follow the guidelines of NFNL Schedule's Rules and Regulations.

The NFNL Netball Manager's decision shall be final.