

2024 Winter Netball Competition Guide

All information provided in this booklet is provided as a guide only and is subject to change based on the requirements of the competition.



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Round Dates

DATE	JUNIOR NETBALL			
	9&U	11&U	13&U	15&U
	Round	Round	Round	Round
24 April	1	1	1	1
1 May	2	2	2	2
8 May	3	3	3	3
15 May	4	4	4	4
22 May	5	5	5	5
29 May	6	6	6	6
5 June	7	7	7	7
12 June	8	8	8	8
19 June	9	9	9	9
26 June	10	10	10	10
3 July	<i>Holidays – No Games</i>			
10 July	<i>Holidays – No Games</i>			
17 July	11	11	11	11
24 July	12	12	12	12
31 July	13	13	13	13
7 August	14	14	14	14
14 August	Round Robin	Round Robin	Final	Final
21 August			Final	Final
28 August			Grand Final	Grand Final



Playing Times

- 5.15 pm: 9&U only
- 6.10 and 7.10pm: 11&U, 13&U and 15&U
 - Extra timeslots will be added as required.
 - All sections will play 10-minute quarters.
 - All matches will be played on Wednesday evenings
- Match times subject to change based on team nominations



Sections & Age Groups

Sections	
NetSetGo Program	Ages 5-12 – beginner boys and girls
9&U	Boys and Girls
11&U	Boys and Girls
13&U	Boys and Girls
15&U	Boys and Girls (some gender restrictions apply)

- The following age groups will be offered:
 - 9&U
 - 11&U
 - 13&U
 - 15&U

Age groups and divisions will be defined after team nominations and grading are finalised.

Team Nominations

- All teams can be nominated here:
<https://forms.gle/9EJqj34BoNYhjpdF8>
- **Nominations close: 8th April, 2024**
- *Any late nominations must be sent directly to the NFNL office.*





Rules for Boys

- The league observes the Netball Victorian Gender Regulation in regard to mixed competition:
 - a) Mixed competition for the 9&U, 11&U and 13&U age groups will have NO restrictions applied on the basis of gender.
 - b) The league is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate.
 - c) The league will endeavour to provide opportunities for males to participate in competitions.
- 15&U Competition

15&U competition will observe the following rules:

 1. There is no maximum number of males to be listed on a team sheet.
 2. Eligible boys are permitted to play in this age group.
 3. A team must only have a maximum of 2 males on court at any one time, and must play them in different thirds i.e., Goal third (GS or GA), center third (WA, C, or WD), Defensive third (GD, or GK)

Evening Up Rules

- Where one team has more players than the first team, both teams shall field the same number of players, therefore an equal numbers of players should take the court.
- Teams shall loan or accept the numbers of players required to even up teams. If teams are unable to offer players to the team with less than 7 players, then playing numbers must be reduced so that both teams field the same number of players. If players are offered, but not accepted, the team with the greater number of players is not required to reduce playing numbers.
- Team Managers, particularly from the team that requires evening up rule to apply, must ensure that the process is organized as early as possible prior to the teams taking the court.



Genuine Shortage

- 37.2.5 Conduct of Junior Netball Matches
 - a) A player may only play in one game per night. If a junior team has a genuine shortage of less than 7 players, a junior player is permitted to play 2 matches on the same night.



Venues

- **Mill Park Stadium**
 - 3 indoor courts
- **Banyule Nets Stadium**
 - 2 outdoor undercover lit courts
- **Plenty Valley Christian College**
 - 1 indoor court
 - 2 outdoor undercover lit courts
- Other venues added as required.
- Competition venues can be indoor or outdoor

Memberships

- All players must hold a current 2024 Netball Victoria Membership, and have this linked to the NFNL via Netball Connect.
- All players must register with Game Day.
- If a player takes the court without completing registration online, the club may face penalties.
- Player's insurance is covered under the Netball Victoria membership fee.
- Single game (SGV) voucher are available online via Netball Connect for \$3.00 per game.
- All coaches and officials, must be registered in Sports TG, with relevant documentation uploaded to profile EG: Working with Children, First Aid.



Competition Platform

Netball Connect

- **Registration:** Players to register into Netball Connect and pay VNA and junior levy.
- **SGV:** Single game vouchers will be available for \$3 through Netball Connect.

2024 Price

Game Day

- **Registration:** Players to register into Game Day
- All coaches and officials, must be registered to Game Day, with relevant documentation uploaded to profile EG: Working with Children, First Aid.
- **Proof of age:** All players need to upload proof of age document.

Match requirements

- Team sheets
 - For all age groups, scorers must enter the players positions on team sheet for every player, every quarter.
 - All participating players will be marked as playing by a club official prior to the game and checked again at the end of the game.
 - Coach to print their name on the score sheet.
 - The captain and scorer of each team must check the scoresheet at the end of each match to confirm the correct score and sign at the bottom of sheet.
 - Clubs to add players to team sheets online by 11am Wednesday
- Each team must supply a scorer, who must be at the bench several minutes prior to game.
- Refer to By-Laws for complete explanation of club responsibilities.



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Coaches

- All coaches must have completed the foundation netball coaching course (or be booked in to take the course) in order to coach in the Northern Football Netball League, as a minimum.
- All club officials must register into SportsTG and upload relevant documents such as WWCC.



Team Fees

(all fees Inc GST)

NFNL Winter Netball Affiliation: \$165

Please note this is a per club payment if clubs have senior netball teams and junior netball teams, payment of this fee covers both competitions.

2024 VNA Junior Membership – annual fee: \$66 per player

Match Forfeit Fee: \$143

Junior Levy: \$15 per player (paid annually when purchasing VNA)

Team registration: \$38.50 per team

Match fees: \$71.50 per game

Uniform: club to set price.



Uniform

- All clubs must have junior teams in uniform.
- Clubs may order netball t-shirts, netball dresses, or have a combination of both worn by the team.
 - Players wearing netball t-shirts are permitted to wear black pants, shorts or skirts.
- If player is filling in, or you are waiting for uniform to arrive they may play out of uniform.
 - Players out of uniform must wear a club-coloured t-shirt, and black shorts, pants, or skirt.



Theme Rounds

DATE	JUNIOR NETBALL				THEME ROUNDS
	9&U	11&U	13&U	15&U	
	Round	Round	Round	Round	
24 April	1	1	1	1	<i>ANZAC Round</i>
1 May	2	2	2	2	<i>Pat Cronin Foundation Round</i>
8 May	3	3	3	3	
15 May	4	4	4	4	<i>Harmony Day Round</i>
22 May	5	5	5	5	
29 May	6	6	6	6	
5 June	7	7	7	7	
12 June	8	8	8	8	<i>Socket2MND Round</i>
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17 July	11	11	11	11	<i>Sir Douglas Nicholls Round</i>
24 July	12	12	12	12	
31 July	13	13	13	13	<i>Umpire Appreciation Round</i>
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Umpires

- **NFNL Umpire Coach:** Ann Castles
- Training and mentoring is provided to all Northern Football Netball League umpires.
- In junior age groups umpires will be directed to assist coaching the team along to help player's understanding.
- All umpires hold 'C', 'B' or 'A' badges, or are actively completing a training program.
- The League continues to actively recruit umpires, with all new umpires welcomed.



Coach Development

- **NFNL Coach Developer:** Richelle McKenzie
- The league will be providing coach development support across the junior competition, as guided by Richelle.

Richelle's Beginner Coach Seminar

- Date: Sunday 7th of April
- Time: 10am – 12pm
- Venue: La Trobe Sports Stadium

A seminar for all beginner coaches, or perspective coaches prior to the season starting. More details and registration to come.





Representative Program

- 2024 representative programs to be provided.
 - **11&U Development Academy**
 - Registrations:
<https://registration.netballconnect.com/shop?organisationKey=81cdb8a4-8948-4b29-9829-1650f4941041&productId=5218>
 - Registration close: 13th of March, 2024
 - **13&U, 15&U, 17&U and Open Representative teams**
 - Association Championships
 - Limited tournaments in the lead up to championships

Further Enquiries

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