

2024 Winter 17&U Competition Guide

Pilot Season

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

Disclaimers

- This is a pilot season
 - Rules & Regs are likely to continue changing as the competition develops, and based on outcomes and club feedback.
- 17&U will make up part of the senior competition, and as such specific rules for junior netball will not apply to the 17&U competition.

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Round Dates

DATE	17&U	THEME ROUNDS
	ROUND	
3 May	1	<i>Pat Cronin Foundation Round</i>
10 May	2	
17 May	3	<i>Harmony Day Round</i>
24 May	4	
31 May	5	
7 June	<i>King's Birthday – No Games</i>	
14 June	6	<i>Socket2MNDRound</i>
21 June	7	
28 June	8	
5 July	<i>Bye Round – School Holidays</i>	
12 July	Prelim Final	<i>Sir Douglas Nicholls Round</i>
19 July	Grand Final	

Playing Times & Duration

- All games commence at 5.30 pm
- All games are played on a Friday evening
- All 17&U competition will play 10 minute quarters



Team Nominations

- Team nominations due 22nd of April, 2024
- Link: <https://forms.gle/pt4szTkvp9PGihbs8>
- Any late nominations must be submitted to the NFNL Office via direct email.





Age Restrictions

- Minimum age is 15 years old.
 - Observing by-law 4.7 a):
 - A Participant's age group is determined by their age as of 31st December of that competition year.
- Players are eligible to play one match of 17&U competition, and one match of Open competition in the same night.



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Rules for Boys

- The league observes and supports the Netball Victoria Gender Regulation.
- The league is committed to providing a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment where all people can contribute and participate. The league endeavours to provide opportunities for males to participate in competitions.

- **17&U Competition**

17&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 & Genuine Shortage during regular season

- As part of the senior branch of competition, the Evening Up and Genuine Shortage rule will not apply to 17&U.
 - Teams can apply to utilize the Genuine Shortage Rule during finals if required.



Venue



- All games played at La Trobe University
- Address: La Trobe University, Sports Drive, Bundoora

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 for players under 18 years old.
- All coaches and officials, must be registered in Game Day, with relevant documentation uploaded to profile EG: Working with Children, First Aid, Coach accreditation.

Competition Platform

1. NETBALL CONNECT

- **Registration:** Players to register to Netball Connect and pay VNA. There is NO Junior Levy for 17&U players.
- **Single Game Vouchers (SGV):** Single game vouchers will be available for \$3 through Netball Connect.

2. GAME DAY

- **Registration:** Players to register into Game Day system.
- All coaches and officials must be registered to Game Day, with relevant documentation uploaded to profile e.g. Working with Children Check, 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 the 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 10am Friday
- 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.

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 Game Day and upload relevant documents such as WWCC.





Team Fees

(Inc GST)

- **Affiliation Fee: \$0**
- **2024 VNA Junior Membership – annual fee: \$66 per player**
- **Match Forfeit Fee: \$215.60**
- **Team Registration: \$165 per team**
- **Match Fees: \$107.80**
- **Uniform: Club to set price.**

Uniform

- All clubs must have teams in correct 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 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 or skirt.



Umpires

- 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.
- All umpires overseen and coached by NFNL Umpire Coach Ann Castles, with the assistance of mentors.



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