



NETBALL WHAKATANE CENTRE

RULES & REGULATIONS POLICY

The following rules and regulations are the guiding principles to support, clarify and provide fairness to all players, coaches, umpires and administrators within the Netball Whakatane Centre.

1. A committee of nominated volunteers from the Netball Whakatane Annual General Meeting held each year will assist the effective organisation of netball within the Whakatane Centre.

These voluntary positions will consist of the following:

Draw Steward
Umpire Coordinator
Coach Coordinator
Junior Committee Coordinator
Media Publicity Officer
Trophy Steward
Representative Coordinator
Representative Uniform Coordinator
Lights Official
Canteen Manager (not Contractor)
Treasurer
Secretary
Vice President
President and
Any nominated confirmed members.

This committee will be known as the Netball Whakatane Centre Committee (NWC).

General

2. The Draw Steward and/or in conjunction with the President will be responsible for cancellations and/or postponements.

3. The competition will consist of three competitions:
 - futureFERNS
Whereby the game can be played by both females and males who are attending primary schools. There is 4v4, 5v5 and 6v6

 - Junior Competition
Whereby the game can be played by both females and males who are attending primary or intermediate schools.

 - Senior & Collegiate Competition
Whereby the game can only be played by females only.

4. All players must adhere to the NWC dress code at all times during that game. This means official club/school uniforms unless applied for dispensation to the Committee. Any other clothing worn, must be applied for in writing to the Committee, stating the reasons why they require other clothing and must be done and approval received prior to the game commencing. No adornments of any type including body piercing may be worn on court during the game. This includes taping over any piercings.

5. No chewing of gum is permitted on any court within the NWC.

6. Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards and all boards and Dogs are strictly prohibited within the confines of the netball courts for safety reasons.

7. The Nita Shannon Netball Complex and Courts are alcohol and drug free smoke free; this includes Vaping.

Match Official Responsibilities

1. **Only** a registered member of Netball Whakatane Centre who is also the match official may stop a match due to misconduct.

2. In extreme circumstances and in consultation with the event organiser (in this case the President of NWC), the match officials may decide to abandon a game if the safety of players and/or officials is considered to be at risk.

3. Netball New Zealand rules will apply with all matches controlled by Netball Whakatane except when a social tournament is held in the Centre.

Player/Team Registration

4. All players must be registered and able to verify registration before being permitted to play in any game controlled by Netball Whakatane.
5. Any player wishing to transfer from one club or team to another club or team within the Whakatane Centre must apply in writing to the NWC committee. Every application will be discussed on its own merits. Two non-playing Saturday stand downs and/or a transfer fee may apply.
6. Teams must register a minimum of seven (7) players and a maximum of fourteen (14) players to be eligible for a team registration. **Please note only 12 players are permitted to play at each game.**
7. Teams must also register/supply one (1) umpire.
8. Players registered to play for teams regardless of the grade must be registered and attending that school. (unless exemption applied for and approved by NWC Executive).
9. No player may play in a lower grade than that originally registered.
10. No Premier may player may register/play in our "lower social grades" B & C Grades. This ruling is to ensure a fair competition for teams in these grades.
11. **Premier players from 2022 can only play in teams that are in the PREMA or A Grades. (Please see website for more details)**
12. No player changes or new registrations will be permitted after 6 July 2024.
13. Team registration must include details as required on the registration link.
14. Team Manager/Contact
15. Umpire (non-playing preferably)
16. Grade preference
17. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that the registration form is completed correctly.
18. The full registration fee is payable on registration date unless authorised by the President. Any refund from withdrawal will only occur in the first 3 weeks of competition (not including opening Day) with partial being kept for admin.
19. Each NEW club or team must register their team colours with NWC.
20. The Draw Steward, as the nominated official of NWC has the right to re-grade any team.
21. Any team found submitting false player details will be disqualified from the competition.
22. In all instances it is the team's responsibility to provide true and correct information.

Day Players

23. The fee for a 'Day Player' will be \$20. This fee must accompany the application for a Day Player prior to the start of the match.
24. A 'Day Player' may only play 2 games as a day player. Thereafter on their 3rd game, the player concerned must be registered with the team to participate in any further games.
25. No day players are permitted in the following rounds;
 - Promotion relegation games
 - Semi-finals
 - Finals
26. A maximum of two (2) day players may be registered per game. This may be over and above the maximum of fourteen (14) players to be eligible for a team registration.
27. A maximum of four (4) day players may be registered per team in one season.

Competition

28. All players must be registered to the team they are playing for before they take the court in any game controlled by Netball Whakatane.
29. No player may play in a lower grade than that originally registered
30. No Premier may player may register/play in our "lower social grades" B & C Grades. This ruling is to ensure a fair competition for teams in these grades.
31. **Premier players from 2022 can only play in teams that are in the PREMA or A Grades. (Please see website for more details)**
32. If a netball club or school, has more than one team in a specific grade, players may only play for the team that they have registered with at the beginning of the season. You cannot play for your Club/School team in the same grade.
33. If a netball club or school, has more than one team in the competition, a player from the lower grade team may play for the higher graded team for no more than two games for the season. If they play a 3rd, they will stay up in the higher graded team. No player playing up will be permitted to play in championship round
34. All protests and/or complaints concerning the match must be made in writing to the NWC committee within seven (7) days of the incident. The protest/complaint must be accompanied by a \$100.00 fee. This fee will be refunded if the complaint is upheld.
35. Any player, club, team or official that may be reprimanded or disqualified from any further involvement of netball within Whakatane for any period of time will have fourteen (14) days to appeal in writing to NWC.

On Court Conduct

36. No abusive behavior either verbally or physically to any other player, supporter or official will be tolerated at any time while within the confines of the NWC courts.
37. **NWC has a Zero Tolerance for swearing during the games. Umpires will sanction the team, officials and supporters.**
38. All protests, complaints and appeals will be adjudicated by the Complaints panel which consists of the Vice President, President and another nominated Committee member/or official and/or one nominated Secretary. These two nominations are to come from the NWC Committee.
39. All matches must commence within one (1) minute of the start time signaled by the control room.
40. All teams must umpire their own game. Should no umpire be available, the team must forfeit one of their players who will then become the umpire. Umpires may be substituted during the game (in breaks), or unless they become injured or are sick during the course of the game. As long as someone from that team umpires

Team Duties

41. Collegiate teams will be allotted Saturday team duties on rotation. Teams that do not complete their allocated team duty must complete the duty the following week and will continue to until duty has been completed. Duties may include, collection of rubbish, toilets & pavilion cleaning etc.
42. The Draw Steward, as the nominated official of NWC will be tasked with allocating team duties.
43. Other Senior teams may at time to time be given duty where required.

Exemptions

44. Exemptions from the scheduled playing match must meet the following criteria:
 - Circumstances caused by natural disaster,
 - Tangihanga and/or Funeral that directly affects the playing team's inability to field a team for that particular match,
 - Teams that have three or more players that are required to represent EBOP or their Centre at their representative duties on the day of their allocated match/training.
45. The re-scheduling of the game not played will be determined by the team who did not ask for the exemption not to play. This match must try-to-played before the next Saturday game.
46. All decisions for exemptions will be made by the Draw Steward and President.

Defaults

47. Any team defaulting twice in one season will be excluded from further participation and will not be eligible for a refund on their 2nd default.
48. Any team that does not take the court within one minute of the start time will lose by default.
49. A team must take the court ready to play with five players within one minute of the start time or lose by default.

Disqualification

50. Playing an unregistered player or a player from another team will result in loss of 4 team points and a penalty of that team the player has played for.
51. Should an official of NWC in conjunction with the official of a match call off a game due to misconduct of any player or players, the offending team will be disqualified, resulting in a default.
52. All disqualified teams will incur a deduction of 4 team points and may be required to appear before the Complaints panel and a default recorded.