

Bacchus Marsh Netball Association Inc.

Junior Competition Handbook

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Junior Netball – Competition Rules and Information

Location

All games will be played at MARC Stadium, Bacchus Marsh, 23 Taverner St, Maddingley.

Team Registration

Teams must register by completing the registration form and emailing it to bacchusmarshna@gmail.com. A \$100 deposit is required upon completion of the form to guarantee entry into the competition. All team fees must be paid in full by Round 5, or teams will not be able to take the court. All players must be current financial members of Netball Victoria to be eligible to play.

The Players

A maximum of 7 players may take the court at one time, and no less than 5 players. If a team does not have 5 players, the game will not commence until at least 5 players have arrived.

Length of the Game

The game structure for the preliminary rounds of the competition is as follows:

- 10-minute quarters
- Rolling substitutions can be made at anytime during play with players swapping in the substitution box on each side of the score bench. Teams must ensure team bibs are used.
- Quarter time breaks of 1 minute.
- A half time break of 2 minutes

In finals and playoffs, the same structure will be followed. In the event of a draw at the end of the game, extra time will be given.

Extra time

- 2 x 3 minutes with no half time break.
- Teams will not swap ends at the beginning of extra time and will instead swap ends at half time of the extra time.
- Same substitutions rules apply during extra time.
- In the event of a draw again at the end extra time, no further time will be given. Instead, the game will continue until one team is two goals ahead. This team will then be declared the winner.

Starting the Game

During the regular season, the team listed first will get the first centre pass. After this, the pass alternates between teams, irrespective of who scores the goal.

In finals captains will toss a coin and the winner will either choose to take the first centre pass or pick the end their team would like to shoot at for the first quarter.

Forfeits

In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded a score of 20-0 and 4 competition points. There is no monetary penalty for a forfeit, but teams must let the competition coordinator know if they are unable to play any given week. A team will be ineligible for finals should they forfeit more than 2 times in a season.

Teams must be ready to start at the scheduled times. If the opposition does not show at the beginning of this period, then the clock shall commence running and they will be penalized one point per minute that they are late. After 10 minutes, if the team has still failed to turn up the game will be cancelled, and the team be awarded a forfeit.

Uniform

Uniform colours must be submitted to the association for approval. All players must wear their team nominated uniform including positional bibs and any sports briefs or shorts when participating. Skirts/bike shorts/sport shorts must be the same colour and leggings may be up to full length. (this excludes shorts that are worn under a dress that can be a different colour to the skirt or dress).

All tops and dresses must be the same colour – short sleeve and long-sleeved t-shirts and singlets are acceptable (no thin “spaghetti” strap singlets permitted)

No jewellery shall be worn except for small stud earrings which must be taped to the satisfaction of the umpire. All fitness trackers and watches must be removed before the game.

Fingernails must be cut short or taped to the satisfaction of the umpire. Alternatively, gloves may be worn. Nails and jewellery will be checked by the umpires before the game.

Child Safety Officer

Any teams that include players below the age of 18 are required to nominate a Child Safety Officer. The Child Safety Officer must hold a current working with children check and will be the teams point of contact. The Child Safety Officer will help foster a positive culture where children and young people feel safe and welcome.

Misconduct

All players must be respectful towards each other, as well as towards the umpires. This competition is social and must be enjoyed by everyone. Any form of player misconduct will not be tolerated and may result in you, or your team being excluded from the competition.

Rule Clarification

If players would like clarification on a rule or a call, that player may approach both umpires during a quarter break. Players must conduct themselves in a professional manner when doing this and put their enquiry in the form of a question.