



TAURANGA NETBALL CENTRE

Tēnā koutou katoa. Happy New Year to you all on behalf of our Board and Staff here at Tauranga Netball Centre. We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and New Years and enjoy some well deserved time off with whanau and friends. We look forward to seeing you back for our 2024 season!

We welcome back our Board Members Nicola Compton, Pam Clayton, Lynne Clay and Rick Powdrell and congratulate our newly elected Board Members John Koning and Mikaere Sydney who were elected at the Annual General Meeting. We unfortunately had to say goodbye to Maree Body who has retired from her position on the Board, but for good reason – she is now in a well-deserved paid full-time position at TNC as the Umpire Lead (a role she has held voluntarily over many years) and Leanne Emery, who after serving a term on the Board, is moving on to spend more time with whanau – thank you Maree and Leanne for your contribution to the TNC Board, it is greatly appreciated.

Affiliation Fees for Senior Teams (Wednesday night competition)

The fees for the 2024 season are as follows:

Tauranga NC	\$ 766.00
NNZ	\$ 65.10
WBOP Zone	\$ 255.00
Umpire Fee	\$ 300.00

\$1386.10 per team due 16th February 2024

Affiliation Fees for Senior Premier Teams (Thursday night competition)

The fees for the 2024 season are as follows:

Tauranga NC	\$ 766.00
NNZ	\$ 65.10
WBOP Zone	\$ 255.00
Umpire Fee	\$ 500.00
Grading (Umpire & Venue)	\$ 190.00
Baypark	\$ 915.00

\$2691.10 per team due 8th March 2024

Affiliation Fees for Senior Masters Teams (Thursday night competition)

The fees for the 2024 season are as follows:

Tauranga NC	\$ 766.00
NNZ	\$ 65.10
WBOP Zone	\$ 255.00
Baypark	\$ 790.00

\$1876.10 per team due 5th April 2024

Payment can be made by:

Online banking 03-0435-0556307-00 (please use team name as reference).

Invoices will be sent to the Team Manager.



Netball Competitions 2024

Premier Club Competition (Thursday)

A reminder to all club co-ordinators to ensure all team player details are correct prior to the competition start, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Also please update your Team Manager details and Coach details.

ZOOM INFORMATION MEETING

This year we will be holding a zoom meeting for any Team Managers or Club Co-ordinators that may have questions about the upcoming season. Please email paula@tauranganetball.co.nz for the link

Thursday 14th March

6pm – 6.30pm

Qualifying Tournament

To ensure our Premier competition remains competitive, a qualifying tournament will be held to determine the 18 teams for the current season. All teams from our 2023 Premier Competition will have right of entry into the qualifying tournament.

The **Qualifying Tournament is scheduled for Sunday 24th March 2024** at Mercury Arena (draws to be confirmed). The fee for this day has been included in your overall fee. **Team Registrations are due Thursday 1st February** – no late registrations will be accepted.

The date of the **first Premier game will be Thursday 18th April 2024.**

Please note: The unsuccessful teams who do not gain one of the 18 spots available in the Premier Club Competition will automatically be placed to play in the Senior Club Competition on Wednesday evenings unless otherwise advised. These teams will not be required to regrade. These teams will be refunded \$1115 (Baypark fee and \$200 of umpire fee). For teams who do not wish to be included in the Wednesday Comp, this will need to be communicated to Tauranga Netball Centre management prior to the qualifying tournament. All fees paid will be refunded minus the grading fee of \$190.

Competition Format

Following the qualifying tournament teams will be placed in 3 divisions of 6. Each team will play 5 games in a round over 3 rounds and a Semi and Final. Teams may be moved up or down following each round at Managements discretion depending on obvious score gaps. Please note that if Centre Management identifies a cause to move a team up or down who have not fallen within these perimeters this will be at Managements discretion. Teams will be notified.

Game times are as follows:

First round	6.30pm (access from 5.45pm)
Second round	8pm

Playing time is 4 x 15 minute quarters, 2 minutes at the quarter breaks and 3 minutes at the half time break.

Umpires

As in 2023, umpires will be provided for this competition and the Centre will pay this fee to umpires directly. The umpire fee is included in the total invoice.

All our umpires who umpire for the Premier Club Competition are on the "Umpires Pathway", and are developing their skills at each of their qualification that they hold. The minimum qualification for umpires in this competition is to hold a Centre Practical with Zone Theory or above qualification.

Umpires will be allocated to teams' games as per their qualifications and skills shown appropriate for each grade. All of our Umpires are being actively coached and viewed to make sure the skills they display are suitable for the game they are on.

Please be reminded any verbal confrontations from players, coaches, spectators or supporters with umpires **will not be tolerated**. It is the sole responsibility of players to respond to rulings made by the umpires and adjust their play accordingly. Only the team captain may approach the Umpire for clarification at quarter/half time.

Technical Officials

All teams must have at least 2 trained score bench people. 1 of these people must be available to attend each game on the score bench to represent their team each week. These people must be available for bench duty on the day of the Qualifying Tournament. Training will take place on grading day prior to tournament start, time will be advised closer to the time. Teams will need to advise Tracy manager@tauranganetball.co.nz if a representative will be attending the training. Please ensure any representative on the score bench are happy to communicate with TNC staff and open to training and feedback.

Senior Club Competition (Wednesday)

The process for existing teams to register will be to log in, click on team name, click on join competition in green box, choose division, click join and update your team details. PLEASE ENSURE ALL PLAYERS, TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES HAVE CORRECT EMAILS AND MOBILE NUMBERS, IF THIS IS NOT ADHERED TO YOUR TEAM MAY LOSE POINTS. WE HAD A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS LAST SEASON WHERE TEAMS DID NOT HAVE CORRECT DETAILS ENTERED, THE RESULT BEING TEAMS WERE NOT INFORMED OF CANCELLATIONS ETC. AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION WAS NOT BEING RECEIVED.

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Tuesday 27th February

6pm – 6.30pm

All new teams will need to contact Tauranga Netball to register their team. Please email Tracy at manager@tauranganetball.co.nz Paula paula@tauranganetball.co.nz or Tania at tania@tauranganetball.co.nz

Team Registrations

Registrations are due by **Friday 2nd February 2024**. Incomplete registrations that have not been approved by this date will not be considered. All teams must register an umpire along with their team. This umpire must have a qualification of centre badge or above. The centre will allocate these umpires and will pay them directly. Also teams will need to provide a reserve umpire who will either be Centre qualified or will attend one of the LTU workshops on offer in 2024 (see page 10). Below is the expected ratio for reserve umpires against teams:

- 1 team = 1 umpire and 1 reserve umpire
- 2 teams = 2 separate umpires and 1 reserve umpire
- 3 teams = 3 separate umpires and 1 reserve umpire
- 4 teams = 4 separate umpires and 2 reserve umpires
- 5 teams = 5 separate umpires and 2 reserve umpires

Grading

Grading will be held over 3 weeks (we have removed the one-day grading). Teams will be put in pools of 4 and will play 1 game per grading night. First grading night is

Wednesday 6th March 2024, next grading is **Wednesday 13th March** and last grading night is **Wednesday 20th March 2024**.

Competition Format

The Senior Club Competition will commence on **Wednesday 27th March 2024** and will be played outdoors at Tauranga Netball Centre. Depending on the number of teams that register will determine how many grades there will be. A maximum of four teams per grade, three rounds. All 1st placings will move up and all 4th placings will move down after each round. At the commencement of the 3 rounds we will have semi-finals on **Wednesday 12th June** and Finals on **Wednesday 26th June** (subject to change if we have postponements during the season).

Please note: all teams that do not qualify from the Premier Grading Qualifying tournament and wish to be transferred to the Wednesday Senior League will be placed in first or second division on the first round.

Game times are 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Playing 4 x 12 minute quarters with 2 minutes at the quarter and half time breaks.

Umpires

Every team is required to provide an umpire with a minimum qualification of a current Centre Practical, your umpire must be named on your team list, any changes to your umpire during the season, must be advised to the TNC Umpire Lead at umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz by the Tuesday before your game.

Any umpire who doesn't already have an umpire qualification, must attend an LTU – Learn to Umpire workshop, sit the NNZ Learning to Umpire Module and be open to being coached by the Umpire Coaching Panel towards gaining their Centre Practical Award before the season ends. It is important that an umpire is suitably qualified for the grade they are umpiring.

It is of growing concern to the TNC Umpire Group, that a lot of our Clubs are not developing umpires who they can provide to umpire their teams. The TNC Umpires Group are providing LTU Workshops, and Umpire Coaching for your club members, supporters, ex or current players, to learn to umpire, who can then be available for your Clubs and to the TNC Netball Centre to umpire your competitions for your teams in the future. **Succession planning is essential for all Clubs and this includes your umpires.**

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The teams named Umpires and Reserves will form a pool of umpires for this competition and will be allocated to the competition games each week from this pool. It is the responsibility of the teams to fulfil this requirement **every week. All umpires will be paid monthly for games umpired by TNC directly.**

Please be reminded any verbal confrontations from players, coaches, spectators or supporters with umpires **will not be tolerated.** It is the sole responsibility of players to respond to rulings made by the umpires and adjust their play accordingly. Only the team captain may approach the Umpire for clarification at quarter/half time.

Cancellations

A cancellation decision will be made on the day **at 4.30pm** and uploaded to the website and Facebook page. Team Managers and Convenors will automatically be advised via email. Cancellations will only take place if weather is deemed too unsafe to play. We will not necessarily cancel for rain and wind conditions.

Club/Team Netball Convenor

Each club/team must designate one person to act as their Netball Convenor to liaise with the centre. The convenor must keep in regular contact with the centre, must submit **all team registrations** by the due date and notify the centre of any changes (adding/deleting players), in fact everything and anything pertaining to your club/team.

College Players

College players will only be allowed to play in 2 of the following leagues (this requirement is to align to the balance is better principles and netball smart directives).

- *College Netball (Friday night)*
- *College Club Netball (Wednesday night) **NEW IN 2024***
- *Premier College Club Netball (Thursday night) **NEW IN 2024***
- *Senior Netball (Wednesday night)*
- *Senior Premier Netball (Thursday night)*

Premier Masters Grade (Thursday night)

There will be 7 teams in this competition and it will run for 15 weeks with the starting date of **Thursday 18th April 2024** playing the same time as the Premier Grades. Players are allowed to play in both the Masters Grade and in the Wednesday Senior competition. Players must be 40 or over. For more information contact Tracy manager@tauranganetball.co.nz

Registrations are due 18th March 2024

General Information for 2024

Defaults

Defaults are of concern and **SHOULD NOT HAPPEN**. It is extremely frustrating and inconvenient for both the centre and non-offending teams. It can also impact points after each round. Teams who default with less than 24 hours' notice will be charged a fee of \$30. Teams who participate in Senior Premier grade (Thursdays) will forfeit 4 points for a default.

Good Sports

Tauranga Netball in association with Hewletts Night n Day, introduced the Good Sports initiative with a focus on great behaviours while participating, spectating and officiating the game of netball.

The objective of this initiative is to reduce the number of incidents where inappropriate verbal abuse is used as the normal way we communicate during games.

Any incidents of misconduct will be dealt with in line with our Zero Tolerance and Complaint Regulations. These can be found in our Regulations which are on the website.

Light & Court Hire

There are courts and lights available at Tauranga Netball Centre for teams who wish to practice each week. The cost is **\$150.00 (plus a \$30 key bond)** for the season which enables your team to train once a week for one and half hour duration throughout the netball season. To avoid disappointment, call the office today and make a booking.

First Aid

Teams must provide their own medical kit and have it courtside each week. Ice is available from the downstairs office. First Aid kits are available for purchase at very competitive prices.

Affiliated Clubs & Team Colours

It has become increasingly difficult to identify a club by their uniform as we have ended up with a duplication of teams wearing the same colour. Clubs feel very strongly about their club colours, as it is a part of their history and it is their identity. We will endeavour to do our very best to avoid further clashes with uniform colours.

New clubs/teams starting up must first seek approval and existing clubs/teams must also seek approval if they are considering changing the colour of their uniform.

Dress Code

We have updated our uniform policy in 2024 to reflect the changing needs of our community. A copy of this policy is attached to this newsletter to refer to.

Uniform Options – Players and Umpires

1. Alternative uniform options DO NOT apply to Open Premier Competition & College Premier 1-4 Grade Competition.
2. Any male players playing in competitions listed in a) will be allowed to wear approved shirts and shorts.
3. All teams must be recognisable as a team based on their playing uniform.
4. Umpires must be distinguishable from the teams.
5. All players in a team must wear matching bibs.
6. A new club, school, or team must submit colour image of their proposed uniform and bib for approval and registration. Once registered, no other team can wear the same uniform.
7. Teams wishing to purchase new uniforms must receive approval from TNC Management team prior to purchasing uniforms.
8. Uniforms must be 'appropriate'. As this is difficult to define, the intent is to prevent teams and umpires wearing uniforms that could be considered offensive or inappropriate. The TNC Management team will have the final decision on what is deemed 'appropriate'.

Chewing Gum

Please refrain from chewing gum in the court enclosure and while you are playing, and especially spitting it out. Rubbish bins are provided for this.

Unsupervised Children

Please ensure all children are satisfactorily supervised during any netball competition.

Children are not permitted to run inside the centre facility for safety reasons.

Children are not permitted to be courtside in umpires run off for obvious safety reasons.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of every organisation and we simply could not function without their support. They are the unsung heroes, the cog in the wheel and they do it all for the love of netball. Tauranga Netball Centre attributes much of its success to these wonderful people. If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer we would dearly love to hear from you. There are numerous roles you can be actively involved with. Please give us a call if you are interested in volunteering your services this season. Please refer to our website for all volunteer roles available.

No Exceptions Netball Programme

Helen Dodge introduced this exceptional programme and it is now in its 16th Year. This great initiative was developed to support a special group of people. The 'No Exceptions' Netball Programme provides a lot of joy to those who participate in it. If you are keen to help or if you know of anyone who might benefit from this programme call the office now.

Umpire Workshops

A focus of Tauranga Netball Centre is to provide clear pathways for our umpires. We have an Umpires Group led by our Umpire Lead - Maree Body

So, whether you are just starting out in your umpiring journey or have been on the journey for a while, the TNC Umpires Group is here to support you with workshops, umpire coaching, mentoring and general guidance. Please email Maree at umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz if you are wanting to join or see our website www.tauranganetball.co.nz for further information on how to register.

Learn to Umpire Workshops

TNC will be providing **LTU - Learn to Umpire workshops**, for all umpires who are wanting to umpire a senior club team. **Please see our website for more information about the workshops – dates and times, and cost etc – and to register for the workshop you are wanting to attend.** There is a limit on numbers so be in quick if you are interested. You only need to attend one of the following dates:

Saturday 17th February	9am – 4pm
Sunday 18th February	9am – 4pm
Saturday 24th February	9am – 3.30pm
Saturday 9th March	9am – 3.30pm
Saturday 16th March	9am – 3.30pm
Saturday 6th April	9am – 3.30pm

Coaching Workshops

Another focus of Tauranga Netball Centre is to provide clear pathways for our coaches. There are a number of coaching workshops on offer at the centre during 2024. Whether you are a beginner coach, a player turned coach or a coach wanting to take it to the next level, there are many opportunities available in 2024. Check out the Tauranga Netball Centre website www.tauranganetball.co.nz for all the coaching workshops that have been planned for this season under the "Coaching Tab".

The following dates have been set for 2024 but we are constantly adding new dates so please check the website:

Sunday 25th Feb (PCC/Team Culture/BER/Skills Analysis/Selecting)	9am – 5.30pm
Sunday 12th March (Annual Planning/Shooting/Defence/Attack)	9am – 5.30pm

Disputes

In the event of a dispute arising from a game, the protest/complaint must be lodged in writing (using the Complaints Form) and follow the Complaints Procedure as outlined in the Tauranga Netball Centre Regulations. The forms and Regulations can be found on our website www.tauranganetball.co.nz

Premier and Senior Club Regulations

For the full Tauranga Netball Centre Regulations please visit our website www.tauranganetball.co.nz