



General Information & Competition Guidelines

JAN–JUNE 2026

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION

1.1.1.1 To be covered under insurance players must pay their applicable fees prior to taking the court. Registration fees include Netball Australia, Netball Tasmania Affiliation and Insurance and Devon roster fees and must be paid in full prior to commencement of first roster game, for this to be applicable. Registration must be completed online via PlayHQ.com.au or via the NetballHQ app.

1.1.1.2 Players registered with another Netball Tasmania Member Association must pay the roster fee only, also via the PlayHQ link.

1.1.1.3 All fill-in players are required to pay a single game fee each time they play, via the PlayHQ link.

1.1.2 Registration and Roster Fees

Item	12-month	3-month
Netball Australia (11 and over)	\$5.61	-
Netball Australia and Netball Tasmania (10 & Under) Includes NetSetGo Pack	\$72.49	-
Netball Tasmania (18 and over)	\$88.13	\$44.06
Netball Tasmania (10-17 years)	\$72.49	\$36.24
Netball Tasmania Officials/Coach:	\$43.80	-
Women Roster	\$110.00	
Mixed Roster	\$110.00	
Secondary Roster	\$90.00	
Primary Roster	\$80.00	
Netta Roster	\$55.00	
Development Squad Training u10-u17	\$95.00	
Family discount (for families who have children playing in same roster)	5%	
Academy 8-week program	\$40.00	
Volunteer / Manager	\$0.00	
Fill in - Single Match with insurance	\$20.00	

2. GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC ROSTERS

2.1 JUNIOR ROSTERS

2.1.1 NETTA Roster

2.1.1.1 School aged children who are 10 & under. Turning 8 years or older in the year of participation. Grades 2, 3, & 4.

2.1.1.2 Purpose of Netta is to encourage children to play netball in a positive environment, have fun, make new friends and learn new skills.

- 2.1.1.3 Play is based on the modified netball rules, set out by Netball Australia (copies available at the office and on our website)
- 2.1.1.4 Play takes place on a regular netball court, with modified equipment – Goal posts at height of 2.4m, size 4 netballs are used.
- 2.1.1.5 Teams may be of mixed gender.
- 2.1.1.6 Teams may be of mixed schools.
- 2.1.1.7 Teams have a maximum limit of 10 players per team.
- 2.1.1.8 Umpire your own game.
- 2.1.1.9 Time your own game in Autumn (10 minutes quarters, with a 2 minute intervals). Spring rosters are centrally timed
- 2.1.1.10 No score or ladders will be kept.

2.1.2 Primary roster

- 2.1.2.1 School aged children from 10 years old in grade 5 & 6
- 2.1.2.2 Play is based on the International Federation of Netball (INF) current rules.
- 2.1.2.3 Teams may be of mixed gender.
- 2.1.2.4 Teams may be of mixed schools.
- 2.1.2.5 Umpire your game- can apply to the committee to pay a junior umpire of \$10 per game, at own expense.
- 2.1.2.6 Scores will be kept, ladder and results published on PlayHQ
- 2.1.2.7 Teams have a maximum limit of 10 players per team.
- 2.1.2.8 Equal participation for all players in roster matches, no player shall play less than half a game, including finals.
- 2.1.2.9 All teams participate in finals. Teams will be placed into 2 pools (pool A & Pool B) depending on their position on the ladder.
- 2.1.2.10 Teams are placed on a canteen roster, with a parent fulfilling the duty

2.1.3 SECONDARY ROSTER

- 2.1.3.1 School aged children in grades 7, 8, 9, & 10 any gender, including non-binary
- 2.1.3.2 Play is based on the INF current rules.
- 2.1.3.3 Males who are 13 or under, grades 7 or 8 can play in the secondary roster subject to clause 2.1.3.5
- 2.1.3.4 Those students born as males, 14-16 years old or grade 9 & 10 as of the 31st December of the calendar year of the season are eligible to play in division one or reflective of their skill, development and capabilities and subject to clause 2.1.3.5
- 2.1.3.5 A team may have up to three (3) males on court at any one time. If three (3) males are on the court, they must play in separate thirds of the court. If two (2) males are on the court at any one time, they must play in the separate thirds of the court. (ie. One as GS or GA, one as C, WA or WD, and one as GD or GK)
- 2.1.3.6 Teams may be of mixed schools – via application to the committee.
- 2.1.3.7 Umpires will be allocated to games, as part of the duty roster.

- 2.1.3.8 Each division 1 & 2 teams to nominate up to 4 umpires, who will be required to attend an umpire session.
- 2.1.3.9 Players in division 3 & below may nominate umpires as well.
- 2.1.3.10 All other players/teams will be nominated for Match Manger, Canteen or court duties
- 2.1.3.11 Scores will be kept, ladder and results published on PlayHQ
- 2.1.3.12 Players from the Primary roster (grades 5&6) may play or fill in, for a secondary division 3 or 4 teams. They are allowed to fill in twice with no fee, after 2 games they must pay the secondary roster fee to continue to play or fill in.
- 2.1.3.13 Teams are to nominate a minimum of seven (7) players on their team list. Schools must number teams highest (top team) to lowest (bottom team) when there are more than one (1) team in each roster at the time of team registration.
- 2.1.3.14 Teams have a maximum limit of 10 players per team.
- 2.1.3.15 Equal participation for all players in roster matches, no player shall play less than half a game, including finals.
- 2.1.3.16 Top 4 teams in each division will participate in finals
- 2.1.3.17 Two weeks of finals – Semis & Grand Finals for Autumn & Spring rosters
- 2.1.4 Fill In Players for Junior Rosters**
- 2.1.4.1 Players may play in any grade or team, higher than their nominated team.
- 2.1.4.2 Once a player has played:
- a) 7 matches in a roster of more than 10 weeks (including finals) OR
 - b) 4 matches in a roster of less than 10 weeks in a grade or team, they are ineligible to play below that grade/team.
- 2.1.4.3 Loss of all points for that game will result if a player plays and is ineligible to do so. The match is forfeited

2.2 ADULT ROSTERS

2.2.1 Women's Roster

- 2.2.1.1 Females aged 13 or above
- 2.2.1.2 Players must be turning 13 years of age or over, during that roster to be eligible to play in a Women's / Mixed Adult Team

2.2.2 Adult Mixed Roster

- 2.2.2.1 Any gender, aged 13 or above
- 2.2.2.2 Teams must register their team via the PlayHQ link
- 2.2.2.3 The team manager will receive an email back with their unique link for the players to register to that team
- 2.2.2.4 The team manager must email the full team list to the office administrator asap. If any changes are made to the team list, Devon must be informed asap.
- 2.2.2.5 Teams to nominate at least one umpire for the umpiring pool.

- 2.2.2.6 Mixed Teams are only permitted to have 3 males on court at any one time, in any position.
- 2.2.2.7 Finals will be played at the conclusion of the regular fixture.
- 2.2.3 Fill-in Players for Adult Rosters**
- 2.2.3.1 A player may fill in for a maximum of 2 games only during a roster
- 2.2.3.2 \$10 fill in fee is payable prior to taking the court
- 2.2.3.3 Full name must be written on the score sheet.
- 2.2.3.4 Single club mixed/women's team members may play 2 rostered games with another single mixed/women's team in any one competition.
- 2.2.3.5 Players may fill in for their club teams of any equal or above division without having to pay a fill in fee
- 2.2.3.6 Fill in or un-registered players are not entitled to be awarded Best & Fairest votes.

3. GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO ALL ROSTERS

3.1.1 General Guidelines

- 3.1.1.1 Players must register via PlayHQ before taking the court to be covered by insurance.
- 3.1.1.2 Players will be committed to their registered team/club for the duration of the roster. At the end of the roster a player may change club/team. Should a player have any outstanding fees, these must be paid in full before a transfer can be made.
- 3.1.1.3 If a player leaves the roster during the season, they forfeit all fees paid.
- 3.1.1.4 Teams must always have at least 5 players on the court during the match.
- 3.1.1.5 Failure to have five (5) players on court, will result in a forfeited game.
- 3.1.1.6 The other team will be awarded the win via a forfeit, with a score of 20-0
- 3.1.1.7 All teams must abide by the Competition Guidelines and the Netball Australia Code of conduct.
- 3.1.1.8 The rules shall be those of the INF current Rules of netball book. Found here: <https://netball.sport/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/World-Netball-Rules-Book-2024.pdf>
- 3.1.1.9 Any player, who may have outstanding debts from a previous year, must clear those debts before they will be permitted to play in the new season.
- 3.1.1.10 All matches shall commence at the time set down in the roster.
- 3.1.1.11 If a team cannot play a match on the day set down in the roster, they may appeal to the Committee for an alternative date/time to be set down. This application must reach the Committee 7 days prior to the date set down for the match. Games must be played at the Devon Netball Centre.
- 3.1.1.12 Finals will be played on the date nominated by the Association.
- 3.1.1.13 In the event of a transfer of a player from one club to another being desired during the calendar year, the following procedure should be adhered to:
- 3.1.1.14 In the event of a club disbanding during a roster, its members shall be at liberty to play with any club with the consent of the Committee.
- 3.1.1.15 No club shall be considered to be disbanded, unless notice of such disbandment is in the

hands of the Office Administrator.

3.1.2 Forfeits

3.1.2.1 Should a team elect to forfeit, it is the responsibility of the captain of the forfeiting team to notify the Devon Netball association as soon as possible. Please email admin@devonnetball.com.au Messages sent via Facebook or messenger may not been seen in time. Phone calls are welcome, but as the office isn't always manned, the call could get missed, therefore email is the best option.

3.1.2.2 Adult roster teams will be charged a fee of \$30.00 if they forfeit a game (\$24.00 to the opposing team, \$6 Administration DNA).

3.1.2.3 This is to be paid at the office prior to the start of your next game. Money will be forwarded to the opposing team as compensation for competition fees paid. The money will be paid only after a team has paid their fees in full.

3.1.2.4 Any team that has had a forfeit against them, all registered players for that team will be marked as played for purposes of finals eligibility.

3.1.2.5 A forfeit can be called by the Devon Committee if the following occurs:

- a) failure to always have 5 players on court during the match
- b) failure to have 5 players to start the game – a 5-minute wait time is allowed for late arrivals, after this time the game will be classed as a forfeit. The game is allowed to continue as a 'friendly' match.
- c) Playing a person who is unregistered by the 3rd round.
- d) Playing a person who hasn't paid a fill in fee.
- e) Playing a person over or under the allowed age limit or gender.

3.1.3 Cancellations

3.1.3.1 Will be posted to our Facebook page, as soon as possible. Any rostered games affected by a cancellation, will not be replayed

3.1.4 Wet Weather

3.1.4.1 Should the Association officially cancel matches due to inclement weather, no points shall be allocated. In the event of final matches being abandoned due to inclement weather, matches must be replayed.

3.1.4.2 In the event of cancellation of games, all registered players will be recorded as played, for purposes of finals eligibility.

3.1.4.3 In the event where some games are completed and the other timeslot/s cancelled, all games will be recorded as a drawn match, with a 0-0 score and 2 points each allocated.

3.1.5 Clubs

3.1.5.1 Teams that are entered into a roster that are like named will be considered as a Club, e.g. Soft Bears, Teddy Bears, Grizzly Bears. They would be considered a Bears Club.

3.1.5.2 All clubs must have a contact person, with email and phone number.

3.1.5.3 Players may fill in for their club teams of any equal or above division without having to pay a fill in fee. Refer to points 3.1.1 of General guidelines and 3.1.10.4 of voting process

3.1.6 Uniform & Colours

3.1.6.1 School teams are required to wear their school nominated netball or sports uniform.

Teams that are made up of mixed schools, can choose which uniform they will wear as a team. It is encouraged that all players wear the same uniform.

- 3.1.6.2 Clubs or teams are encouraged to wear an identifiable uniform. This may include all wearing the same colour top.
- 3.1.6.3 Uniform including bibs must be easily identifiable to the umpire.
- 3.1.6.4 Headwear - Neoprene (soft capped) visors may be worn in summer. Religious head wear is allowed. No other types of hats or caps are allowed.
- 3.1.6.5 Gloves are not recognised as part of the playing uniform and are therefore not allowed, unless a medical certificate is supplied.

3.1.7 Jewellery / Fingernails

- 3.1.7.1 No item of jewellery except a wedding ring and/or medical alert bracelet/necklace shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be taped securely.
- 3.1.7.2 All body piercing must be removed, (unless approved medically with a doctor’s certificate). Taping is not allowed.
- 3.1.7.3 No communication devices may be worn, this includes smart watches. Player monitoring devices may be worn if secured within the playing uniform.
- 3.1.7.4 Fingernails must be short and smooth.

3.1.8 Rostered Duties

- 3.1.8.1 Duties include Umpiring – Canteen – Match Manager
- 3.1.8.2 Any player failing to report at times specified or to find a substitute of equal ability will be suspended for one roster match (players in women’s or mixed rosters will be fined \$10.00 as well). Suspended Players cannot take to the court.
- 3.1.8.3 Canteen workers must stay in canteen until time slot is completed. See point a
- 3.1.8.4 Match Managers are to stay, and time matches. See timing procedure poster on wall in office for details.
- 3.1.8.5 Umpire allocations for secondary rosters, are done on a ‘everyone has to have a turn’ basis. If you would like to umpire more frequently, please let us know.
- 3.1.8.6 If you are unable to fulfill your duty, you must find a replacement.

3.1.9 Umpires

- 3.1.9.1 Must provide their own whistle. Whistles can be purchased from the office for \$7.00 each.
- 3.1.9.2 Must arrive at least 5 minutes before the game and check all players for jewellery and short nails.
- 3.1.9.3 Secondary, Women’s & Mixed rosters – need to allocate votes and sign the score sheet at the end of the game.
- 3.1.9.4 Women’s & Mixed roster umpires will be paid at the conclusion of each game. Umpires are required to collect their payment from the office. Any payments not collected by the end of the last roster game, at the end of the year, will be forfeited and re allocated to the following years umpire budget. Payment amounts as per table below.

Unbadged	\$10 per game
C Badge	\$15 per game

B Badge	\$20 per game
A Badge	\$25 per game

3.1.9.5 Umpiring at junior carnivals – all Devon umpires will be paid \$10 per game.

3.1.10 Voting Process for Umpires

3.1.10.1 Each umpire must independently allocate votes to any 3 players from either team who played in the match.

3.1.10.2 Votes are for Best and Fairest (B&F) - 3 votes for B&F, 2 votes for second B&F, 1 vote to third B&F.

3.1.10.3 If a team wins by more than 20 goals, the winning team should be awarded majority of the votes.

3.1.10.4 Fill in or un-registered players are not entitled to be awarded Best & Fairest votes. (these are identified by their names being handwritten on score sheets)

3.1.10.5 If an Umpire allocates votes to an unregistered player or a fill in player, those votes will be invalid, and not allocated to any players totals for B&F purposes.

3.1.10.6 A player may only receive a maximum of 6 votes per game day, per roster.

3.1.11 Coaches & Officials

3.1.11.1 All must be registered members of the Devon Netball Association Inc.

3.1.11.2 All Coaches and Officials are expected to have read and understand the current Netball Australia integrity policies as listed on the Netball Australia website, found here: <https://netball.com.au/integrity-policies>

3.1.11.3 A current Tasmanian WWVP is required.

3.1.11.4 All Coaches should have or be working towards, as a minimum of, the Foundation Coaching accreditation.

3.1.11.5 Umpires are encouraged to take part in our Umpire Development Squad (UDS) and complete the online netball Australia - Rules of Netball Theory exam and the Foundation Umpire Course, found here: <https://learning.netball.com.au/>

3.1.12 Finals

3.1.12.1 At the conclusion of the roster, finals shall be played between the top four teams unless there are insufficient teams in the grade.

3.1.12.2 Rosters up to 12 weeks – 1v4, 2v3; Grand final: winners play off.

3.1.12.3 Rosters of more than 12 weeks – 1v2 (A), 3v4 (B); winner B v loser A (C); Grand final: winner A v winner C.

3.1.12.4 All finals fixtures will be available on PlayHQ & NetballHQ app as soon as possible, after the previous game.

3.1.12.5 All players in semi-final, Preliminary Final or Grand final matches should have played at least 5 games in a roster with their club or school prior to that game.

3.1.12.6 Teams can apply to the committee up to one week in advance of finals, for an exemption of the 5-game rule, to include a player. Consideration will be given regarding injured players, severe illnesses, players joining late in a roster.

- 3.1.12.7 Provided a person has met the above criteria they are eligible to play in finals of a grade or team higher than the one they have been playing in.
- 3.1.12.8 If a team/club is unable to field seven players in a final, they must appeal to the Committee to co-opt a named player, of similar ability.
- 3.1.12.9 In finals matches (within the spirit of the game) priority must be given to the regular team members.
- 3.1.12.10 No player may play in more than one game in any one timeslot in finals matches, ie: Players are not permitted to commence playing Bears 1 then swap to play with Bears 2 in any one timeslot.

3.1.13 Scoring

- 3.1.13.1 Each team must supply one scorer, that must sit together for the entire game.
- 3.1.13.2 One scorer will record the scores, centre passes and player positions. The second scorer will call the game as the scores happen.
- 3.1.13.3 We do not record the shooting stats on the score sheet.
- 3.1.13.4 At the end of the match both scorers must sign the score sheet, to indicate they agree with the final score.
- 3.1.13.5 Please make sure names are written with correct spelling
- 3.1.13.6 All score cards must be placed by the umpire in the official box/tray provided on the day of the match.

3.1.14 Ladder & Grading

- 3.1.14.1 Points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	4 points	Win on forfeit	4 points
Draw	2 points	Loss	0 points
Forfeit loss	0 points	Bye	0 points
Cancellation	0 points		

- 3.1.14.2 The score allocated for a forfeit will be 20-0 to the non-forfeiting team
- 3.1.14.3 The score allocated for a ‘friendly match’ will be 20-20 and marked as a draw
- 3.1.14.4 A friendly match is classed as a game where both teams are unable to field at least 5 players each, so a game is still played but with other players or fill ins.
- 3.1.14.5 If at the start of the roster there is a bye, and then during the roster a team leaves, and therefore no byes are in the remaining roster, any team that had a bye will have the ladder adjusted to record 4 points.
- 3.1.14.6 Teams shall be graded according to their ability by the Office Administrator in conjunction with the committee and will have the power to upgrade or downgrade any team until the completion of five rostered games
- 3.1.14.7 Ladder ranking order will be determined by:
 - a) 1st – ladder points.
 - b) then by percentage.
- 3.1.14.8 If teams are re-graded, ladder points will carry over from previous grade.
- 3.1.14.9 Fixtures and ladders are available on PlayHQ website & NetballHQ app

3.1.15 Match Length

- 3.1.15.1 All matches consist of 4 quarters
- 3.1.15.2 Autumn rosters each quarter will be 15 minutes, with 2-minute intervals. Except for netta, which will be 10 minutes
- 3.1.15.3 Spring rosters: each quarter will be 12 minutes with 2-minute intervals for adult rosters and 10 minutes for Netta and Primary

3.1.16 Overtime

- 3.1.16.1 In the event of a draw, extra time will only be played in the finals
- 3.1.16.2 An interval of 4 minutes at the end of full time, before extra time will be played
- 3.1.16.3 Extra time consists of two halves of 5 minutes each, with 1 minute interval. Teams change ends at half time.
- 3.1.16.4 In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, play will continue until one team leads by 2 goals.

3.2 GENERAL INFORMATION**3.2.1 Playing Areas**

- 3.2.1.1 No persons except players and umpires are allowed on playing areas or Umpire's areas during matches, this is all the red and green area. This is for everyone's safety.

3.2.2 First Aid.

- 3.2.2.1 First Aid – Basic First Aid is supplied in the first aid room at no expense to players. Please treat this room with respect. Incident reports must be filled in for all injuries except those requiring only a band aid.

3.2.3 Smoking

- 3.2.3.1 The Marj Kerslake Netball Centre is a smoke free venue. Please refrain from smoking anywhere on our grounds.

3.2.4 Chewing Gum

- 3.2.4.1 We ask everyone not to bring and/or eat chewing gum whilst at the centre. Gum stuck to the courts and run-off areas damages the surface.

3.2.5 Pets

- 3.2.5.1 No pets allowed as per Devonport Council regulations

3.2.6 Office Hours

- 3.2.6.1 The office is attended by a paid employee – Office Administrator – 15 hours a week.

3.2.7 Committee Meetings

- 3.2.7.1 Held Monthly at the club rooms.
- 3.2.7.2 Everyone is welcome.
- 3.2.7.3 If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a suggestion, please email us.

3.2.8 Annual General Meeting

- 3.2.8.1 Held in March each year.

3.2.8.2 All welcome. We encourage a representative from each school, club or team.

3.2.8.3 Committee nomination forms can be found on our website.

3.2.9 Codes of Behaviour

3.2.9.1 Comprehensive lists of Codes of Behaviour for players, parents and spectators are available at www.devonnetball.com.au

3.2.10 Volunteers

3.2.10.1 The Association relies on volunteers and any assistance would be appreciated. Persons able to assist in any capacity large or small are asked to contact the office or advise one of the committee members.

3.2.11 INF Rules

3.2.11.1 Devon Netball Association Competition Guidelines should be utilised in conjunction with the INF rules of netball Book

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