



Flinders Netball Club

2017 Information Pack

In accordance with the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy

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This document provides information about the Flinders Netball Club (FNC). Other information and forms are available on our website: <http://www.mfac.edu.au/co-curricular/sports/netball>. As a volunteer-run Club the continual growth and development of Netball for your child relies on each and every one of us contributing.

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Working with Children – QLD Blue Card Check

All coaches, managers and committee members must hold current “Blue Cards”. This information is collated and validated annually. It is submitted to the College at the beginning of each season and available to the SCNA if requested.

Behavioural Standards

Parents and spectators are reminded that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours. It is expected that all players, spectators and their associates conduct themselves appropriately while attending all Netball events, training and games. On registering with the FNC, players and parents agree to the Codes of Behaviour, which are in accordance with the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy. These are available on our website.

Training and Season Commitment

Netball is a team sport and each member of the team plays a vital role.

By signing up as a member of the FNC you are making a season-long commitment. As a player you are required to attend all training sessions and games.

If you not able to attend games or training for any reason, this must be communicated, as early as possible to your team coach and or team manager.

Coaches have the option of placing any player on the bench who has not attended the previous weeks’ training, for the first quarter of that players’ next available game, or should that be unworkable, another quarter at the coach’s discretion.

Parents/guardians – by authorising and agreeing to your child’s membership and participation you have also made a season-long commitment to a team.

Uniform

The Club uniform is to be worn to all games when competing as part of or representing Flinders Netball Club.

The registered uniform consists of:

- Flinders Club A-line dress
- Flinders branded bike pants
- MFAC sport socks

Optional pieces:

- Flinders branded crop top
- Flinders visor
- Flinders navy/jade/white hair scrunchies

NB: Bike pants and crop tops are available for purchase at the Flinders Shop.

All other items are purchased through the Club Uniform Coordinator (see Contacts above).

Concerns and Complaints

Communicate any concerns as soon as they arise.

Take appropriate action as soon as possible. Be polite and courteous.

The correct communication pathway is:

Type of Concern Action Note

Player or Parent Concern

Discuss with team player or coach

- Have initial discussion confidentially, not during training.
- Find mutually agreeable time and place. Not during training or game.

Concern regarding FNC Management

- Raise at club meeting
- Contact a committee member if no meeting planned in short term
- Unless it is a minor concern, complaints should be put in writing to the Club.

Complaints re: SCNA incidents or issues

- Forward through the FNC Committee
- If immediate safety or wellbeing of players or spectators is compromised, go directly to SCNA
- All complaints must be in writing and provided to FNC President who will lodge with SCNA. A timeframe of 24 hours applies.
- Any issues presented to SCNA of an intra-team or Club nature will be immediately referred back to the FNC Management Committee.
- SCNA have guidelines but no formal requirements for clubs regarding team formation or management.

Formal Complaints

- Team placement or coach concerns are made to the President via email
- All other complaints are made to the President (or other relevant committee member)
- Must be in writing, concise and factual.
- Should an issue fail to be resolved through this pathway, the steps required for a full formal complaint are located on our website.

Netball Divisions – What's the difference

The Saturday competition at SCNA provides three levels of competition:

1. Net Set Go Green and Gold: Turning 7-10 years (equivalent to Yr 2-4)

Net Set Go is non-competitive and is a modified form of netball. It is about learning to play a team sport, fun, fitness and improvement of physical netball skills.

Programs aim to:

- Allow players to have fun with their friends
- Experience excitement and enjoyment
- Experience challenge, achievement and personal responsibility
- To use and improve their skills

This is achieved through:

- warm-up activities
- skill teaching through skill drills and games
- matches (as provided by SCNA Netta competition)
- Appropriately trained officials –coaches and umpires-and/or support for those volunteers who are not officially qualified but are contributing valuable knowledge to the players.
- No scores are kept for any game and there are no finals rounds or overall “winning team” for the season – they are all winners for competing & improving.
- Players must be turning 7 years of age in the year they commence Net Set Go.
- Players are usually placed in year &/or friendship group teams with consideration also given to skill levels should the number of players involved warrant it.

Net Set Go Green:

This is the lowest division of Netta and all players are just beginning their netball journey. The focus is on positive reinforcement, teaching new skills & reinforcing the basic skills required in the game. Games are played on the grass courts at SCNA and Coaches &/or Managers are asked to umpire their own games if trainee umpires are not able to be provided by SCNA.

Net Set Go Gold:

Players usually progress to this level after one year in Netta Green. They have improved skills and understanding of the game. Approximately half way through the rounds of games teams progress from grass courts to hard surface courts and play under the full rules of netball with umpires participating in the SCNA umpire training program. This program allows girls to experience playing the full game of netball while still in a non-competitive situation as well as providing valuable umpiring experience for new umpires.

Coaches, parents and spectators are to facilitate the improvement of basic netball skills through positive reinforcement. Court positions, catching, passing and footwork are the focus in Net Set Go Green. Progression through to Net Set Go Gold will see a better understanding of game play, defence/attack manoeuvres as well as reinforcing basic game skills.

SCNA provides an end-of-season round robin competition and breakup for all teams.

Net Set Go position rotations:

Players experience all positions on the court during the season, rotating through attack, centre & defence thirds. Within each third of the court players are to rotate through the various positions over a 3 week period, repeating as necessary during the season. (ie: Defence third – GK, GD, WD – play EACH of these positions at least once over the 3 week rotation). Players may be asked to play in more than one position during the game (eg. GK & GD in the same game).

Specialisation of a player in any position is strongly discouraged at this early stage of netball.

It is important for all players to experience all positions on the court, particularly during their first few years of the game, as they gain in skill and physically change and develop. This includes learning how to cope with being “on the bench”, i.e. not on court. Players not actually on court should be encouraged to positively support their team mates from the sideline under direction of their Coach/Manager.

Records of player rotations are kept by coach/manager to ensure that each player not only plays through all positions but receives equitable game time.

2. Net Set Go White: 10 Years and Under

In response to the lowering of Net Set Go age from 8 to 7 years, girls or boys turning 9-10 years are offered the opportunity to participate in full rules netball without the pressure of full competition as per the Children in Sport recommendations from the Australian Sports Commission. Players may or may not have completed any time in earlier Net Set Go programs and this then provides an introduction to the sport of netball. Boys are able to participate in the outdoor netball competitions up to the age of 12 years in a mixed team.

SCNA provides paid umpires for these games (young umpires who are progressing through the training program). Teams compete on the hard court surfaces for all fixture rounds. Score sheets are provided so all players learn the sign-on process. Scores may be kept of the game however no official scores are recorded on the SCNA database or website. No finals are conducted and SCNA provides an end-of-season round robin competition and breakup for all teams.

The relative stages of physical development of players will determine how quickly their netball skills advance. All players should be playing across the court in all positions during the season as there is no pressure on teams to win. Individual and team development is of prime consideration at this level of netball.

3. Divisional Netball: turning 11-18 years

Netball is played under the official IFNA Netball / Netball Australia rules, in combination with relevant SCNA by-laws. The Official Rules can be downloaded from the Netball Queensland website or are available for purchase & SCNA by-laws can be viewed on the SCNA website. (<http://www.sunshinecoast.netball.asn.au>)

Full rules Netball is competitive with teams playing in skill appropriate Divisions at SCNA. If successful, teams progress through the fixture season to quarter, semi & grand finals.

As players progress from lower to higher Divisions there is a tendency for some position specialisation. Players are encouraged to routinely play in at least two or three positions on court, however each player must be prepared to play in any position if requested by their coach. All players should receive equitable game time over the fixture round season prior to the final series and records will be kept.

During the Finals rounds, each player may not receive equal court time. The Coach ensures that each player receives at least some court time in the lead up to the Grand Final. Grand Finals

require even greater flexibility from players, as there are many factors involved to determine the best team combinations on that day. The Coach has the final say.

Team Selections

Teams require a minimum of 7 players. The ideal team number is 9 players for all levels of competition. This allows sufficient game time, rotational play, allowances for injury and absences during the season. Exceptional circumstances may dictate higher team numbers.

Groups:

Net Set Go Green and Gold Team Formation:

- Friendship groups are given high consideration as players initially have few netball skills and are commencing their netball journey.

Net Set Go White Team Formation:

- Year level and friendship groups considered
- Some consideration given to prior Net Set Go experience & demonstrated skill levels

Divisional Team Formation: (Turning 11-18 years)

- Year Level, age and social considerations
- Comparable skill level (some teams may participate in the team selection process)
- Team positional structure/formation
- Team differential for SCNA grading

Higher Divisions i.e. Div 1 or 2:

- Comparable skill level – all through selection committee
- Team positional structure/formation
- Team differential for SCNA grading

Team Selection Process:

- Registration forms are received and sorted by the Registrar and Selection Panel.
- Where possible players are placed in appropriate teams according to age and year level.
- Where team selection is required players will participate in trials.
- Those players wishing to trial for the Higher Divisions must nominate. Any player eligible to play in Divisional Netball is eligible to trial.
- Two team selection dates are set, or as decided by the selection panel.
- Players will be played in their 2 preferred positions & elsewhere at selector's discretion.

- Amount of court time received at these selection dates is not to be perceived as an indication of where final team placement will occur.
- FNC will endeavour to include an independent selector and other delegates as directed by the Club Management Committee.
- Players are requested to attend BOTH selection dates to ensure appropriate grading.
- Information regarding players unable to attend team selection days due to exceptional circumstances must be provided in writing to the Club prior to selection days. These players may be considered for team placement at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Injured players wishing to be considered but who are unable to take the court are expected to provide relevant information and to attend selection days.

Teams announced.

- In the first few weeks immediately after the announcement of teams, and prior to the official start of competition, players may be required to move to another team within the Club.
- A coach can recommend, with supporting evidence, that a player be moved if their skill level is dramatically mismatched with their team.
- This will be discussed as early as possible as final team lodgements to SCNA are due in Week 5 of the school year.

Game Day

- Players and team officials are expected to be in attendance a minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time to allow sufficient preparation and must be dressed in correct FNC uniform
- Pre-Game: Team warm up with Coach/Manager.
- During the Game: Coach to make use of manager or other selected parents to assist with passing information to individual players regarding their game during the short 1/4 and 1/2 time breaks.
- Post-Game: Shake hands with your opposition & give 3 cheers to the other team and to the umpires as soon as the final whistle has gone.
- Coach will give a short team debrief immediately after the game, provide any other instructions and distribute SCNA Player of the Day vouchers if provided.

Awards

Weekly Awards

SCNA provides vouchers through various sponsors for Players of the Day. The coach and manager determine how awards will be decided.

SCNA Awards

Lin Corbett Award: This award is given to a player in each SCNA division who, throughout the season, receives the highest number of points as awarded by the umpires during fixture round games as a “best and fairest” player on court.

Club Awards at the end of each season for each team are:

Team Player

This is a player who puts a lot of effort not only into their own game, but also is focussed on the team as a whole. Consideration is given to their contribution to each game through their skills, attendance at training, presentation of themselves/uniform, conduct on & around the netball court, ability to provide positive encouragement to the team no matter what and supportive of fellow players.

Most Improved

The players often start the year with quite widely varying levels of skills. The most improved award goes to the player who has improved the greatest amount from their starting point. They MAY NOT be the most skilled player on the team at the end of the season, but they must have progressed the furthest during the year in all aspects of their game.

Umpiring

Those players aged 12 years and over are encouraged to undertake the basic umpire training course provided by SCNA. Note to date this is open to two (2) club participants each year.

An umpire development pathway is clearly laid out by SCNA and those who are interested can proceed through to a nationally recognised umpiring qualification.

The Club is required to provide umpires to SCNA to assist with the running of the competition. The club supports interest from players, siblings, parents or others in becoming umpires.

Club Umpires may also be called upon to assist teams playing in carnivals.

All club inquiries regarding nomination and pathways should be directed to the umpiring co-ordinator of the club.