



## Winter Tournament Netball

**Reminder: All teams  
required to provide  
own umpires for all  
grades.**

### Competition Rules for the Day

- ❖ Standard netball rules apply to the Year 5/6 (Intermediate) and Year 7/8 section – (senior) size 5 ball.
- ❖ Year 3/4 section (Junior) – size 4 ball. Umpires and Coaches please relax these rules:
  - Stepping:** enforce this only if they make progress down the court
  - Held ball:** allow up to 6 seconds with the ball
  - Replayed ball:** call only if deliberately bouncing
  - Offside:** call if it obstructs or interferes with play, otherwise just remind to get back onside
  - Contact and obstruction** should **always be enforced** to allow the players to move the ball.
- ❖ Teams may have between 7 and 10 players, 7 players on the court at a time, minimum of 6. Players may play up to fill teams, but not play down.  
E.g.: A Yr. 7/8 team may have Yr. 6 players in it, but a Yr. 5/6 team shouldn't have Yr. 7's or 8's
- ❖ **Substitutions:** In the case of injury, players are given enough time to remove the injured player from the court, quickly substitute and the game continues. **Substitutions may be made during the game only if the players are on and off the court immediately after a goal is scored and ready before the next centre pass.** Play continues whether the players are ready or not, so they may be called offside.
- ❖ Teams must take the court and be ready to play at their set game time. There will only be **1 minute between rounds.** Teams need to be on the court, and doing their toss before the game is to begin. Team captains (or in the junior section - coaches) can help by conducting tosses before their round wherever possible.
- ❖ The team that is **listed first in bold** must collect the game scorecard during the round before their next game. This will enable us to stay within the time schedule.
- ❖ **Each team needs to have their own copy of the draw:** please photocopy and distribute to your coaches/managers. There will be a draw on display, where we will be recording scores and points. Finals are played based on scores from the day.
- ❖ For finals we will ask for umpires from teams not playing to referee, to help provide impartial umpiring. Please have someone ready to fill this role.
- ❖ Teams will need to register as they arrive, and should be ready for the first round of games to begin at 9.30am.
- ❖ **New netball rules for umpires apply.**

**Remember: alongside healthy competition, fun, participation, fair play and great sportsmanship are key parts to this day. Enjoy your day!**

**Note:** No stop for lunch. Check the draw for your breaks and eat at those times.