



# 2024 Netball Club Conference

Hosted by Caitlin Walsh – Sun 18 Feb

**Attendees:** Bentleigh FNC, Black Rock FNC, Carrum Patterson Lakes FNC, Caulfield Bears FNC, Cheltenham FNC, Dingley FNC, East Brighton NC, Edithvale Aspendale NC, Frankston Dolphins FNC, Hampton Hammers FNC, Keysborough FNC, Lyndale FNC, MCC Panthers NC, Mordialloc FNC, Murrumbeena FNC, Narre South Saints FNC, Parkdale Vultures NC, Port Melbourne Colts FNC, Springvale Districts FNC, St Kilda City FNC, St Paul's McKinnon FNC, South Yarra FNC

**Apologies:** Doveton Doves FNC, Highett FNC, Lyndhurst FNC, Noble Park NC, Skye FNC

## Bylaw Updates

- Rolling Substitutes – please read separate handout
- Single Game Vouchers – increased to a maximum of 4 per player per season to run inline with finals player qualifications (remaining at 5 games)
- Best & Fairest Votes – players who transfer between Clubs during the season will no longer have their votes transfer with them to their new Club/team.
- Netball Victoria Transgender and Gender Diverse Policy – bylaw wording updated to reflect Southern FNL supports participation as per the Policy. A copy of the policy can be found on the Netball Club Hub.
- Clearances – updated required for player movement between Clubs in the last 12 months (rather than 24 months). This was updated to reflect the functionality in Netball Connect, please check your clearances online once per week. If any clearances have not been actioned within 7 days, they will be automatically approved.
- Match Day Squad Lists – updated to 12 players maximum listed per game. Team lists can be updated in the Teams module of Netball Connect.
- Players added to the scoresheet once match has begun – any breaches must be actioned by team officials & umpires on the spot during the game. There will not be any penalties post-game.
- Relocating Games (due to injury) – A 3 minute guideline whereby officials shall make a decision on whether a game should move courts (where possible) where an injured player cannot be safely moved. This is introduced to avoid time loss during a break of play.
- A1-A4 Promotion/Relegation - From the 2025 season onwards, divisions A1-A4 will be held to promotion/relegation protocols whereby the premiers of divisions A2-B1 will be promoted to the division above and the team finishing lowest on the ladder from divisions A1-A4 will be relegated to the division below. Additional team movements may be made via direct division swap upon the agreement of both Clubs. Divisions A1-A4 will have 8 teams.
- Player Points/Points Restrictions – as per Policy circulated last year. A spreadsheet will be shared per Club with player details for the 2024 season.

## Home Games/Refixture Requests

- 2024 fixtures to be shared shortly. No further Home Game requests will be facilitated by the League. Any future changes must be agreed upon by both Clubs and information given to the League 3 weeks prior to the fixtured change. There is no pressure on Clubs to decline any requests that are not already facilitated by the League.



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- Reminder that any changes outside of the regular Saturday competition at Dingley must coincide with Club events eg. Home Games, Functions
- All Home Games must abide by the requirements outlined by the league including Court Supervisors, Match Day Checklist, Umpires and First Aid. Documentation can be found on the Netball Club Hub.

## Umpiring

- Introduction of our new Head of Netball Umpiring, Brad Keats. Brad will be looking after all things umpiring including communication, allocation of umpires and coordinating our mentors.
- Umpires will no longer be allowed to umpire/play 3 games in a row unless given permission by Netball Match Day Staff.
- Umpires are due to be supplied by Clubs on March 4 – this is so that umpires can receive accurate communications from the League regarding meetings and workshops.
- At this stage, we do not have numbers to host an Introduction to Umpiring Workshop. Kingston District NA is hosting an in person workshop on Sunday March 3 where Club's new umpires should attend. The League will reimburse these costs to the umpire.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Umpires Rules Refresher – Mar 17 (RSEA Park) & Mar 19 (Online)
  - Refresher with Coaches/Coordinators – Mar 24 (Online)
  - NV Game & Match Management – Mar 25 (Online)
  - NV Mentoring – Feb 28 (Online)

## Other Notes

- Finals Times – Clubs to vote on a flexible schedule vs set times. If set times are selected, there will be no changes made for clash of coaches
- Court Hire for training at Dingley – request form due 18/02
- Uniform Orders – Orders placed by Friday 23 Feb guaranteed to arrive before Round 1, order must be placed via email to Jack
- Interleague – 2 x teams (Open & 21/U) to play against Riddell District @ RSEA Park on 11 May. AJ Ballantyne (Dingley) and Darren Stafrace (Cheltenham) to coach teams. Clubs will be open to nominate players for selection
- Netball Media – Encourage Clubs to notify of any upcoming events/milestones/stories for us to share on social media

## Upcoming Dates

- Media Night – March 18
- Season Launch – March 25
- Round 1 – April 6
- Interleague – May 11