

Policies & Procedures

(Subject to change without notice)

Training / Games

- For players under the age of 18, it is the parent/guardians responsibility to escort their child to and from events, the court for training and games.
- Players are to ensure they arrive 10 minutes prior to training start time, and 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- Games are played on Saturdays at Bouncer in Joondalup. Times will vary dependent on age group/division and venue.
- All players are expected to attend weekly training sessions and be available for games on Saturdays. Training is only cancelled at the team coaches' discretion. *(Coaches will always have the best interest of the players in mind. In general, training will go ahead in rain, however will be cancelled for lightning. The coach will make these decisions and inform the team themselves or through the team manager.)*
- Please note no two coaches are the same. They will all have their own methods, style and personality. Remember they are volunteers.
- Training day and venue is at the coaches' discretion and availability. Extra fees may be involved if a coach has chosen to train at a venue where a cost to hire the court is involved.

Court Time

General games (not finals)

- During the season every effort is made by our coaches to give fair court times to each individual player. Although missing training sessions, games, discipline issues and injury/illness will affect court time.
- Players will miss training from time to time; this in general means a half game for the following game. Although all cases are reviewed individually. Recovery from illness would also mean a half game if the coach believes the players is able to play at all.
- Coaches may be restricted with options to cover all three areas on court (*Shoot, midcourt, defence*) and to sub evenly. Some players may receive more court time than others; Coaches will aim to give the minimum court time of $\frac{3}{4}$ providing no other circumstances.

Finals *(Please note finals are played from Yr 4 and above at Bouncer)*

- During finals NJNC guarantee players minimum court time. Semi and preliminary finals each player is guaranteed $\frac{1}{2}$ game. Grand finals each player is guaranteed $\frac{1}{4}$ game. Players, who have missed training/games, are injured/ill, or subject to discipline issues will not be guaranteed minimum court time.
- Please note State, Regional and Association team placement of a NJNC player may mean the player is unable to attend scheduled training and games with NJNC if the required State, Regional and Association training/games times clash. It is the coaches' discretion to what court time is then allocated to the player.

Fees

- Fee cost for NJNC can be located on our website www.njnc.com.au these are subject to change without notice.
- Players are not eligible to play until full fees have been paid.
- If a coach has chosen to train at a venue where a cost to hire the court is involved, then players may incur extra fees.
- No refund of fees is given once the first game of the season has been played. An exception to this is if a season ending injury/illness occurs prior to game 3, then a partial refund of fees may be granted once costs have been covered.
- Discount on fees is offered to team coaches, managers and committee members.

Uniforms

- NJNC uniform purchase information can be found on our website www.njnc.com.au
- Players are to take the court wearing a NJNC playing dress. No leggings or sleeved tops underneath unless for medical/religious reasons. *(Please provide a medical certificate at time of registration if required to wear for medical reasons).*
- Black netball shorties are allowed underneath the playing dress, providing they are not longer than the dress.
- Compression calf sleeves are permitted.
- NJNC training singlet is suggested to be worn at trainings, however is not compulsory. Along with black sports skirts/shorts, sports leggings/tights are to be worn for training along with appropriate netball shoes. No denim.
- Appropriate netball shoes are to be worn at all times while training and playing for NJNC. No casual footwear permitted.

Team Placement

- NJNC are represented by teams competing in both winter and spring seasons of netball.
- Players will be placed into a team according to skill, development and availability. All placements are at the committee discretion.
- Bouncer is based on school year not birth year, potentially placing the need to adjust teams according to school year, skill, development, and coach availability.
- Players who play during previous season will be offered registration prior to it being opened to the public.

General Information

- Positions are at the coach's discretion.
- During training players are to have water bottles on the side of the court and no parents are allowed on court during training.
- Water bottles for the game are to be all kept together with the manager.
- At bib change during the game, players are to remain with the coach and manager & not wander off to parents.
- NJNC have a duty of care until the players have been released after their post game debrief with the coach.
- It's important for coach and managers to know where their players are at all times as they have a duty of care.
- Coach and Manager complete bib change only.
- Encouragement from the spectators is wonderful. However please leave the coaching to the coach as this can become very distressing for the players with too many different instructions.
- If a player is injured and the coach deems necessary a medical certificate giving clearance to play netball will be required. While Netball is a "non contact sport", it is important to understand that it really is a semi contact sport so your medical clearance will need to say ***cleared to/fit to play netball***. All of this is in benefit to the player and their health and safety. Coach and Managers have a duty of care and code of conduct they have to follow to ensure they do the best by the players and the team as whole.
- The umpire is always right. Even if players/coach/manager/parents disagree we must encourage the players to play on and accept the umpire's decision.
- Under no circumstances is a parent to approach an umpire or sit on the side line making derogatory comments on the umpires decision making or umpiring ability. If concerns need to be raised they must go through the correct channels starting with the coach/manager.
- If a players requires medication (*including puffers, panadol, nurofen*) prior to a game or during a game, the coach or manager need to make note of this. The players are under their care and in the event medical help is required they need all information possible to help medical staff assist the player quickly and efficiently.