



Tauranga Netball Centre Uniform Policy

Tauranga Netball Centre is committed to supporting Netball uniforms that adhere to the official World Netball Rules of Netball as well as those that promote safety, inclusivity, practicality, and affordability.

This policy is intended to encourage participation by removing overly strict/historic uniform barriers whilst balancing safety and other important factors mentioned below.

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1) General

- 1. This policy is intended for all those who participate in netball competitions offered at the Tauranga Netball Centre including players and umpires.**
2. It is recognised that Clubs and Schools may have their own uniform policies and guidelines which members must adhere to.
3. When representing Tauranga Netball Centre all players, umpires, coaches and managers must adhere to the relevant Uniform Rules and Apparel Branding Rules & Guidelines as outlined from the Netball NZ and/or specific event competition rules.
4. For the purposes of this document, we have included playing uniform as well as additional clothing items that might be worn whilst playing Netball (e.g., jewellery, thermal or compression, leggings, medical devices) when discussing ‘uniform’.
5. If there are disputes on uniform or items within the policy that are ambiguous, decisions will be made by TNC Management and will be made in the best interest of the competitions and for the safety of all.

2) World Netball Rules of Netball (2020)

- a) The World Netball Rules of Netball (2020) relating to uniform will be followed where not stated in this policy.

Overview	Position
Footwear	Suitable sports footwear must be worn
Playing positions	Playing position initials 15cm high must be clearly visible and worn above the waist, front and back.
Extra items	Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players. For example, zips, hoods or large hair clips.
Adornment/ jewellery	No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which shall be securely covered with tape.
	A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape
Fingernails	Fingernails must be short and smooth
Hair	Hair should be suitably tied back

3) Uniform Options – Players and Umpires

1. Alternative uniform options (refer to 9 below) DO NOT apply to Open Premier Competition & College Premier 1-4 Grade Competition.
2. Any male players playing in competitions listed in a) will be allowed to wear approved shirts and shorts.
3. All players must be recognisable as a team based on their playing uniform.
4. Umpires must be distinguishable from the teams.
5. All players in a team must wear matching bibs.
6. A new club, school, or team must submit colour image of their proposed uniform and bib for approval and registration. Once registered, no other team can wear the same uniform.
7. Teams wishing to purchase new uniforms must receive approval from TNC Management team prior to purchasing uniforms.
8. Uniforms must be 'appropriate'. As this is difficult to define, the intent is to prevent teams and umpires wearing uniforms that could be considered offensive or inappropriate. The TNC Management team will have the final decision on what is deemed 'appropriate'.
9. See alternative uniform options below (pictures)

All players must be recognisable as a team based on their uniform



Leggings and thermals can be worn under playing uniform



School PE uniform is an option for school teams EXCEPT for College Premier 1-4 Grades

Merged School teams and Home School teams and schools without a PE uniform should wear a playing uniform that makes them recognisable as a team, eg matching coloured t-shirts

Overview	Position
Uniform – Players and Umpires	<p>Players must be recognisable as a team. Playing uniforms may consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Netball dress with appropriate boyleg or bike shorts b) Skirt, skorts, shorts or leggings with either a; c) Polo, t-shirt, singlet or long sleeve top d) Umpires uniforms should differentiate them from the team's playing uniform. <p><i>Note: The World Netball Rules of Netball do not require the umpires uniform to be white or for both umpires to be in the same uniform.</i></p>

Uniform options	<p>Uniform providers can offer options within their uniform to players and umpires.</p> <p>All the uniform options should result in players of the same team being easily recognised as belonging to the same team.</p> <p>E.g., if some players wear shorts/top combination and others a dress, they should still be easily recognisable as the same team/club by colour and design.</p>
Additional clothing	<p>Players and umpires may wear in addition to their uniform:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sports briefs or bike shorts compression wear polypropylene/thermals gloves (for Year 1 – 5 players only) leggings short socks of any colour sports caps/hats (summer competitions only) beanies <p><i>Note: in general, within a team, it is preferable that these items are the same colour.</i></p>

4) Safety, Inclusivity and Comfort

- Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players.
- The onus is on the player to ensure that they meet the requirements of the uniform and additional clothing **before** taking the court.

Overview	Position
Religious or cultural	<p>Items may be worn for religious or cultural reasons e.g., hijab.</p> <p>If items are unable to be removed e.g., a kara or taonga, they MUST be fully taped in a secure fashion.</p>
Medical- general	<p>Items may be worn for medical reasons.</p> <p>These are worn at the risk of the participant/player.</p> <p>If items are unable to be removed e.g., medic alert bracelet or necklace, CGM, or daith piercing, they should be securely taped.</p>
Medical- glasses	<p>Players and umpires may wear prescription glasses. These are worn at the risk of the participant/player.</p> <p>Contact lenses are <i>preferable</i> though it is noted this is not always possible.</p>
Medical- hearing aids	<p>Players and umpires may wear hearing aids.</p> <p>These are worn at the risk of the participant/player.</p>
Watches or smart watches	<p>Players may NOT wear watches of any kind, including smart watches, sports watches or wrist watches.</p>

Gender	Gender identity should not determine the uniform worn by players and umpires. Prescribed uniforms e.g., for men/boys and women/girls are not required. We encourage options and choice for all acknowledging there are more than two genders.
Jewellery and other adornments	ALL non cultural jewellery and adornments are NOT ALLOWED to be worn by players and MUST be removed. Taping of any piercing is NOT ALLOWED

5) Dispensation

1. Dispensations will be considered on a case-by-case basis for any items not outlined in this document.
2. Dispensation requests should be in writing to the TNC Manager via email manager@tauranganetball.co.nz
3. Dispensations that are granted will receive an exemption card from the TNC Manager. The player should carry and produce this card if queried by umpires or other officials.

Items requiring or not requiring Centre dispensation	Does this require Centre dispensation?	Explanation
Beanie	No	Low-risk item
Cultural necklace, cultural bracelet including a wedding ring/band or similar.	No	For safety we encourage these to be removed whilst playing. If they cannot be removed, they should be securely and entirely taped. The umpire should check this before the game and can request further taping by the player.
Medical devices	No	These should be securely and entirely taped. The umpire should check this before the game.
Prescription/ reading glasses	No	These are worn at the player's own risk.
Gloves (Year 1-5 Players only)	No	Gloves are NOT to be worn instead of having short and smooth fingernails. The umpire should still check a player's fingernails before the game. The gloves must have no zips, buttons or fasteners.
Cultural Headdress	No	Securely fastened this can be worn.



Medic alert bracelet	No	This should be securely and entirely taped. The umpire should check this before the game and can require further taping.
Sports cap/ hat	No	Allowed for Summer League Only
Thermals/ polypropylene	No	Can be worn under playing uniform.
Other item not stated	Yes	Any item not stated in this policy should have a dispensation applied for.