



TAURANGA NETBALL CENTRE

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome to our 2024 Season. Happy New Year to you all on behalf of our Board and Staff here at Tauranga Netball Centre. We hope you have all been able to enjoy some well deserved time off with whanau and friends and are now ready for another great netball season!

We welcome back our Board Members Nicola Compton, Pam Clayton, Lynne Clay and Rick Powdrell and congratulate our newly elected Board Members John Koning and Mikaere Sydney who were elected at the Annual General Meeting. We unfortunately had to say goodbye to Maree Body who has retired from her position on the Board, but for good reason – she is now in a well-deserved paid full-time position at TNC as the Umpire Lead (a role she has held voluntarily over many years) and Leanne Emery, who after serving a term on the Board, is moving on to spend more time with whanau – thank you Maree and Leanne for your contribution to the TNC Board, it is greatly appreciated.

Fees for Year 6 Teams in 2024

The fees for the 2024 netball season are: **\$538.50 per team due 10th May 2024**

From that fee, we pass on the following:

Waikato BOP Zone	\$92.50
Netball NZ	\$40.00

Fees for Year 1 – 5 players in 2024

The fees for the 2024 netball season will be **\$50.00 per player**, and we will be accepting individual registrations for those who attend schools who do not offer netball for these years **Fees due 31st May 2024 for Year 1-5 players**

Note: All teams that register will be charged \$50.00 per player so it is vitally important to ensure all team players are added into the Friendly Manager registration system for invoicing purposes

Netball | **We live this game.**



futureFerns Years 1 to 5

futureFerns is Netball New Zealand's official Junior Netball programme for Year 1 – 5 children.

To ignite a lifelong involvement in Netball, a sequential programme has been developed that is at the right level for the players at each stage. The emphasis is on fun activities conducted in a safe environment. Small sided games are the preferred training method and are proven to be the most appropriate way to enhance skill and tactical development. MOTHER EARTH futureFerns is focused on enabling individuals to experience personal achievements. The benefits for the players and parents are:

Players

- FUN
- Development of sound fundamental netball skills
- Participation in a safe environment
- Playing with their friends and meeting others
- Active physical involvement

Parents

- Reassurance that their child is participating in a NNZ endorsed programme
- Enhancement of the child's social and fundamental skills
- Ability to share skills and knowledge with the netball community
- Opportunity to learn more about netball



Year 1 and 2

Introduces Netball to 5 - 6-year olds. The aim is to develop fundamental movement and ball skills. The game that follows the preceding skill session is played on one third of a full-sized court, by teams of four, with the emphasis on equal participation.

All equipment on game day for Year 1 & Year 2 participants will be provided by Tauranga Netball Centre



Year 3 and 4

The focus for this age group is learning basic skills in a modified game of 5-a-side, using two-thirds of a Netball court. **futureFERNs** Year 3 & 4 is designed to be fast and fun, maximising participation.

Five players in each team and rotating positions ensures everyone gets an equal chance to develop their skills.



Year 5 Netball continues to be modified for this age group. Players rotate to prevent early specialisation in positions. The emphasis is on all players getting plenty of touches of the ball and the opportunity to develop a broad skill set. The game is played on a full-size court with lowered goal posts and is played 6 v 6

futureFerns Years 6

PLEASE NOTE: ALL YEAR 6 TEAMS PLAY STANDARD 7 ASIDE NETBALL, WITH FULL HEIGHT GOAL POSTS. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TEAMS HAVE 7 ASIDE POSITIONAL BIBS. ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT OUR FUTUREFERNS CO-ORDINATOR - PAULA
paula@tauranganetball.co.nz

Coaches are encouraged to follow the futureFerns Year 7&8 10 week programme to guide the players through their learning, including warm up and skill sessions.

Year 6



Following the successful trial in 2023 of Year 6 players moving to full 7 aside netball, Year 6 teams at Tauranga Netball Centre will continue to play full 7 aside netball, including rotating through all positions to develop a broad skill set.

Year 6 players move onto Intermediate Schools with the knowledge of how to play 7 aside netball ensuring that players can confidently showcase their skills when trialling for teams.

By moving Year 6 players in line with Year 7 players we are able to lift the overall skill set of the players both individually and as a combined local talent group.



FREE FUTUREFERNS FOUNDATION COURSES 2024 FOR ANY PARENT/TEACHER or ANYONE COACHING A YEAR 1-6 TEAM

All sessions are held at Tauranga Netball Centre.

Years 6/7/8 coaches workshop **Saturday 27th April 9am – 11.30am**

Year 1 - 4 coaches workshop **Saturday 27th April 12pm – 2.30pm**

Year 5 coaches workshop **Saturday 27th April 3pm – 5pm**

Year 6/7/8 coaches workshop **Saturday 4th May 9am – 11.30am**

Year 1 – 4 coaches workshop **Saturday 4th May 12pm – 2.30pm**

Year 5 coaches workshop **Saturday 4th May 3pm – 5pm**

Years 6/7/8 coaches workshop **Thursday 11th April 6pm – 8.30pm**

Year 5 coaches workshop **Tuesday 14th May 6pm – 8pm**

Year 1 - 4 coaches workshop **Tuesday 21st May 6pm – 8pm**

Please register your attendance via our website
<https://tauranganetball.co.nz/register> or contact Paula at
paula@tauranganetball.co.nz.

The success of this programme relies heavily on our volunteer coaches so please make it a priority to attend the allocated workshops.

NETBALL CONVENOR/TEACHER IN CHARGE

Every school must designate one person as their Netball Convenor or Teacher in Charge of Netball and their role is to liaise directly with the netball centre on behalf of all their team/s. We really appreciate only having to deal with one person. All enquiries/queries or amendments must be made through that person only.

GRADING

Year 6 grading will take place on **Saturday 18th May 2024**. **Years 1-5 don't grade.**

START OF FUTURE FERNS COMPETITION

All Future Ferns teams will begin their 2024 competition on **Saturday 25th May 2024**.

FUTURE FERNS REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE

All Year 6 registrations are due by **Friday 12th April 2024**. Ensure all teams are registered. If you have not named all your players by this date, ensure you have the team name registered. **Year 6 teams will have up until the 17th May (day prior to grading) to name all players. Year 6 fees are due 10th May.** All Year 1-5 team registrations are due by **Friday 3rd May. Year 1 – 5 teams will have up to 30th May (day prior to first game) to name all players. Year 1 – 5 team fees are due 31st May.** All registrations will be completed on our Friendly Manager registrations site. **All year 6 teams will be able to choose the grade they wish to grade for.**

DATA BASE

Ensure all details are completed for each player including birthdate, email and mobile number. As these will be parent details leave the mobile and email information blank next to the player and add this information to Primary contact details (this will be parent details) It is important that parent details go in primary contact information as the system will not accept duplicate email/mobile information if entered under participants (this applies for those with multiple children in our system including all TNC grades). **Ensure all parent contact information is entered under primary contact.** You may notice ethnicity has been added – we would appreciate this being completed as it may assist with future funding applications.

COMPULSORY ZOOM INFORMATION MEETING

All Sports Co-ordinators must attend one of the proposed information meetings outlined below. These meetings go through the registration process and to answer any questions about the upcoming netball season. Please choose one of the options below and email paula@tauranganetball.co.nz for the link

Friday 8th March	7pm – 8pm
Wednesday 20th March	1pm – 2pm
Thursday 21st March	6pm – 7pm

FORMAT AND TIMES

Year 1 to 4	comprise of 10 sessions
Year 5	1 x 5 week of round robin play 1 x 5 week of round robin play
Year 6	5 weeks of round robin play Regrading between sections Further 5 weeks of round robin play Semi-finals and Finals - Saturday 31st August 2023

Game times:

Years 1&2 Saturday game start times between 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Years 3&4 Saturday game start times between 10am – 2.30pm

Year 5 Saturday game start times between 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Year 6 Saturday game start times between 10.30am – 12pm

Playing times on Saturday are only an indication and will depend on the number of team registrations and our ability to fit all teams on 19 courts in one-time slot.

Playing time for Years 3& 4 and Year 5&6 teams on a Saturday is 4 x 10-minute quarters, 2 minutes at the quarter breaks and the half time break. All timing is controlled by TNC on a central timer.

Cancellations

Please note that if we will only cancel due to **severe weather conditions that pose a Health & Safety risk**. All cancellations will be posted on the website, Facebook and emailed to Team Managers.

Cancellations times: Saturday by 7am

Year 5 and 6 Competition

Grades and Points

These shall be determined by Tauranga Netball Centre. Please note the following:

1. Boys are eligible to play but only a maximum of three (3) per team.
One in each third of the court.

2. Points

Win	= 4 points
Draw	= 2 points
Loss by 3 or less	= 1 point
Loss	= 0 points
Default Win	= 4 points awarded to non-offending team
Default Loss	= 0 points awarded to the offending team

Semi Finals Format for Year 6

Team seeded 1st in grade/section shall play the team seeded 4th in grade/section.
Team seeded 2nd in grade/section shall play the team seeded 3rd in grade/section.
Team seeded 5th in grade/section shall play the team seeded 6th to determine 5th and 6th placings. These teams will not play in the finals

Finals Format for Year 6

The winner of 1 v 4 shall play the winner of 2 v 3 to determine 1st and 2nd placings
The loser of 1v4 shall play the loser of 2v3 to determine 3rd and 4th placings
There shall be no draws in semis and finals. In the event that the scores are level at full-time the game shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

Year 6 teams semi's and finals will play at 10.30am and 1.30pm

(Game times may change dependent on numbers)

Umpires

Umpires for the year 5 grade games will be allocated from the pool of umpires which will come from the FFW (futurefern whistlers) LTU workshop, who will be learning to umpires just like the players are learning to play Netball.

All 6 teams are required to provide an umpire. It is the responsibility of the teams to fulfil this requirement **every week**.

To help schools who find it hard to source an umpires, first of all please ensure you utilise our LTU workshops we run before the season to train your umpires or please contact Maree (Umpire Lead) at umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz if you need assistance to find umpires for your school.

All Year 5 and 6 Umpires must register upstairs in the Harbourside Lounge their attendance with the Umpire Coaches on Duty before their game/s, and Umpires who are on the FFW (Futurefern Whistlers) or LTU (Learn to Umpire) pathway should add their game times to the Umpiring Coaching board.

Please be reminded any verbal confrontations from players, coaches, spectators or supporters with umpires **will not be tolerated**. Only the team captain may approach the Umpire for clarification at quarter/half time.

Year 1-4 teams do not require an umpire but must have a coach or manager on court at all times who can support and guide the team throughout the game.

Umpire Workshops

Tauranga netball provides clear pathways for our umpire to develop their umpire skills. We have an Umpires Group led by our Umpire Lead - Maree Body So, whether you are just starting out in your umpiring journey or have been on the journey for a while, the TNC Umpires Group is here to support you with workshops, umpire coaching, mentoring and general guidance. Please email Maree at umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz if you are wanting to join or see our website www.tauranganetball.co.nz for further information.

Learn to Umpire Workshops

TNC will be providing **LTU - Learn to Umpire workshops**, for all umpires who are wanting to umpire the Year 6 Competition, and **FFW – futurefern Whistlers** (formerly LTU) for all umpires who are wanting to umpire the Year 5 games. Please see our website for more information about the workshops – dates and times, and cost etc – and to register for the workshop you are wanting to attend. There is a limit on numbers for the Year 6 competitions umpires, so be in quick if you are interested. You only need to attend one of the following sessions:

Saturday 24th February	9am – 3.30pm
Saturday 9th March	9am – 3.30pm
Saturday 16th March	9am – 3.30pm
Saturday 6th April	9am – 3.30pm

FFW - futurefern Whistlers Learn to Umpire (formerly LTU – Learn to Umpire) for any umpire who wants to umpire Year 5 teams only **Saturday 13th April 9am – 3.30pm OR Sunday 14th April 9am – 3.30pm**

If you have any queries, please email Maree at umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz

Team Duties

TNC will continue with Team Duties in 2024. All teams at some point or another during the season will be given duties which will be compulsory and if not completed the school will be fined so please ensure your team managers are made aware of this.

Defaults

Five (5) players constitute the minimum number for a playing team. Defaults are of concern and **SHOULD NOT HAPPEN**. It is extremely frustrating and inconvenient for both the centre and non-offending teams. Teams need to be more committed and must take every effort to field a team week in and week out for the duration of the competition. Regulation changes have been made to make this easier for teams to abide by. **Any defaults that are not reported at least 24hours prior to the start of game day will be fined \$30. This will be invoiced to the school.**

Deferred Games

Please refer to TNC Regulations.

Playing Up

Please refer to TNC Regulations.

Unregistered Players

Please refer to TNC Regulations.

Uniform and Dress Code

The playing uniform of a school must be approved and registered. A school team may not change their uniform without the approval of TNC.

Correct Netball Uniform is to be worn by all teams at all times during play.

Players are not permitted to wear coloured stockings, rugby socks, skivvies or bike pants that hang below the uniform. Players need to set an example and take pride in the uniform they wear and the club/team they represent.

Dispensation may be approved for any medical issues. Approval must be sought from TNC management.

All Future Ferns will be permitted to wear black thermal tops under their uniform.

Jewellery, Fingernails and Hair

As per rule 5.1.1 (iv) of the Rules of Netball:

Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

- a) No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape
- b) A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape
- c) Fingernails must be short and smooth
- d) Hair must be suitably tied back

Changing Goal Ends

Year 3/4/5 teams change goal ends after half time. Year 6 after each quarter.

Rotation is Compulsory

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure all players are rotated. Rotations are made at the end of each quarter of play. All players are on the court for at least half a game and must be given the opportunity to play and develop in all six/seven positions. Please refer to Future fern information on our website

www.tauranganetball.co.nz

Tournaments

Tauranga Netball Centre runs a number of tournaments played on Sundays throughout the season. Please look on our website for more information and links to register your teams for these. We are also running one day winter tournaments in 2024. Teams will be entered by the schools as they are during the week. The dates are below:

Year 3/4 Winter tournament

Wednesday 31st July

Year 5 Winter tournament

Wednesday 31st July

Year 6 Winter tournament

Wednesday 14th August

Player Development Programme (PDP)

TNC are running various Player Development Programme days in 2024 for Year 5 - 6 aged players. These days are full of skill sessions and games to improve your game. More information and registration links are on our website

www.tauranganetball.co.nz Below are the dates:

Year 6 PDP

Saturday 9th March 9.30am – 3.30pm

Year 6 PDP

Saturday 6th April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Year 5 PDP

Saturday 13th April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Year 5 PDP

Sunday 14th April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Netballs

To avoid any confusion Netball New Zealand recommends a size 4 netball for Year 5, but a size 5 netball is also acceptable. Year 6 use a size 5 netball.

Netball Bibs

We have spare sets of netball bibs on hand and we are willing to loan these in case of an emergency. We do ask that the bibs are returned immediately after the game, folded nicely and returned to the downstairs office.

Disputes

In the event of a dispute arising from a game, the protest/complaint must be lodged in writing (using the Complaints Form) and follow the Complaints Procedure as outlined in the Tauranga Netball Centre Regulations. The forms and Regulations can be found on our website www.tauranganetball.co.nz

First Aid

Due to the cost, we do not have paramedics on site. All teams must provide their own medical kit and have it courtside each week. Ice is available from the downstairs office. First Aid kits are available for purchase at very competitive prices.

Good Sports

Tauranga Netball in association with Hewletts Night n Day, introduced the Good Sports initiative with a focus on great behaviours while participating, spectating and officiating the game of netball.

The objective of this initiative is to reduce the number of incidents where inappropriate verbal abuse is used as the normal way we communicate during games.

Any incidents of misconduct will be dealt with in line with our Zero Tolerance and Complaint Regulations. These can be found in our Regulations which are on the website.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of every organisation and we simply could not function without their support. They are the unsung heroes, the cog in the wheel and they do it all for the love of netball. TNC attributes much of its success to these wonderful people. If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer, we would dearly love to hear from you. There are numerous roles you can be actively involved with. Please give us a call if you are interested in volunteering your services this season. Please refer to our website for all volunteer roles available

TNC Canteen and Barista

We open our TNC canteen and barista during every competition and every cent goes back into the Centre. We rely on your support. Cash and eftpos is accepted.

No Exceptions Netball Programme

Helen Dodge introduced this exceptional programme and it is now in its 15th Year. This great initiative was developed to support a special group of people. The 'No Exceptions' Netball Programme provides a lot of joy to those who participate in it. If you are keen to help or if you know of anyone who might benefit from this programme call the office 575 9917.

Junior Competition Regulations

For the full Tauranga Netball Centre Regulations please visit our website www.tauranganetball.co.nz