



## TAURANGA NETBALL CENTRE

Tēnā koutou katoa. We hope you are all looking forward to an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and enjoy some well deserved time off with whanau and friends. On behalf of the TNC Board, Management and staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you back for our 2025 season!

***The TNC Board have made the decision to increase the TNC registration fee by 3% (CPI), to align to operating cost increases i.e lease, insurance and maintenance. Bay Park hireage costs have been increased. NNZ and WBOP affiliation costs will not be increased this year.***

### **Affiliation Fees for Intermediate Teams in 2025**

The fees for the 2025 season are as follows:

Tauranga NC	\$ 473.80
NNZ	\$ 40.00
WBOP Zone	\$ 93.00
	<b>\$606.80 per team due 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</b>

***Schools will be sent an invoice to be paid by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May***

Payment can be made by:

Online banking 03-0435-0556307-00 (please use team name as reference).

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## **Intermediate Competition 2025**

A reminder to all sports co-ordinators to ensure all team player details are correct prior to the competition start, including mobile numbers and **parent email** addresses added into the Primary Contact box. We cannot stress enough the need to have **parent's emails NOT student emails in the Primary Contact** box. Also please update your Team Manager details and Coach details. You may notice ethnicity has been added – we would appreciate this being completed as it may assist with future funding applications.

### **GRADING**

All Intermediate teams will be grading on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025**. Convenors will need to enter teams into a grade that best fits their skill level.

### **START OF INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION**

All Intermediate teams will begin their 2025 competition on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**NO GAMES – 21<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> July**

### **INTERMEDIATE REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE**

All Intermediate registrations are due by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. All registrations will be completed on our Friendly Manager registrations site. **All teams will choose the grade they would like to grade for at time of registration.**

### **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](mailto:paula@tauranganetball.co.nz) for the link

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

6pm – 7pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

1pm – 2pm

## COMPETITION FORMAT

### **Grading Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025. First Game Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Five (5) weeks of round robin play.

Re-grading between sections. (There will be movement in every grade at the end of the round robin highest in each section will go up and lowest will move down)

Tauranga Netball Centre discretion may be used to move further teams if score results justify this move.

Further five (5) weeks of round robin play.

Semi-finals and Finals – **Saturday 23rd August 2025 (Expect time changes)**

Saturday game times generally are as follows:

Year 8 will play at 8am

Year 7 will play at 9am

These times may differ slightly depending on number of teams entered in 2025

Playing time is 4 x 12-minute quarters, 2 minutes at the quarter breaks and the half time break. All timing is controlled by TNC on a central sound.

### ***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.

### ***Umpires***

Every team is required to provide an umpire. It is the responsibility of the teams to fulfil this requirement **every week**.

#### **Year 8 competition – Div 1 and 2 grades**

Teams in these divisions must supply a current **NNZ Centre Award qualified Umpire**, who is reasonably fit and capable of umpiring these more competitive games.

**These Umpires will be allocated to games throughout the season including semi-finals and finals**

#### **Year 8 competition – Div 2 and below / Year 7 all divisions**

Umpires in these divisions and grades can be on the **Learn to Umpire pathway** or if the Umpire has no qualification, they must have a reasonable fitness level and capability to Umpire in line with the 2024 Rules of Netball. These Umpires will umpire their own teams, for round robin play, **but will be allocated for semi-finals and finals**.

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 Body our Umpire Lead [umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz](mailto:umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz) if you need assistance to find umpires for your school.

**All Umpires who umpire the Intermediate competition 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 LTU (Learn to Umpire) pathway should add their game times to the Umpiring Coaching board.

We want to remind everyone that any verbal confrontations from players, coaches, spectators, or supporters towards the Umpires are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. **It is the player's responsibility to play within the rules and to accept the umpire decisions and adapt their gameplay accordingly.**

With the implementation of the 2024 Netball rules, there is a strong emphasis on player safety and the importance of abiding by the Rules to avoid any Game Management decisions from Umpires.

Only the team captains and/or any player concerned are permitted to approach the Umpires for clarification of a rule or ruling made during the game at the intervals.

## ***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 co-ordinators.

Cancellations times: Saturday from 7am

***If a cancellation happens games will be played on the following Tuesday***

## **General Information for 2025**

### ***Team Registrations***

All Intermediate Team Registrations are due by: **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

A team may register up to twelve (12) players. Once a team exceeds the maximum number of twelve (12) players then one player must be deleted before another player can be added on our Friendly Manager site and the school will be charged \$10 per additional player. An online additional player form will need to be completed, this form can be found on our website under About Us – official forms at [www.tauranganetball.co.nz](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz). Please also refer to TNC regulations – championship player eligibility when adding a player.

### ***Grades***

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.

## **Points**

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

## **Semi Finals and Finals**

### **Semi Finals Format**

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

### **Finals Format**

The winner of 1 v 4 shall play the winner of 2 v 3 to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placings  
The loser of 1v4 shall play the loser of 2v3 to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7 teams semi's and finals will play at 9.30am and 12.30pm**

**Year 8 teams semi's and finals will play at 8.30am and 11.30am**

(Game times may change dependent on numbers) **All regular team umpires will be allocated to semi's and final's by TNC**

## **Scorecards**

The scorecard must be filled out prior to the game commencing. Initial and surname must be CLEARLY handwritten for all team members playing on the day. Players who have the same initial and surname, must print their full Christian name. A player, playing up for another team (within own school) must be clearly identified on the scorecard by an asterisk \* beside the person's name and must state which team she/he is registered to. **To eliminate any discrepancies a delegate from each team must score the game together – midcourt and benchside (the side facing the Centre) as directed by the umpires.** The scorecard is the official score and no dispute shall be entered into. Any incorrect scorecards may result in a default loss.

## **Team Duties**

TNC will continue with these again in 2025. 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 \$30 so please ensure your team managers are made aware of this.

### **Defaults**

Defaults are of concern and **SHOULD NOT HAPPEN**. It is extremely frustrating and inconvenient for both the centre and non-offending teams. Teams who default with less than 24 hours' notice will be charged a fee of \$30.

### **Deferred Games**

Please refer to TNC Regulations

### **Playing Up**

Please refer to TNC Regulations.

### **Unregistered Players**

Please refer to TNC Regulations.

### **Player Development Programme (PDP)**

TNC are running various Player Development Programme days in 2025 for Intermediate 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](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz) Below are the dates:

Year 7 PDP	<b><u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 3pm</u></b>
Year 7 PDP	<b><u>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 3pm</u></b>
Year 8 PDP	<b><u>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9am – 3pm</u></b>
Year 8 PDP	<b><u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9am – 3pm</u></b>
Year 8 PDP	<b><u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 3pm</u></b>
Year 8 PDP	<b><u>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 3pm</u></b>

### **Coaching Workshops**

The focus of Tauranga Netball Centre is to provide clear pathways for our coaches. There are a number of coaching workshops on offer at the centre during 2025. Whether you are a beginner coach, a player turned coach or a coach wanting to take it to the next level, there are many opportunities available in 2025. Check out the TNC website [www.tauranganetball.co.nz](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz) for all the coaching workshops that have been planned for this season under the "Coaching Tab".

### **Year 7/8 Netball Season Foundation Courses 2025**

All sessions are held at Tauranga Netball Centre. You only need to attend one.

Years 7 & 8 coaches workshop **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 8.30pm**

Year 7 & 8 coaches workshop **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am – 11am**

Year 7 & 8 coaches workshop **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am – 11am**

Please register your attendance through our website

[www.tauranganetball.co.nz/register](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz/register)

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

## ***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 a one day winter tournament in 2025. Teams will be entered by the schools as it is during the week. The date is below:

Intermediate Winter tournament

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

## ***Umpire Development***

Tauranga Netball provides clear pathways for our Umpires to develop their umpire techniques and 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. The pathways we offer are the:

- **Learn to Umpire Workshop Pathway** – if you want to be developed and to learn how to umpire
- **Development Umpire Pathway** – if you have a qualification and want to receive development coaching, and be assessed for your next qualification
- **Continuing Umpire Pathway** – if you have a qualification and want to stay with it but still receive development coaching

Please contact Maree Body our Umpire Lead [umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz](mailto:umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz) for any information about our pathways and which may be best for you if you are wanting to register or see our website [www.tauranganetball.co.nz](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz) for further information.

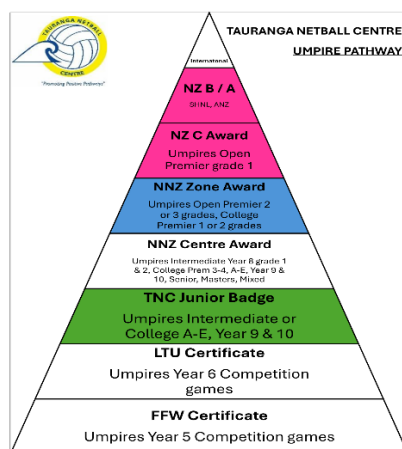
## **New Qualification Announcement**

### **Introducing the \*\*TNC Junior Badge\*\* Qualification**

We are excited to announce a new umpire qualification that will be positioned between our LTU Certificate and the NNZ Centre Award.

This initiative aims to strengthen umpires' skills before they progress toward their Centre Awards, ultimately fostering more proficient NNZ Centre Award Umpires.

Additionally, we will acknowledge umpires who have not yet reached the Centre Award level, providing them with recognition for achieving the status of a Junior Umpire.



### Learn to Umpire Workshops

TNC will be providing **LTU - Learn to Umpire workshops**, for all umpires who are wanting to umpire a for the Intermediate competition. **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 so be in quick if you are interested in umpiring for your School. Dates and times as followed for your school.

**Club Umpires (2 nights) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm to 8.30pm**  
(for umpires who are umpiring the Senior Competition or Adults wanting to "Learn to Umpire")

#### **College Umpires**

**2024 Year 7 or 8 Umpires and Umpires Aged Yr 9/10 or older who are NEW to umpiring**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 8.30am to 3.00pm**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8.30am to 3.00pm**

(for Umpires who are umpiring the College Competition games –A-F, Year 9 and 10, and Social Competition)

**Year 6 and Intermediate Competition Umpire LTU Workshops recommended for 2024 Year 5 or 6 Umpires and Umpires Aged Yr 8/9 or older who are NEW to umpiring**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am to 3.00pm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am to 3.00pm**

(for Umpires who will be umpiring the Year 6 competition games, and for Umpires who are wanting to umpire the Year 7 competition and lower Year 8 competition games)



**Year 5 Competition Umpires (FFW) –  
Recommended for Umpires aged Year 7 & 8 or older who are NEW to umpiring**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.30am to 3.00pm**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.30am to 3.00pm**

*(for Umpires who want to learn the 6x6 format of netball and will be umpiring the Year 5 competition ONLY)*

If you have any queries or need more information, please email Maree Body our Umpire Lead [umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz](mailto:umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz)

### **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.

### **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. Eftpos is available.

### **Dress Code**

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.

**Players will be allowed to wear a black long sleeve thermal top 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.

## ***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 (payWave) is accepted.

## ***No Exceptions Netball Programme***

Helen Dodge introduced this exceptional programme and it is now in its 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ***Netballs***

To avoid any confusion Netball New Zealand recommends a size 5 netball for Year 7 & 8

## ***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](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz)

## ***Intermediate Competition Regulations***

For the full Tauranga Netball Centre Regulations please visit our website [www.tauranganetball.co.nz](http://www.tauranganetball.co.nz)

**This is an important document and we strongly recommend that you read it.**