



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.

Fees for Year 6 Teams in 2025

The fees for the 2025 netball season are: **\$700.70 per team due 2nd May 2025**

From that fee, we pass on the following:

Waikato BOP Zone	\$92.50
Netball NZ	\$40.00
Umpire Fee	\$120.00
Grading Fee (Umpire)	\$30.00

Fees for Year 1 – 5 players in 2025

The fees for the 2025 netball season will be **\$51.50 per player**, and we will be accepting individual registrations for those who attend schools who do not offer netball for these years **Fees due 23rd May 2025 for Year 1-5 players**

YEAR 5 TEAMS – Schools will be invoiced an extra \$100 for Year 5 teams which will pay for umpires provided by TNC from our Future Fern Whistlers umpire group.

Note: All teams that register will be charged \$51.50 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 2025 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 **Tuesday 25th March 6pm – 8pm**

Year 1 - 4 coaches workshop **Tuesday 8th April 6pm – 8.30pm**

Year 5 coaches workshop **Tuesday 1st April 6pm – 8.30pm**

Year 6/7/8 coaches workshop **Sunday 30th March 8.30am – 11am**

Year 1 – 4 coaches workshop **Sunday 30th March 11.30am – 2pm**

Year 5 coaches workshop **Sunday 30th March 3pm – 5.30pm**

Years 6/7/8 coaches workshop **Sunday 27th April 8.30am – 11am**

Year 5 coaches workshop **Sunday 27th April 3pm – 5.30pm**

Year 1 - 4 coaches workshop **Sunday 27th April 11.30am – 2pm**

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 10th May 2025**. **Years 1-5 don't grade.**

START OF FUTURE FERNS COMPETITION

All Future Ferns teams will begin their 2025 competition on **Saturday 17th May 2025**.

FUTURE FERNS REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE

All Year 6 registrations are due by **Friday 11th April 2025**. 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 9th May (day prior to grading) to name all players. Year 6 fees are due 2nd May.** All Year 1-5 team registrations are due by **Friday 25th April**. **Year 1 – 5 teams will have up to 16th May (day prior to first game) to name all players. Year 1 – 5 team fees are due 23rd 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

Tuesday 11th March 6pm – 7pm
Wednesday 12th March 1pm – 2pm

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 23rd August 2025

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

In the event of any Year 6 postponements, games will be played on the following Monday. Year 1 – 5 games will be cancelled in the event of severe weather conditions.

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 **All regular team umpires will be allocated to semi's and final's by TNC**

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) **All regular team umpires will be allocated to semi's and final's by TNC**

Umpires

Umpires for the Year 5 grade games will be sourced and allocated from the pool of Umpires which will come from the FFW (Futurefern whistlers) LTU workshop, who will be learning to umpire just like the players are learning to play Netball.

*****Please note - new format for Umpires in the Year 6 competition in 2025*****

Umpires for the Year 6 grade games will be sourced and allocated from a pool of Umpires which will come from the Year 6, and Intermediate Learn to Umpire (LTU) workshops

The change to having the Year 5 (from 2024) and Year 6 competitions umpired by the Umpires who have attended our LTU Umpire Workshops, is for a number of reasons:

- Umpires who attend and pay for our LTU workshops are unable to find a team to Umpire due to other Umpires being asked to umpire for multiple teams
- Umpires at this level are able to learn their skills with the players who are only just learning to play netball, so their skill levels are the same
- Umpires are able to develop confidence and learn better in these levels of our game, because the values for Year 5 and 6 Futurefern games is fun and learning
- Fairness to the game having Umpires being allocated

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.

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.

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. Coaches can support at this level and can move around on court as required, to assist and support players. Rules are simplified and focus is on letting the game flow and minimising stoppages.

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:

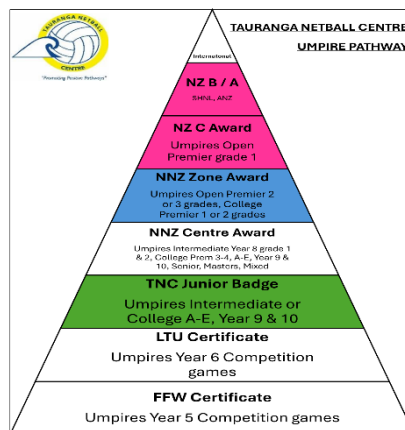
- **Learn to Umpire Workshop Pathway** – if you want to be developed and to learn how to umpire
- **Development Umpire Pathway** – if you have a qualification and want to receive development coaching, and be assessed for your next qualification
- **Continuing Umpire Pathway** – if you have a qualification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

Please contact Maree Body our Umpire Lead umpirelead@tauranganetball.co.nz 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 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 19th & 26th 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 22nd February 8.30am to 3.00pm

Saturday 1st 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 15th March 8.30am to 3.00pm

Saturday 29th 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 5th April 8.30am to 3.00pm

Sunday 6th 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

Team Duties

TNC will continue with Team Duties 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 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 2025. Teams will be entered by the schools as they are during the week. The dates are below:

Year 3/4 Winter tournament	<u>Wednesday 6th August</u>
Year 5 Winter tournament	<u>Wednesday 6th August</u>
Year 6 Winter tournament	<u>Wednesday 23rd July</u>

Player Development Programme (PDP)

TNC are running various Player Development Programme days in 2025 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	<u>Saturday 15th March 9am – 3pm</u>
Year 6 PDP	<u>Saturday 29th March 9am – 3pm</u>
Year 5 PDP	<u>Saturday 5th April 9am – 3pm</u>
Year 5 PDP	<u>Sunday 6th April 9am – 3pm</u>

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