

TAURANGA NETBALL CENTRE

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome back to our 2021 Season. You may notice our new name on the top of the newsletter – this is the result of months of requests for input from you, our members, and is the culmination of the vote by our club and school delegates at our 2020 AGM. Thank you to all that sent in their comments and ideas and all that attended the AGM. Happy New Year to you all on behalf of our Board and Management here at Tauranga Netball Centre. We hope you are all gearing up to enjoy another great Netball season with us.

We welcome back our Board Members Nicola Compton, Dorcas Kayes, Leanne Emery, Pam Clayton, Lynn Clay and Rick Powdrell and congratulate Maree Body who was re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Affiliation fees have been set for 2021 and as they have not been adjusted for over 3 years the decision has been made to increase the fees aligned with operational costs and increased annual affiliation fees that are paid to NNZ and WBOP Zone. A breakdown of fees is listed below.

Affiliation Fees for Senior Teams (Wednesday night competition)

The fees for the 2021 season are as follows:

Tauranga NC	\$ 729.90
NNZ	\$ 65.10
WBOP Zone	\$ 255.00
	\$1050.00 per team due 7th April 2021

Affiliation Fees for Senior Premier Teams (Thursday night competition)

The fees for the 2021 season are as follows:

Tauranga NC	\$ 729.90
NNZ	\$ 65.10
WBOP Zone	\$ 255.00
Umpire Fee	\$ 400.00
ASB Arena	\$ 600.00
	\$2050.00 per team due 29th March 2021

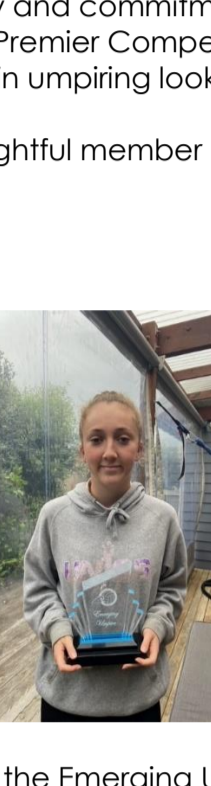
Payment can be made by:
Online banking 03-0435-0556307-00 (please use team name as reference).

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Awards and Recognition



Congratulations to Amanda Thompson who received the Supreme Award for 2020.

This award was well deserved as Amanda continues on her umpiring pathway with the utmost professionalism, not to mention her fantastic umpiring skills that we are sure a lot of our up and coming umpires continue to learn from.

Amanda is a very valued member of the HNC family and we are extremely proud to have her representing us.



Isabel Beatson was recognised for her Service and Diligence in 2020.

Isabel is a very valued member of our family here and is always on hand to help out whether it be in the control office, umpiring or any other job that is required. Isabel is unfortunately moving to bigger and brighter things in 2021 and we wish her the very best of luck in her studies up North. We will surely miss you Isabel but know that you always have a home here with us when you return.

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Gemma Groenwald was recognised as the Most Promising Umpire 2020.

Gemma has shown a lot of energy and commitment in 2020 and continues to get better and better as shown in our Premier Competition on Thursday nights. We look forward to seeing what the future in umpiring looks like for Gemma.

This is yet another valued and delightful member of the HNC family that we are extremely proud of.

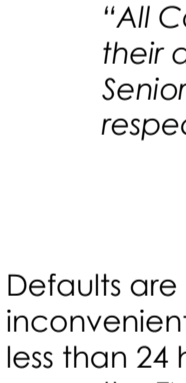


Hannie Mastny was recognised as the Emerging Umpire 2020.

Hannie has come along in leaps and bounds in 2020 and has turned into a confident, young umpire.

Having developed her umpiring skills a lot in 2020 one of Hannie's big accomplishments was passing her NNZ Zone Theory test. We are in no doubt that we will be seeing a lot more of Hannie in 2020 as she familiarises herself with the HNC family.

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Netball Competitions 2021

Premier Club Competition (Thursday)

A reminder to all club co-ordinators to ensure all team player details are correct prior to the competition start, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Also please update your Team Manager details and Coach details.

Qualifying Tournament

To ensure our Premier competition remains competitive, a qualifying tournament will be held to determine the 18 teams for the current season. All teams from our 2020 Premier Competition will have right of entry into the qualifying tournament. These teams will need to register and notify their return by Monday 22nd February 2021 if they are wanting to be included in the qualifying tournament.

The Qualifying Tournament is scheduled for Saturday 10th April 2021 at Trust Power Arena (draws to be confirmed). All teams will be charged a \$100 entry fee which will be invoiced and must be paid prior to the tournament.

Please note: The unsuccessful teams who do not gain one of the 18 spots available in the Premier Club Competition will automatically be placed to play in the Senior Club Competition on Wednesday evenings unless otherwise advised. These teams will not be required to regrade. For teams who do not wish to be included in the Wednesday Comp, this will need to be communicated to Tauranga Netball Centre management prior to the qualifying tournament.

Competition Format

Following the qualifying tournament teams will be placed in 3 divisions of 6. Each team will play 5 games in a round over 3 rounds and a Semi and Final. Teams may be moved up or down following each round at Managements discretion depending on obvious score gaps. Please note that if Centre Management identifies a cause to move a team up or down who have not fallen within these parameters this will be at Managements discretion. Teams will be notified.

Game times are as follows:

First round	6.15pm (access from 5:45pm)
Second round	7.45pm

Playing time is 4 x 15 minute quarters, 2 minutes at the quarter breaks and 3 minutes at the half time break.

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Premier Masters Mixed Grade

This season we are hoping to introduce a Premier Masters Mixed Grade to our Thursday night competition. Grading date and venue to be confirmed and will not take place until after Premier Grading. There will only be 6 teams in this competition and it will run for 11 weeks, playing the same time as the Premier Grades. Players must be 35 or over. For more information contact Tracy manager@tauranganetball.co.nz

Umpires

The decision has been made to provide the umpires for this competition and the Centre will pay this fee to umpires directly. The umpire fee is included in the total invoice.

Please be reminded any verbal confrontations with umpires will not be tolerated. Team captains may approach the Umpire for clarification at quarter/half time. Any complaints can be forwarded to the Centre Manager at manager@tauranganetball.co.nz

Technical Officials

All teams must provide at least 2 people to attend a score bench training on the morning of the Qualifying Tournament. 1 of these people must be available to attend each game on the score bench to represent their team each week. These people must be available for bench duty on the day of the Qualifying Tournament. Meeting time will be advised closer to the time.

Senior Club Competition (Wednesday)

The process for existing teams to register will be to log in, click on team name, click on join competition in green box, choose division, click join and update your team details. PLEASE ENSURE ALL PLAYERS, TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES HAVE CORRECT EMAILS AND MOBILE NUMBERS. IF THIS IS NOT ADHERED TO YOUR TEAM MAY LOSE POINTS. WE HAD A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS LAST SEASON WHERE TEAMS DID NOT HAVE CORRECT DETAILS ENTERED, THE RESULT BEING TEAMS WERE NOT INFORMED OF CANCELLATIONS ETC. AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION WAS NOT BEING RECEIVED.

All new teams will need to contact Tauranga Netball to register their team. Please email Tracy at manager@tauranganetball.co.nz or Tania at ops@tauranganetball.co.nz

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Team Registrations

Registrations are due by **Monday 22nd March 2021**. Incomplete registrations that have not been approved by this date will not be considered.

Grading

To ensure we place teams in compatible divisions, a grading day will be held on **Saturday 17th April 2021** with a back up day of Saturday 24th April if weather is unsafe to play in.

Competition Format

The Senior Club Competition will commence on Wednesday 21st April 2021 and will be played outdoors at Tauranga Netball Centre. Depending on the number of teams that register will determine how many grades there will be. A maximum of six teams per grade, three rounds, promotion and relegation after round one and two followed by a semi-final and final.

Game times are 6.15pm and 7.30pm.

Playing 4 x 12 minute quarters with 2 minutes at the quarter and half time breaks.

Umpires

We require all teams to have 1 or more people (they do not have to be players) to attend the Adult Learning to Umpire workshop (**your registration will be removed if this does not happen**). This person needs to be open to development, happy to be coached and enthusiastic to step up. The cost of the workshop is \$60

The participants will be coached by our umpire coaches during the Wednesday competition with the objective of eventually gaining full control award badge including practical. **The dates are Saturday 27th March 10am – 2.30pm or Sunday 28th March 10am – 2.30pm** please register with Tania at ops@tauranganetball.co.nz

Teams registrations will not be approved without a person per team being registered on one of the LTU workshops

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Umpire allocation is the responsibility of the Club/team. If an umpire fails to turn up for their committed game the club/team will be charged a fee of \$30 as reimbursement to the centre who will find a replacement.

Cancellations

A cancellation decision will be made on the day at **4.30pm** and uploaded to the website and Facebook page. Convenors will automatically be advised via email.

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Cancellations will only take place if weather is deemed too unsafe to play. We will not necessarily cancel for rain and wind conditions.

Club/Team Netball Convenor

Each club/team must designate one person to act as their Netball Convenor to liaise with the centre. The convenor must keep in regular contact with the centre, must submit **all team registrations** by the due date and notify the centre of any changes (adding/deleting players), in fact everything and anything pertaining to your club/team.

As per the TNC Regulations

"All College players will be welcomed to play in multiple leagues as part of their development. There will be no maximum numbers of College players in a Senior or Premier League. Players will pay for multiple competitions respectively". Harbourside no longer require school release forms.

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. Points will also be impacted as per the TNC regulations.

Lead the Cheer

Tauranga Netball introduced the Lead the Cheer initiative in 2019 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.

Light & Court Hire

There are courts and lights available at Tauranga Netball Centre for teams who wish to practice each week. The cost is **\$150.00 (plus a \$30 key bond)** for the season which enables your team to train once a week for one and half hour duration throughout the netball season. To avoid disappointment, call the office today and make a booking.

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First Aid

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

Affiliated Clubs & Team Colours

Tauranga Netball Centre was formed in 1992 and at that time there were only 14 netball clubs, today that number has quadrupled. It has become increasingly difficult to identify a club by their uniform as we have ended up with a duplication of teams wearing the same colour. Clubs feel very strongly about their club colours, as it is a part of their history and it is their identity. We will endeavour to do our very best to avoid further clashes with uniform colours.

New clubs/teams starting up must first seek approval and existing clubs/teams must also seek approval if they are considering changing the colour of their uniform.

Dress Code

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

Senior Women's league played outside **will** be permitted to wear **black** thermal wear under their uniform.

Senior Women's league played outside **will** be permitted to wear Shorts and Netball tops. The team must all be wearing the exact uniform.

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.

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.

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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

Premier and Senior Club Regulations

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

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