

# St Benedict's School Netball 2021

This document outlines how the netball programme will be run in 2021.

Netball at St Benedict's school is based on Netball New Zealand's futureFERNs development programme (<https://www.futureferns.co.nz/>).

## **Netball Co-ordinators:**

Camilla Peet and Amanda O'Brien

## **School Management:**

Paul Cunningham and Michael Hinds

## **Who:**

All students who attend St Benedict's School are welcome to play netball for a school team.

## **Winter Netball Competition:**

Our school teams are entered into the competition run by Northern Suburbs Netball for the winter season.

- Years 1- 2 – Play in Term 3 (Day and venue TBA, previously Sunday afternoons)
- Years 3-4 – Play on Saturday afternoons during Terms 2 and 3 - in Newlands
- Years 5-8 – Play on Saturday mornings during Terms 2 and 3 - in Newlands

## **Team Formation:**

Registration information will be sent to parents via the newsletter and if required via class reps.

Players in Years 1-2 attend skills-based sessions and do not need to form a team.

Players in Year 3-6 will be put into assigned teams by the netball co-ordinators. Where possible teams from previous seasons will be rolled over.

The maximum number of players in a team as decided by Northern Suburbs Netball:

7 aside teams - 10 players

6 aside teams - 9 players

5 aside teams - 8 players

Trials will be held for Year 7 and 8 mixed teams (refer below).

Please notify the coordinators when you register if a player has other commitments that may clash with netball games. These will need to be considered when putting the teams together. If a player has a clash of activities and the decision is made to prioritise the other activity at the expense of a St Benedict's School netball team, the absence will not count towards the usual player rotations.

### **Netball Fees:**

Fees are set at the beginning of each year. They are to be paid into the St Benedict's School Netball bank account during the registration period. Fees cover the cost of registering teams in the Northern Suburbs Netball competition; and netball equipment and uniforms supplied to teams and players.

Intermediate players are not allowed to trial until netball fees have been paid.

Fees will not be refunded once teams are named.

Umpiring costs - \$10 per game for a pool umpire.

### **Trials:**

All Year 7 and 8 players who have registered will be invited to attend trials.

These trials will take place in March with dates to be confirmed and advertised in the newsletter.

There will be two one-hour trials (with optional drill sessions before hand). Players must attend at least one trial to be considered for the more advanced team. If additional players are needed to form two intermediate teams, year 6 players will be invited to attend trials to be considered for the development team.

Trials will be overseen by an independent selector who considers the individual players as well as the best combinations on court. Team selections are made by the independent selector. Intermediate team selections are final.

Team selection involves a number of factors including preferred positions, availability of coaches and managers, attitude and reliability from previous seasons. Our goal is always to put together teams that will maximise the playing time of each player.

If a player is late to register or unable to attend either trial, they will be placed in the development team.

A third team will be formed if numbers allow.

### **Team Practices:**

There will be at least one practice a week for teams in Year 5 and above. It is suggested that, where possible, teams in Year 5/6 and 7/8 practice at the same time. This allows for a short game to put into practice, skills learnt in the practice.

Year 3 and 4 have drills and practices built into their game times on the weekend. Additional practice is not necessary, though this is at the discretion of the team.

## **Roles:**

All parents have a role to play in the success of St Benedict's netball. Specific roles are defined below. These are all volunteer roles, but if no-one volunteers, the netball co-ordinators will ask one of the parents.

In the event that there are multiple volunteers for the roles. Coaches and managers who have coached the teams in previous seasons will be given first choice to continue.

## **Team Manager:**

Each team needs a team manager. The Team Manager's role is to:

- Complete the team registration form and return to netball co-ordinators.
- Decide on a team name (in discussion with the coach).
- Set up communications with player's families eg whatsapp group, email
- Liaise with other teams and book netball courts (through Coralie) for team practice.
- Check the draw each week and inform the team members of the game time, venue, expected arrival time for warm-up.
- Ensure there are enough players for each week and find fill-ins if necessary (along with the coach).
- Ensure an umpire is available for each week.
- Support the coach during the games and warm up (year 3 and 4 managers might want to liaise with other parents in the team to take turns running the drills and umpiring).
- Hand out and record netball uniforms.
- Organise a parent to keep score for half of each game
- Report the game score back to netball co-ordinators

## **Coach:**

Each team will also require a coach, who can be the same person as the Team Manager. The coach's role is to:

- Attend Northern Suburbs Netball coach training session if you haven't previously or are moving up to a new netball grade
- Run practices
- Liaise with the team manager to ensure there are enough players each week
- Encourage the school's EPIC values in your team
- Ensure fair player rotation within the games and throughout the season
- Ensure the first aid kit in the gear bags are kept full and current.
- Contribute to prize giving by completing player certificates
- A police check is completed by St Benedict's School for all sports team coaches prior to the season commencing.

## **Umpires:**

For Years 3 to 4 Coaches will assist and support the players on court. Direction should be given during a game without using a whistle.

For Years 5 to 8, each team is responsible for supplying an umpire; this can be a parent or high-school student. A small pool of umpires is available if a team is unable to supply an umpire.

Courses are available to parents who would like to learn how to umpire, with course costs paid by the school.

Year 8 players can complete the Kiwi Whistlers course.

Refer: <http://www.nsnetball.co.nz/1-85.html>

### **All Parents:**

All parents/caregivers need to:

- Commit to making sure their child is at netball practices and the game on time
- Support and respect the team coaches and managers
- Notify the coach/manager if your child has any health conditions they need to be aware of
- Give apologies to the team manager when the player is sick or away. As much notice as possible must be given to enable fill-ins to be found. Due to the small size of our school teams often only have the minimum number of players so please respect that it can be difficult to find players at short notice and prioritise accordingly
- Use respectful and encouraging language to the players during games

Refer to Northern Suburbs Netball Wellington – Behaviour at the Courts

<http://www.nsnetball.co.nz/imgs/20150228-13863.pdf>

Read and adhere to the St Benedict's School Code of Conduct for Players and Supporters at School Sports Events and the St Benedict's School Code of Conduct for parents, caregivers and visitors.

<http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/ParentCodeofConduct.pdf>

### **Communication:**

Teams are requested to communicate as a group via whatsapp, email or similar.

If you need to communicate with the coach or manager outside the group then make sure both the coach and manager are included in any correspondence.

### **Uniforms:**

Years 1-4 are to wear their PE t-shirt and dark leggings/shorts/track pants. Long sleeved tops are allowed under their PE tops.

Years 5-8 girls are to wear a school issued netball dress. On cold days they are also allowed to wear a light-coloured top and dark (plain) leggings underneath.

Year 5-8 boys are to wear a netball uniform t-shirt and the PE uniform shorts or track pants.

Netball uniforms (dresses or t-shirts) will be handed out at the beginning of the season by the team manager or netball co-ordinators and the number of each item recorded. Following the end of season or team photos (whichever is the later), uniforms are to be returned to a box in the office. Any uniform items not returned by the end of term 3 will be invoiced.

### **End of Season Celebration:**

A decision will be made by the coordinators, coaches and managers about the structure of prize giving for each year. Prizegiving will be facilitated by the netball coordinators, coaches and managers, and each team will have the opportunity to award prizes and present certificates.

There will be an additional award presented at the end-of-year school prize giving to the top year 8 netball player. The selection is to be made by the coaches of the intermediate teams using the following criteria:

- A high level of netball skill at practices and during games.
- Attend practices and games on time.
- Display EPIC values during play.
- Have shown a commitment to St. Benedict's netball over their time at school.

### **Complaints/comments:**

For summer or winter netball, any issues are first to be raised with the team's coach and manager. If it is unable to be resolved, please contact the netball co-ordinators through [netball@st-benedicts.school.nz](mailto:netball@st-benedicts.school.nz). The Netball coordinators may take complaints to school management if deemed necessary. Complaints involving other schools will be handled following the Northern Suburbs Netball procedures.

### **Summer Netball**

Kelly Sports Summer Series Netball is held at Samuel Marsden and Karori Normal Schools, Karori on Fridays after school during Terms 1 and 4.

Teams are organised by parents who volunteer to put a team together. Parents organising teams please let the netball coordinators know and the coordinators can assist in providing a central point of contact and oversight to ensure good communication. Details of interested players who contact the co-ordinators will be kept and passed onto parents who are organising teams.

Notices will be put in the school newsletter when registrations for teams open (August), and an email to all parents of players from the previous winter competition. This notice will include:

- Dates and general information on the competition.
- Time period for registrations.
- A reminder that parents put teams together.
- A reminder that parents who are putting a team together need to inform school netball co-ordinators.
- A note that parents can contact the netball co-ordinators to find out who is organising teams.

St Benedict's would like all players who want to play to be put in a team. Summer netball grades are based on ability rather than year level therefore there is more opportunity for teams to be formed. However, if there aren't enough players then no team can be formed.

Parents who are organising teams are reminded to be inclusive of all players where possible.

Teams are to wear the St Benedict's school sports uniform.

No equipment is typically provided by the school; balls and bibs for games are provided by Kelly Sport. However, if a team wants equipment the co-ordinators will issue items to them.

**Teachers vs Students Annual Netball Game**

Held annually in Term 4. Students in Years 7 and 8 can play, priority for game time is given to students leaving St Benedict's School that year.