

St Benedict's School Miniball/Basketball Policy

This document outlines the miniball and basketball programmes at St Benedict's School.

All games are played under the official basketball rules of The Federation International Basketball Association (FIBA).

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Who:

All St Benedict's School students are welcome to play miniball/basketball for a school team.

Basketball/Miniball League:

Our school teams are entered into a league run by Nairnville Recreation Centre during Terms 2, 3 & 4.

The Nairnville Rec Centre offers our players a safe, fun, and fair environment to play in; it's all about participation and building an understanding of the game.

Leagues are open to girls and boys from Years 3 to 8

- Years 3 & 4 – Mondays from 3:20pm – 5:50pm (Miniball)
- Years 5 & 6 – Tuesdays from 3:20pm – 5:50pm (Miniball)
- Years 7 & 8 – Fridays from 3:30pm – 9:00pm (Basketball)

Registration, Team Formation and Termly Fixtures:

The miniball/basketball coordinator sends the registration information link via the school newsletter towards the end of each term; this enables parents to register their child(ren) for the following term.

Players will be assigned to a team by the miniball/basketball coordinator with the assistance of the Teachers, or, if possible, previous teams will be rolled over. **No correspondence will be entered into once teams are formed.**

Nairnville Rec Centre permits the following as a maximum number of players in a team:

- Miniball 5 a side on the court – maximum of 8 players in the squad
- Basketball 5 a side on the court – maximum of 8 players in the squad

Once received, the school's miniball/basketball coordinator will send out the draws to each team at the beginning of the term.

No trials are held as neither league is competitive; it's about participation, having fun, and learning the game.

Out of respect to the coordinator and your team's coach/manager, please notify the miniball/basketball coordinator when registering if a player has other commitments that may clash with miniball/basketball games. This information will be considered when putting teams together.

Miniball/Basketball Fees:

Fees are paid directly to St Benedict's School, either by online banking, EFTPOS or cash during the registration period. Fees cover the costs of registering teams at the Nairnville Rec Centre, miniball/basketball equipment, court costs and umpires.

If a parent withdraws their child(ren) once a team is named, fees will not be refunded.

Team Practises:

Team practises are usually not necessary but are at the discretion of the Coach/Manager. The Coach/Manager will need to liaise with the School's Head of Sport for days and times that the school's basketball court is available during school hours.

Practices can be scheduled after school on the proviso that all players' parents are aware of, have given permission for their child(ren) to attend, and arrangements have been made for their picking up after the practice. For the duration of the practice and until each player has reconnected with their parent(s), the players are the responsibility of the Coach/Manager.

The Nairnville Rec Centre offer Basketball Clinics on Wednesday after school.

Roles:

Parents play a vital role in the success of the St Benedict's School's Miniball and Basketball leagues. The roles are volunteer-based, but if no one volunteers, the miniball/basketball coordinator will ask one of the parents to manage a team.

Specific roles are defined below.

Coach/Manager:

To register a team, a parent needs to be present at all games for a team to play. Each team can have a Manager or a Coach and Manager; this is dependent on how many parent(s) volunteer.

Roles of the Coach:

- Runs a practice (not compulsory, but can be arranged as per the above arrangements, with the School's Head of Sport).
- Liaises with the team manager to ensure there are enough players each week
- Encourages the School's EPIC values in their team
- Ensures fair-player rotation within game time
- Agrees to be Police Vetted before the season commences (this is in line with best practice which St Benedict's School subscribes to).

Roles of the Team Manager:

- Sets up a communication platform with parents of the players, e.g., a WhatsApp group, or group email
- Reminds team members of the game time and expected arrival time for warm-up
- Ensures there are enough players for each game and sources fill-ins if necessary (along with the coach)
- Supports the coach to ensure a fair rotation of players at game time
- Encourages the School's EPIC values in their team
- Agrees to be Police Vetted before the season commences (this is in line with best practice which St Benedict's School subscribes to)
- Reports the game's score back to the Basketball Coordinator on the day the match is played
- Takes and provides team action and group photos to the miniball/basketball coordinator, then used for the school's newsletter and Blog.

Roles of the Parents:

All parents/caregivers are required to:

- Commit to making sure their child(ren) is at the game on time
- Support and respect the decisions of the team's coaches and managers
- Notify the coach/manager if your child has any health conditions; they need to be aware of
- Communicate in advance to the Team Manager when a player is sick or away. It is best practice to give as much notice as possible to enable fill-ins to be found. Due to the smaller size of our school, teams often only have the minimum

number of players, so please respect that as it can be difficult to find players at short notice and prioritise accordingly

- Use respectful and encouraging language to the players, coaches, managers and officials during the games
- Avoid liaising directly with Nairnville Recreation Centre staff; the practice is to communicate through our school's miniball/basketball coordinator at all times.

Read and adhere to the St Benedict's School Code of Conduct for Players and Supporters at School 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>

Uniforms:

Years 3-6 students (miniball) wear the school's PE t-shirt and shorts.

Years 7&8 students (basketball) are provided with a basketball shirt by the school; this needs to be worn with their PE shorts.

Basketball shirts are recorded when being handed out. At the end of the season, uniforms are to be returned to the school's office. Families will be invoiced for basketball shirt(s) not returned by the end of Term 4.

Compliments / Comments / Complaints:

Comments and compliments are welcome. When all is said and done, we're all parent volunteers giving up our time. Thank you for your positive feedback and continued support of our miniball/basketball coordinator and all of our coaches and managers who work tirelessly for the benefit of your child(ren).

Any issues are first to be raised with the team's coach and/or manager. If it is unable to be resolved, please contact the miniball/basketball coordinator. The miniball/basketball coordinator may take any complaints to the school's Head of Sport or Principal if deemed necessary in order to resolve an issue.

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