

St Benedict's School Netball 2022

This document outlines how the netball programme will be run in 2022.

These guidelines sit along side the St Benedict's Code of Conduct.

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

School management:

Paul Cunningham and Tania Savage

Who:

All children who attend St Benedict's are welcome to play netball.

Competitions:

Winter Netball

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

Years 1- 2 – Play in term 3 (Day and venue TBA, previously Sunday afternoon)

Years 3-4 – Play on a Saturday afternoon during term 2 and 3 – in Newlands

Years 5-8 – Play on Saturday morning during term 2 and 3 - in Newlands

Team Formation:

Registration forms 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 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 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 rotation.

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.

Players must attend at least one trial to be considered for the more advanced team (NB: in 2022 we are only holding one trial). 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. It is more than likely to ensure an even split of positions that there will be year 8 players in both teams.

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, these teams practice at the same time. This allows for a short game to put into practice skills learnt in the practice.

Year 1 to 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. Teams will not be registered unless they have a coach and manager

If there are multiple volunteers for the roles. Coaches and managers who have volunteered for 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 team name (in discussion with coach).
- 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 and venue.
- 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.
- 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:

- Run practices.
- Liaise with the team manager to ensure there are enough players each week
- 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.
- Check there are enough players for each week (along with manager)

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. Your coach will be in touch with their policy on missing practise and playing time.

- 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 code of conduct

<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.

Please do not contact the coach directly, if you need to communicate outside the group then make sure the manager is linked in.

Uniforms:

Years 1-4 are to wear their PE t-shirt and dark leggings/shorts/trackpants. 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 trackpants.

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 year celebration:

Structure of the 2022 prizegiving will be decided closer to the end of season when we are better aware of Covid restrictions.

There will be an additional award presented at the end-of-year school prizegiving to a 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 and winter netball, any issues are to be raised with the team's coach and manager. If it is unable to be resolved, please contact the netball coordinators through netball@st-benedicts.school.nz. The netball coordinator may take complaints to school management if deemed necessary. Any abusive communication will be taken to school management and will not be responded to.

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 School, 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 need to let the netball co-ordinators know and the co-ordinators can assist in providing a central point of contact and over-sight 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.

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