



Flinders Netball Club Information Pack

In accordance with the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy

This document provides information about the Flinders Netball Club (FNC). As a volunteer-run Club the continual growth and development of Netball for your child relies on each and every one of us contributing.

Contact Information

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Working with Children – QLD Blue Card Check

All coaches, managers and committee members must hold current "Blue Cards".

This information is collated and validated annually. Please contact Jill Fitzgerald (Flinders Club Sport Administration Assistant), in the Sports Centre Office 5477 2916 or jgfitzgerald@mfac.edu.au

Additionally, all volunteers need to register to volunteer with Flinders Club Sports via <https://www.mfac.edu.au/community/flinders-club-sports/>

Behavioural Standards

Parents and spectators are reminded that children play sports for their enjoyment, not yours. It is expected that all players, spectators, and their associates conduct themselves appropriately while attending all Netball events, training and games.

On registering with the FNC, players and parents agree to the 'Codes of Behaviour', which are in accordance with Flinders Club Sports.

Training and Season Commitment

Netball is a team sport, and each member of the team plays a vital role.

By signing up as a member of the FNC you are making a season-long commitment. As a player you are required to attend all training sessions and games.

If you are not able to attend games or training for any reason, this must be communicated, as early as possible to your team coach and/or team manager.

Coaches have the option of placing any player on the bench who has not attended the previous weeks' training, for the first quarter of that players' next available game, or should that be unworkable, another quarter at the coach's discretion.

Parents/guardians – by authorising and agreeing to your child's membership and participation you have also made a season-long commitment to a team.

Uniform

The Club uniform is to be worn to all games when competing as part of or representing Flinders Netball Club.

The registered uniform consists of:

- Flinders Club A-line dress
- Navy/ Flinders branded bike pants
- White crew socks

Optional piece:

- Flinders branded crop top (Bra straps are not to be visible under uniform)

All items are purchased through the School Uniform Shop at uniform@mfac.edu.au or

Ph: 07 5477 2969

Concerns and Complaints

Communicate any concerns as soon as they arise and take the appropriate action, as outlined below, as soon as possible. But remember, please be respectful, polite and courteous.

The correct communication pathways are:

- a. Player or Parent Concern
 - Discuss with Team Manager or Coach
 - Have initial discussion confidentially, at a mutually agreeable time and place not during training or game
 - If the concern is still not resolved, contact FNC President flindersnetballclub@gmail.com

b. Concern regarding FNC Management

- Raise at club meeting
- If no meeting is planned in the short term, contact a committee member
- If a major concern, complaints should be put in writing to the Club.
flindersnetballclub@gmail.com

c. Complaints regarding SCNA incidents or issues

- If during game and immediate safety or wellbeing of players or spectators is compromised, go directly to SCNA
- All other complaints must be in writing and provided to the FNC President who will lodge with SCNA. A timeframe of 24 hours applies.
- Any issues presented to SCNA of an intra-team or Club nature, will be immediately referred back to the FNC Management Committee.
- SCNA has guidelines but no formal requirements for clubs regarding team formation or management.

d. Formal Complaints

- All other complaints (including team placement or coach concerns) should be made directly to the FNC President
- Must be put in writing, concise and factual. flindersnetballclub@gmail.com

Netball Divisions – What's the difference

The Saturday competition at SCNA provides three levels of competition:

1. Net Set Go Green and Gold: Turning 7-10 years (equivalent to Yr. 2-4)

Net Set Go is non-competitive and is a modified form of netball.

Programs aim to:

- Allow players to have fun with their friends
- Experience excitement and enjoyment
- Experience challenge, achievement and personal responsibility
- To use and improve their skills

This is achieved through:

- warm-up activities
- skill teaching through skill drills and games
- matches (as provided by SCNA NetSetGo competition)
- Appropriately trained officials – coaches & umpires and/or from those volunteers who are not officially qualified but are contributing valuable knowledge to the players.
- No scores are kept for any game and there are no finals rounds or overall “winning team” for the season – they are all winners for competing & improving.
- Players must be turning 7 years of age in the year they commence Net Set Go.
- Players are usually placed in year &/or friendship group teams with consideration also given to skill levels should the number of players involved warrant it.

Net Set Go Green:

- Entry Level for netball
- Generally, players aged 7-8 years
- Focus on positive reinforcement, teaching new skills and reinforcing the basic skills required in the game of netball
- Coaches and / or managers may be required to umpire their own teams.
- Players experience all positions on the court during the season, rotating through attack, centre & defence thirds.
- Records of player rotations are kept by coach to ensure that each player not only plays through all positions but receives equitable game time.
- Players may play in more than one position during the game (e.g. GK & GD). If required to play more than one position, where possible they will remain in the same area i.e. Attack, Mid Court, Defence.

- Specialisation of positions DOES NOT TAKE PLACE.

Net Set Go Gold:

- Players generally progress to this level after one year in Net Set Go Green
- They have improved skills and understanding of the game.
- Half way through the season Net Set Go Gold may progress to the full rules of netball with umpires participating in the SCNA umpire training program.
- This program allows players to experience playing the full game of netball while still in a non-competitive situation as well as providing valuable umpiring experience for new umpires.
- Players experience all positions on the court during the season, rotating through attack, centre & defence thirds.
- Records of player rotations are kept by the coach to ensure that each player not only plays through all positions, but receives equitable game time.
- Players may play in more than one position during the game (e.g. GK & GD). If required to play more than one position, where possible they will remain in the same area i.e. Attack, Mid Court, Defence.
- Specialisation of positions DOES NOT TAKE PLACE

2. Net Set Go White: 10 Years and Under

- Players generally progress to this level in their third season of netball.
- They have improved skills and understanding of the game.
- Full Rules apply with paid umpires.
- This program allows players to experience playing the full game of netball while still in a non-competitive situation as well as providing valuable umpiring experience for new umpires.
- Players experience all positions on the court during the season, rotating through attack, centre & defence thirds.
- Records of player rotations are kept by the coach to ensure that each player not only plays through all positions, but receives equitable game time.
- Players may play in more than one position during the game (e.g. GK & GD). If required to play more than one position, where possible they will remain in the same area i.e. Attack, Mid Court, Defence.
- Specialisation of positions is strongly discouraged at this stage.

Important Points to Note:

- In response to the lowering of Net Set Go age from 8 to 7 years, girls or boys turning 7-10 years are offered the opportunity to participate in Net Set Go programs without the pressure of full competition as per the Children in Sport recommendations from the Australian Sports Commission. Players may or may not have completed any time in earlier Net Set Go programs and this provides an introduction to the sport of netball. Boys are able to participate in the outdoor netball competitions up to the age of 12 years in a mixed team.
- Score sheets are provided so all players learn the sign-on process. Scores may be kept of the game however no official scores are recorded on the SCNA database or website. No finals are conducted and SCNA provides an end-of-season round robin competition and breakup for all teams.
- The relative stages of physical development of players will determine how quickly their netball skills advance. All players should be playing across the court in all positions during the season as there is no pressure on teams to win. Individual and team development is of prime consideration at this level of netball.

3. Divisional Netball: turning 11-18 years

- Netball is played under the official IFNA Netball / Netball Australia rules, in combination with relevant SCNA by-laws.
- The Official Rules can be downloaded from the Netball Queensland website or are available for purchase & SCNA by-laws can be viewed on the SCNA website.
<http://www.sunshinecoastnetball.com.au/>
- Full rules, Netball is competitive with teams playing in skill appropriate Divisions at SCNA.
- If successful, teams progress through the fixture season to semi, preliminary & grand finals.
- As players progress from lower to higher Divisions there is a tendency for some positional specialisation. As a consequence, there may be some player movements between teams.
- Players are encouraged to routinely play in at least two or three positions on court, however each player must be prepared to play in any position if requested by their coach.
- All players should receive equitable game time over the fixture round season prior to the final series and records will be kept.
- During the Finals rounds, each player may not receive equal court time. The Coach ensures that each player receives at least some court time in the lead up to the Grand Final.
- Grand Finals require even greater flexibility from players, as there are many factors involved to determine the best team combinations on that day. The Coach has the final say.

Team Selections

Teams require a minimum of 7 players. The ideal team number is 9 players for all levels of competition. This allows sufficient game time, rotational play, allowances for injury and absences during the season. Exceptional circumstances may dictate higher team numbers.

Groups:

Net Set Go Green and Gold Team Formation:

- Friendship groups are given high consideration as players initially have few netball skills and are commencing their netball journey.

Net Set Go White Team Formation:

- Year level and friendship groups considered
- Some consideration given to prior Net Set Go experience & demonstrated skill levels

Divisional Team Formation: (Turning 11-18 years)

- Year Level, age and social considerations
- Comparable skill level - as determined by the selection committee
- Team positional structure/formation
- Team differential for SCNA grading

Higher Divisions I.e. Top Three Teams

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- Team positional structure/formation
- Team differential for SCNA grading

Team Selection Process:

- Registration forms are received and sorted by the Registrar and Selection Panel.
- Where possible, players are placed in appropriate teams according to age and year level.
- Where team selection is required, players will participate in trials.
- Those players wishing to trial for the Higher Divisions must nominate. Any player (in Year 8 or above) eligible to play in Divisional Netball is eligible to trial.

- Selection trials will be undertaken on one day, or as required by the selection panel.
- Players will be played in their 2 preferred positions & elsewhere at selector's discretion.
- Amount of court time received at these selection trials is not to be perceived as an indication of where the final team placement will occur.
- FNC will endeavour to include an independent selector, along with other delegates nominated by the Club Management Committee, to the selection committee.
- Players are required to participate in selection trial dates to ensure appropriate grading.
- Information regarding players unable to attend team selection days due to exceptional circumstances must be provided in writing to the Club prior to selection days. These players may be considered for team placement at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Injured players wishing to be considered but who are unable to take the court are expected to provide relevant information and to attend selection days.

Teams Announced.

- In the first few weeks immediately after the announcement of teams, and prior to the official start of competition, players may be required to move to another team within the Club.
- A coach can recommend, with supporting evidence, that a player be moved if their skill level is dramatically mismatched with their team.
- These issues will be discussed as soon as possible; in order to meet final team lodgements dates as advised by SCNA.

Game Day

- Players and team officials are expected to be in attendance a minimum of 30 minutes prior to game time to allow sufficient preparation and must be dressed in correct FNC uniform
- Pre-Game: Team warm up with Coach/Manager.
- During the Game: Coach to make use of manager or other 'selected' parents to assist with passing information to individual players regarding their game during the short 1/4 and 1/2 time breaks.
- Only Coaches, Managers & Players are allowed in the Coaches Box during the game.
- Post-Game: Elbow bumps with your opposition and give 3 cheers to the other team and to the umpires as soon as the final whistle has gone.
- Coach will give a short team debrief immediately after the game, provide any other instructions and distribute SCNA Player of the Day vouchers if provided.

Awards

SCNA Awards:

Lin Corbett Awards:

This award is given to a player in each SCNA division who, throughout the season, receives the highest number of points, as awarded by the umpires during fixture round games, as a “Best and Fairest” player on court.

Weekly Awards

SCNA provides vouchers through various sponsors for “Player of the Day”. The coach and manager determine how awards will be decided.

Club Awards:

Weekly Awards

- Player of the Round
- Club Umpire of the Week

End of each season for each team are:

- Most Valuable Player

This is a player who puts a lot of effort not only into their own game, but also is focussed on the team as a whole. Consideration is given to their contribution to each game through their skills, ability to provide positive encouragement to the team, ‘no matter what’ and support of fellow players.

- Coaches Award

This award goes to the player who has assisted the team as required. They MAY NOT be the most skilled player on the team, but attendance at training, presentation of themselves/uniform and conduct on & around the netball court will have contributed to the nomination for this award.

Umpiring

- Those players aged 12 years and over are encouraged to nominate to FNC to undertake the basic umpire training course provided by SCNA.
- An umpire development pathway is clearly laid out by SCNA and those who are interested, can proceed through to a nationally recognised umpiring qualification.
- The Club is required to provide umpires to SCNA to assist with the running of the competition. The club supports players, siblings, parents or others in becoming umpires.
- Club Umpires may also be called upon to assist teams playing in carnivals.
- All club umpiring enquiries regarding nominations and pathways should be directed to the umpiring coordinator of the club at flindersnetballclub@gmail.com.