

TOKOROA NETBALL CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP RULES & REGULATIONS

Purpose: To ensure that the TNC Management Group and the Tokoroa Netball Centre members:

- have clear guidelines around the team and individual player registration process,
- have clear guidelines around the centre umpiring requirements,
- to avoid confusion, and unnecessary conflict,
- to ensure the rules & regulations are clear and transparent,
- to enable the management group to make decisions based on a defined set of criteria.

Team and Player Registration

Teams

Teams must complete their **TNC Team Registration Form** (registration of up to 14 players for Senior Women Teams only, 12 for all other teams) and hand into the TNC Management Group by the end of the last Grading Day. From this point onwards (after last grading), only registered players are to take the court.

If non-registered players are found to have played, any points gained from the game will be forfeited by the offending team.

Teams may register new players and de-register players:

- If the new player is already registered for another club or team, teams should follow the Individual Player Transfer steps outlined below;
- If she is a completely new player, by completing an **Individual Registration Form**;
- If de-registering a player, by completing a **De-registration Form**.
- All such forms must be received by the Registration Officer 48 hours prior to the intended game as this gives the Registration Officer enough time to check through all registration details and ensure the deregistering team has approved.
- **New player registration/transfers will not be approved on the Saturday morning.**
- Teams must realise that the de-registration form must be signed off by the old team management before the transfer can take place.

Prior to each game, teams must complete the names of their 12 players on the Score Card. These 12 players must be on the Team Registration List for the current season. Teams may register up to 12 players on their Team Registration Form.

Individual Player Transfer

A player shall be registered with only one club and team at any one time. A player may transfer to another club or team upon completing the following steps:

- Complete an **Individual Transfer Registration Form** ;
- Which includes confirmation of her release from the club she intends to leave;
 - ✓ Clubs should not unreasonably refuse this if the player has returned all club gear and paid club fees if required.
- All of the above information must be received by the Registration Officer at least 48 hours prior to the players intended first game for the next team.
- The TNC Management Group will consider exceptional transfers on a case by case basis.

Playing Up a Grade

A player may play twice in a higher graded team of her own club/school and still remain in her own team. However, if the player is needed to play a third time for the higher graded team, then the following steps will need to be taken:

- 1) An **Individual Transfer Registration Form** will need to be completed for the player and she becomes a member of that team.

Note that these steps are required regardless if the player has played for different teams each time. She will become a member of the third team.

Playing Down a Grade

No player is permitted to play down a grade, or in a lower ranked team within their club.

The only exception to this rule is if the player is actually deregistered from the higher ranked team, and registered for the new lower ranked team. However, if this exception is applied, the player will not be permitted to play back up a grade for the rest the season.

Playing in another team within your club within the same Grade

Where there are more than one team from the same club/school within the same grade, the teams will be ranked by the TNC Draw/Grading Committee in consultation with the club or school in question, and then the following rules will apply:

A player may play twice in a higher graded team of her own club/school and still remain in her own team. However, if the player is needed to play a third time for the higher graded team, then the following steps will need to be taken:

- 1) An **Individual Transfer Registration Form** will need to be completed for the player and she becomes a member of that team.

Note that these steps are required regardless if the player has played for different teams each time. She will become a member of the third team.

Other Centre Registration

A player may be registered at more than one netball centre within the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Zone. The player must nominate, at the time of registration, which centre she is available for first for representative team selection. A player, who plays in another zone, is not permitted to play in Tokoroa unless de-registered from the other region.

Championship Competitions

To be eligible to play in the Championship Competition rounds, all players must have been registered with the club/team for two weeks prior to the championship, and have played in at least two games for the team during the TNC Sponsorship Rounds. This does not need to be two full games, as long as she has taken the court in two games.

Exceptions to this will be considered at the discretion of the TNC Management Group, and their decision will be final. If a team is permitted to play a player who falls into this category, a Special Individual Registration Fee of \$30.00 per person will be payable immediately.

Teams who fail to meet the above criteria will forfeit all points gained of which the unqualified player in question has been part of (either on court or score card team list).

Grading

The TNC Draw Steward / Grading Committee will ensure that all teams are placed in the appropriate grades depending on previous years' results and the grading rounds.

The TNC Draw Steward / Grading Committee:

- Will aim to be flexible at all times when considering the grading of teams;
- Will have the right to ask teams to play extra games for grading purposes; and
- Will conduct Promotion / Relegation games as and when required.

Team Registration Fees

This fee is set every year at the Annual AGM.

The fees that are set are:

- Premier Grade Teams
- Other Senior Teams
- Secondary School Teams
- Intermediate / Primary School Teams
- Individual Membership Fee
- Future Ferns Fee
- Season Light Fee

The Representative Fee should be set later in the year by management once they have decided on the year's events for the representative teams.

Team registration fees will be due as approved at the AGM.

Teams who do not meet the payment due dates as approved at the AGM will not be entered into the draw until such time as they have paid. Any games which have been missed due to this will not be replayed and will be recorded as defaulted.

Umpiring

The TNC Management Group acknowledges that the need for good quality umpires is an ongoing issue and that the majority of similar sized centres experience the same umpiring issues as the TNC.

The TNC Management Group is committed to address this issue and has developed a plan to improve the umpiring within our centre. Please note that below are the minimum requirements, but for the benefit of the player/team and centre, teams are strongly encouraged to aim to exceed these requirements.

For the 2019 season teams will be required to meet the following rule:

Must have at least two (2) players/persons who hold a **current** full Local Umpiring Qualification (this means they have passed the theory and practical tests), by the end of the Sponsorship Competition and before the Championship begins.

The TNC Management Group will support teams to achieving this by:

- Maintaining a database of umpires' qualifications
- Keeping up to date with international rules and protocols
- Running umpiring classes in the evenings during the first 8 weeks of the season
- Running umpiring classes on Saturdays in between rounds
- Have theory papers available at the centre and from our website
www.sportsground.co.nz/tokoroanetball.

- Having an “Umpires Coaches Group” which will be trained by Netball NZ to be umpire coaches.
- This “Umpires Coaches Group” will provide mentorship and coaching to all umpires

All identified umpires will need to complete an Umpires Registration Form so that the Umpires Coaches Group can work with them to support their development.

If an umpire feels that she/he is ready to sit their practical test, they will complete an ***Umpires – Practical Ready Form***. This will ensure the Umpires Coordinator and Draw Steward can work together to ensure the appropriate game is designated.

Umpires who wish to continue to develop their umpiring or aim for higher qualifications will be supported by the TNC Management & Umpires Coaches Groups.

Non-complying teams:

Teams who do not comply with this rule will be spoken to by the TNC Management Group on a case by case basis. In general, as long as teams can be seen to making every effort to achieve this requirement they will not be penalised. However, if teams have not taken the appropriate steps to try and achieve, then the team will be removed from the competition until such time as this is rectified. If team/s is removed from the competition for this reason there will be no registration fees refundable.

If a team or club has no intention of attempting to meet this rule, they are encouraged to play at another centre.

If a team utilises a person who is not part of their team to umpire their designated games, that person will need to hold the Local Umpiring qualification. This must be proven to the TNC Management Group.

Championship Competition & PREMIER GRADE - Competition Regulations & Duties

Regulations:

- Player eligibility will be as per the TNC Registration Rules & Regulations.
- The competition will be under the jurisdiction of the TNC Management Group who will make any decisions that are required.
- Rules before/during each game will be according to the International Rule Book.
- Team officials and captains should be well aware of protocols and timings for whistle prior to a game starting.
- Team officials and members must stay on the designated team bench or within the team bench area.
- Except for the Premier Grade, no games will be played during the week except for exceptional circumstances — Permission must be given by the TNC Management prior to the game taking place or both teams will receive nil points for the game.
- Teams may be responsible for organising their own umpires for every competition weekend. TNC Management will decide on the umpires as they see necessary.
- The Premier Grade games will be 4 x 15mins quarters with 3mins between 1st & 2nd quarters and 3rd & 4th quarters. 5 mins between 2nd & 3rd quarters
- All other Senior/Junior Grade games will be structured as decided by the TNC Management Group once teams are confirmed.

Entry to Premier Grade:

Entry into the Premier Grade competition is based on the results of the two grading days held on 4th & 11th of May 2019. TNC Management reserve the right to hold further grading games to confirm decision if required, and will make any other decision in regards to this as per their discretion.

Team Responsibilities:

- Please check draw carefully
- All teams MUST be fully paid up financial members of the Centre
- Each team may register up to 12 players for each game

Points System for all grades:

Win – 4 points

Draw – 2 points

Loss by 3 or less goals – 1 point

Championship competition structure

The Championship Competitions are round robin competitions where all teams will play each other once in their grade. Therefore, there will be no finals played and there will be one winner of each grade.

If teams have the same points at the end of the championship/s round the following steps will be taken to decide on the winner:

- If there are two teams on the same points, the team that won the game between these two teams will be declared the winner;
- If that game was a draw, the goals scored for & against ratio will be used to decide the winner;
- If there are more than two teams on the same points, the goals scored for & against ratio will be used to decide the winner.

For all Junior grades only

There are no finals played, the teams with the most points at the end of the competition are the winners of the Championship Competition & Trophy. If teams finish the competition with the same amount of points, the trophy will be shared.