

PROGRAM AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Registrations

Player registrations occur prior to the start of each season. Dates will change each year depending on circumstances. Current members will be notified via email and information will be available on the club website. Fees must be paid by the advertised date to ensure a place in a team.

2. Competition information

Junior netball program

2.1 Net Set Go (5–9-years)

- A play-based netball program that incorporates whole group and small group activities. The program develops the movement skills required for Net Set Go and Netball. There is a weekly training session and no matches. This program is generally run in terms two and three.

2.2 Modified netball (9&U)

- A modified netball program designed to develop children's skill levels, confidence and sportsmanship.
- The program provides one training session per week which provides a range of active, fun development activities that teach basic netball skills and one match. The Saturday matches adhere to the Net Set Go modified rules and are played at Mornington Peninsula Netball Association.
- Training commences during term one and is weekly through to the end of term three. There is no training in term four.

2.3 10&U, 11&U Sections

- A weekly training session supporting a match with no finals.
- Training commences during term one and is weekly through to the end of term three. There is no training in term four.

2.4 13&U, 15&U, 18&U Sections

- A weekly training session supporting a match with finals at either Mornington Peninsula Netball Association or Frankston District Netball Association.
- Training commences during term one and is weekly through to the end of term three. There is no training in term four.

Competitions

The BDNC enters the following competitions:

- **MPNA Winter competition** in terms two and three, with all age groups playing on a Saturday.

- **MPNA Spring competition** in term four, with all age groups playing on a Saturday.
- **MPNA Monday Night Competition**, for U18&U, in terms one & two; and three & four indoors playing on Monday night
- **Bittern Women's competition** for women, in terms one – four indoors playing on Tuesday night

Association Representative Teams

Association trials for 11&U, 13&U, 15&U and 18&U are held annually for players wishing to try out for representative teams. The representative teams train weekly, play regular Netball Victoria tournaments and may play weekly games.

Player pathways

Netball Victoria's Talent Identification program provides development opportunities for identified Victorian netballers to reach their potential.

To access this program, talented players are identified at Association level and either included in Association Representative teams or recommended directly to Netball Victoria.

The representative teams can participate in their Zone Based Association tournament, where talent scouts view players and invite selected players to attend Zone Academy Selections or a U19 Screening Day.

3. Match Information

Duration

Usually 40 minutes (4 x 8-minute quarters)

Match venue

All matches will be played at one of the following venues:

- Mornington Peninsula Netball Association: Hampden St, Mornington, 3931 (Saturday competition)
- Mornington Peninsula Netball Association: Civic Reserve Recreation Centre; 350 Dunns Road, Mornington, 3931 (Monday night competition)
- Westernport Netball Association: Bittern Memorial Centre, 105 Hendersons Road, Bittern, 3918
- Frankston District Netball Association: Jubilee Park, Hillcrest Rd, Frankston, 3199

Arrival time and match absence

Players must be at the courts and ready to start at least 15 minutes prior to their match start time. This allows players to warm up and coaches and team managers to organise teams.

If a player is unable to attend a game, please let the coach or team manager know as soon as possible. Contact details will be provided to players at the start of the season.

Fixtures

Fixtures can be found by using the Netball Connect App.

Weather

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat/wet), MPNA/BDNC may decide to cancel matches/training for safety reasons.

If this is the case, parents will be contacted as soon as possible via the team's WhatsApp group and there will be a notification put on Facebook. However, there is occasionally not enough time to contact everyone or contact is not able to be made, so if you are in doubt about the weather and you have not received a message to say the match/training is cancelled, **players should go to the courts.**

Scorers

- Each team provides a scorer (player representative over 18) for each game.
- Once the official scoresheet/iPad has been confirmed by both umpires, the score is final.

4. Training

Training for junior members of the club (up to and including 18&U) is held every Wednesday (except school/public holidays) during the season at the BDNC courts at 95 Balnarring Road, Balnarring, 3926.

Times will be determined at the beginning of the season for each age group and team. This may alter depending on coach/player/court availability.

Supervision at training:

As per Netball Victoria's Member Protection Regulation, there must be at least 2 supervising adults at each training session.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are responsible for the supervision of their child/children between school dismissal and the commencement of their training session. BDNC Committee members and coaches are not responsible for participants during this time.

Collection from training:

It is the parents' responsibility to collect their child on time from training. Those responsible for supervising children should be aware of who is collecting the child from training. Any specific custodial arrangements must be given in writing to the club.

5. Team selection and composition

- All players must register with BDNC for the relevant season.
- There are no team selection requirements for 9&U, 10&U and 11&U sections.
- All other players must follow the selection trial instructions that are outlined on the BDNC website.
- Players must attend a minimum of one of the grading day held prior to the season – dates and venue will be advertised for each age group.
- BDNC follows Netball Victoria's Selection Guidelines when selecting teams.
- Players will be informed of their team prior to season commencement, generally by phone or email.

- After the advertised registration period has closed, a player will only be able to register with the club if there is a vacant position in a team of their age group. If no position is available, the player will be placed on a waiting list.
- Current club members will be given precedence over new members for team positions, with new members being accepted where positions are available.
- The committee will make every endeavour to accept all interested players but may need to cap team numbers in the interest of all team members.
- Teams will generally be no larger than 10 players per team.
- In fairness to all members, BDNC will not allow members with outstanding fees to register for a new season until the outstanding amount is paid to the club in full.