



2009 Netball Wellington Centre Competition Rules

1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE AND SEASON DATES

1.1 Introduction

Dates of competition

The Winter Club competition netball starts on Saturday 2 May 2009 for all grades, with the Senior Grading Day taking place on Saturday 18 April 2009.

There is no play on the following dates:

- Saturday 25 April 2009 (Anzac Day)
- Saturday 30 May 2009 (Queen's Birthday)

Collegiate grades do not play during the school holidays (Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 July 2009). All other grades play all dates except those set out above. The main competition is expected to end on Saturday 29 August 2009, but, in the event of cancellations during the season due to wet weather, Saturday 5 September 2009 may be used as a wet weather reserve day. **ALL teams should be aware, therefore, that they may be required to play on this date.**

Grade structure

The 2009 season sees some changes to the format of the competition, mainly affecting the Premier 1 and 2 competitions, due to the new Regional Super League, which takes place after Round 1.

- Premier and Premier Reserve grades (as usual) are closed grades.
- Below these grades, the grades are divided between Senior grades and Collegiate grades, which are open for clubs and schools to enter respectively.

Premier 1 & 2

After Round 1, the top five Premier 1 teams qualify for the Regional Super League (RSL) organised by Netball Wellington Region and will not take further part in the Netball Wellington Centre competition for 2009.

Round 2

Given the removal of the top five Premier 1 teams from our competition after Round 1, as well as the unusual situation in 2009 of only 7 teams taking part in Premier 1 in Round 1, the Round 2 will see a change to the format of the former Premier 1 and 2 competitions and be renamed **Division 1**. This competition will be comprised of ten teams who play Round Robin over nine weeks, culminating in a final and 3 v 4. Unlike all other grades, there will be no automatic promotion/relegation in August and there will be no challenge round for this competition.

Division 1 will be comprised of the following ten teams:

- Teams placed sixth and seventh in Premier 1 at the end of Round 1;
- Teams placed first to sixth in Premier 2 at the end of Round 1; and
- Teams placed first and second in Premier 3 at the end of Round 1.

Teams placed seventh and eighth in Premier 2 at the end of Round 1 will be relegated automatically to Premier 3 for Round 2.

NB: Please also note that the structure of Premier 1/Premier 2 and Division 1 will need to be revisited for 2010, given that there will be 8 teams in Premier 1, Round 1 in 2010.

All other Premier, Premier Reserve, and Senior Grades

We begin the season with three Premier grades, four Premier Reserve grades, four Senior 1 grades and three Senior 2 grades. Each of these grades (Premier, Premier Reserve and each section in Senior) is made up of either 7 or 8 teams. Each of these grades plays a round robin in round 1, with the top two teams automatically promoted to the grade above at the end of that round, and the bottom two teams automatically relegated to the grade below at the same time.

In Round 2, the grades will be Division 1 (see above), Premier 3, Premier Reserve 1-4, Senior 1 and Senior 2. For all grades excluding Division 1, Round 2 consists of a second round robin, again with automatic promotion/relegation at the conclusion of that round. **However, given the structure this year, there will be no new teams progressing from Premier 3 after the start of Round 2.**

Challenge Round Format:

Round 3 is a challenge round. It consists of quarter finals, semi finals and finals. The seedings for these games are based on the final positions of teams at the conclusion of Round 2, and after the automatic promotions/relegations are implemented. Teams that lose their quarter finals will have at least one additional game, meaning all teams play at least into the semi finals week. All Premier and Premier Reserve teams will play in the finals week also in order to decide seedings in the closed grades for 2010.

Premier 3, Premier Reserve and Senior Grades

Week 1: Quarter-finals –1 v 6, 2 v 5, 3 v 8, and 4 v 7 (1 and 2 down from grade above; 7 and 8 up from grade below through automatic promotion/relegation). The winners will proceed to Semi-finals and losers to seeding games.

Week 2: Semi-finals Winner 1 v 6 v Winner 3 v 8

 Winner 2 v 5 v Winner 4 v 7

 Seeding games Loser 1 v 6 versus loser 3 v 8; loser 2 v 5 versus loser 4 v 7

Week 3: Finals Winner of Semi final 1 v Winner of Semi-final 2

Play-off 3rd and 4th Loser of Semi final 1 v Loser of Semi-final 2

Play-off 5th and 6th Winner of Week 2 seeding game v winner week 2 seeding game

Play-off 7th and 8th Loser of Week 2 seeding game v loser of week 2 seeding game.

The bottom team in Premier Reserve 4 at the end of the Challenge Round will be automatically relegated for 2010. The winner of Senior 1A (and the winner of Collegiate 1A) at the end of the Challenge Round will be automatically promoted for 2010.

Given the reduction of the number of teams in Premier 1 in 2009, no promotion/relegation games will be required after the Challenge Round in 2009.

Collegiate

The first two weeks of the collegiate competition are grading games, after which the teams will be placed in graded sections. The collegiate grades consist of sections of 6, with each section being graded as being above the section below. Each collegiate grade plays a round robin in Round 1, with the top team automatically promoted to the section above at the end of that round, and the bottom team automatically relegated to the section below at the same time. Round 2 is another round robin, with automatic promotion/relegation at the end of the round. Round 3 is a challenge round, with quarter finals, semi finals and finals. The format of Challenge Round is to be confirmed. The seedings for these games are based on the final positions of the teams at the conclusion of Round 2, and after the automatic

promotion/relegations are implemented. Teams that lose their quarter finals will have at least one additional game, meaning all teams play at least into the semi final week.

The top Collegiate 1A team at the time of each promotion/relegation moves into Premier Reserve 4. The top Collegiate 1A team at the end of the season will also be promoted for 2010.

Game lengths and breaks

Grade	Game length	Quarter length	Breaks
Premier 1	60 min	15 min	3 min, 5 min, 3 min
Division 1	60 min	15 min	3 min, 5 min, 3 min
All others	40 min	10 min	1 min, 3 min, 1 min

1.2 Affiliation of a Member Club, Member School or Member Team

Teams will only be accepted into the Netball Wellington competition if they are part of a Member Club, Member School or Member Team. A team, school or club wishing to become a member of Netball Wellington Centre must apply in writing to the Netball Wellington Centre, enclosing an affiliation fee of \$130 and an application to register its uniform. After an absence of two playing years, a team, club or school must reapply to Netball Wellington Centre and pay the affiliation fee.

1.3 Registration of teams for season

A registration pack will be sent to all affiliated clubs and school by the end of February. Clubs and schools must return the "Annual Registration Form" with the number of teams and their grade by **14th March 2009**. Teams not registered in this manner will not be entered into the competition (unless the Board of Netball Wellington Centre otherwise determines).

1.4 Premier and Premier Reserve Grades

The Premier Competition (being Premier grades, Premier Reserve grades and Division 1) is a closed competition – only teams who have gained entry from the previous season are eligible to enter at the start of the season. However, the automatic promotion/relegation at the end of each round allows movement between the grades during the season.

At the start of the season, each club and school is limited to a maximum of two teams per section. This restriction does not apply during the season (i.e., after automatic promotion/relegation takes place), but team positions for the next season will be adjusted again to comply with the two teams per section policy.

Premier and Premier Reserve dates	
Round 1	2 May to 20 June (7 weeks)
Round 2	
(Division 1)	27 June to 22 August (9 weeks)
(Premier 3 – Premier Reserve 4)	27 June to 8 August (7 weeks)
Round 3 (Challenge Round)	
(Division 1 – final and 3v4)	29 August
(Premier 3 – Premier Reserve 4)	15 August to 29 August (3 weeks)
Wet weather reserve day	5 September

1.5 Senior grades (not open to schools)

The Senior competition has open grades (i.e., each club team can enter at an appropriate level). Netball Wellington Centre may move teams up or down the Senior grades, depending on performance in the grading tournament, and to ensure the appropriate number of teams are in each grade and/or section. All senior teams are required to play in the Grading Tournament on Saturday 18 April. Each team will be required to play approximately three or four games over the course of that day, with games being shorter than a full game (i.e., 2 x 10 mins halves for each game).

Senior Grades

Senior 1 is restricted to a maximum of 32 teams, with four sections of eight teams. At the end of Round 1 and the end of Round 2, the top team of Senior 1A moves into Premier Reserve 4 for the next round through the automatic promotion/relegation scheme.

Senior dates	
Grading	18 April
Round 1	2 May to 20 June (7 weeks)
Round 2	27 June to 8 August (7 weeks)
Round 3 (Challenge Round)	15 August to 29 August (3 weeks)
Wet weather reserve day	5 September
No play 30 May (Queen's Birthday)	

1.6 Collegiate grades (open to schools only)

All college teams not in the Premier Competition play in the collegiate grades according to their ability level. A senior college (years 11-13) recreation grade is also available for the senior social teams. These teams must supply their own umpires and will play in morning time slots (8.30am, 9.20am or 10.10am). In addition, all team in grades of Collegiate 5 and below must supply their own umpires (one per team). This umpire must be the same person for the whole game.

The collegiate grades initially play two grading games, then are graded into seeded grades/sections. After grading, there are two five week round robins, followed by a Challenge Round (quarters, semis and finals).

All collegiate sections have one team automatically promoted and one team automatically relegated to the adjacent section at the end of each of Round 1 and Round 2. In the event that results show a team is clearly in the wrong grade, this may result in Netball Wellington Centre exercising discretion to move a team further than the automatic promotion/relegation would allow.

Collegiate 1

At the completion of each round, the top Collegiate 1 team is automatically promoted to Premier Reserve 4.

Collegiate dates	
Grading Games	2 May and 9 May 2009 (2 weeks)
Round 1	16 May to 20 June 2009(5 weeks)
Round 2	27 June to 8 August 2009 (5 weeks)
Round 3 (Challenge Round)	15 August to 29 August (3 weeks)

Wet weather reserve day	5 September
No play 30 May (Queen's Birthday)	
No play 11 July or 18 July (School holidays)	

1.7 Cancellation/wet weather

Senior and Collegiate grades may be cancelled if the weather is very bad. Premier teams will continue to play at the scheduled times. Cancellations are broadcast on **Newstalk ZB** from 7.30am on Saturday mornings, and will be published on the Netball Wellington Centre website (www.netballwellington.co.nz) and a message updating cancellations will be left on the Game Manager's phone from 7.15am on Saturday mornings. Only in extreme circumstances will Premier or Premier Reserve games be cancelled.

1.8 Competition points

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points
Loss by 5 points or less	1 point to losing team
Default	-2 points + any applicable fine
Failure to perform umpire duty	-2 points + any applicable fine

If teams have an equal number of points, the leading team is determined from the following methods:

- If two teams are tied on points, the leading team will be the winner of the match played between the two teams during the applicable round.
- If the two teams drew, or if three or more teams are tied on points, the order of the teams shall be decided by calculating the highest goal difference in the matches played between the tied teams, to be that which has the higher goal ratio (goals for divided by goals against).

Results and Points tables are updated weekly on the Netball Wellington Centre website (www.netballwellington.co.nz). **Clubs and schools are responsible for checking results and informing the Game Manager of errors. Errors identified after semi-finalists or promoted/relegated teams have been notified will not be amended.**

1.9 Section play offs

For all grades excluding Division 1, if a quarter final, semi final, final or promotion/relegation game is a draw at the final whistle, the umpire will hold play in the position where the ball is held. Play will then continue, on the umpire's whistle, from this position until one team has a two goal margin.

For the Division 1 final, no draws are permitted. In the event that the score is level at full time, the scorer shall advise the umpire(s) that there is a draw and there will be:

- a two minute interval, substitutions and team changes may be made during this time;
- two seven minute halves, with only a change of ends between those halves (no team changes or substitutions may be made); and
- the timer is to stand at the last 10 seconds to inform the umpire of full time, but, if the scores are still even, time continues until one team has a two goal advantage.

1.10 Trophies

Trophies are awarded to the winner of each grade at the end of the competition.

In addition, the following special trophies are awarded:

- Club Championship** trophies are awarded to the club with the highest average number of championship points per team in the season:

- (i) Winner: Iris Kitts Trophy
 - (ii) Runner-up: Betts Cup
- (b) **Highest Goal Average** trophies are awarded to the team with the highest goal average in the grade category during rounds 1 and 2 (rounds 2 and 3 in Collegiate grades), adjusted for the length of games played in the eligible rounds:
- (i) Premier grades – winner: Lady Fowler Cup
 - (ii) Senior grades – winner: Betty Armstrong Cup
 - (iii) Collegiate grades – winner: Shirley Smith Trophy
- (c) **Best Defensive Play** trophies are awarded to the team with the lowest goal average scored against them during rounds 1 and 2 in the grade category, adjusted for the length of games played in the eligible rounds:
- (i) Premier grades – winner: Umpires Jubilee Trophy
 - (ii) Senior grades – winner: Barbara Merchant Trophy
 - (iii) Collegiate grades – winner: Lady Appleton Trophy

2. COMPETITION RULES

2.1 Registration of teams

Clubs and schools must return the "Annual Registration Form" with the number of teams and their grade by **14th March 2009**. Teams not registered in this manner will not be entered in the competition (unless the Board exercises its discretion to accept late entries). Clubs and schools must number their teams ranking from highest to lowest (with the highest team being numbered 1). Where there is more than one team from that club or school in a grade, the highest ranked team is that with the highest number. Teams that move up or down through promotion/relegation during the season retain their number even if it places them out of sequence with the other teams in their club or school.

Please note that clubs and schools must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that teams are ranked strictly in accordance with their ability, as this will assist in making our competition as competitive as possible, and making players enjoy their season more. This is particularly the case for collegiate teams.

2.2 Registration of players

Players can only be registered in one club, school or team during the season unless a transfer has been approved subject to rule 2.4.

NOTE: representative players must be registered with only one netball Centre/Region in any one calendar year. All players must be registered in the Centre/Region for which they are a representative player by 31 May, unless the Centre/Region in which the player was registered prior to 31 May consents in writing to the transfer.

Player registration at start of season

Clubs, schools and teams must return the Team Registration form for each team completed to include the names of all players in that team by the first competition game.

Players under the age of 21 at 1 January 2009 (birth date after 1 January 1988) must have their birthdate included on their team registration form. All player registrations are subject to the regrade rules (refer rule 2.5).

Clubs must ensure that all players have completed a club registration form prior to registration with Netball Wellington Centre. Club registration forms should include a statement whereby the player agrees to be a member of the club and hence Netball Wellington Centre. Copies of the club registration form of each player should be held by the club secretary/co-ordinator and a copy may be requested by Netball Wellington Centre, should proof of registration be required (e.g., in the event of representative team or player development squad selection).

Player registration after season start

Clubs, schools and member teams must notify Netball Wellington Centre if there are any changes to Premier, Senior or Collegiate team registrations by **24 May 2009**. **Up to this date, players may be registered and de-registered.** After **24 May 2009**, all additional player registrations during the season must be notified in writing to Netball Wellington Centre. A fee of \$30.00 must be paid for every registration is to a team in which 12 or more players are already registered. All changes or additions to teams must comply with the grading rules (see rule 2.5).

Clubs, schools and teams can register a player on Saturday by filling in the form at the pavilion office. The player may take the court on that day but the registration will not be confirmed until the player is checked against the grading rules by the staff in the following week. Therefore, the club/school should check the player is eligible to play for the relevant team and in that grade or the team may risk losing points or incurring a fine.

The fine for playing an unregistered player is \$50 plus \$30 registration fee and loss of two championship points.

The fine for playing under another person's name is \$50.

2.3 Registered uniform

A new club, school or team must submit a coloured sketch of its proposed uniform and bib enclosing a sample of materials to Netball Wellington Centre for approval and registration. Once registered, any other club, school or team may not wear the uniform. If a club, school or team is disbanded, the uniform shall remain on the register for two years.

Any proposed alteration to an existing registered uniform must first be approved by Netball Wellington Centre, following the process described above.

Dress code

- (a) no player may take the court in an unregistered uniform;
- (b) sports shoes must be worn;
- (c) subject to (e), players must not wear jewellery of any kind, including rings, bracelets, necklaces, anklets, friendship bands, piercings /studs (including earrings, face, tongue or body studs or rings)(including cultural necklaces);
- (d) players may not take the court wearing bicycle pants, leggings, g-string or skimpy underwear, trousers, track pants or jeans; and
- (e) players may wear wedding bands (flat) and medical bracelets only if taped.

A player may apply in writing to Netball Wellington Centre for a variation from the registered uniform for medical or cultural reasons or other special circumstances. Consideration will be given to players wearing registered tracksuits and sweatshirts during inclement weather. Umpires will use their discretion in such circumstances.

A player taking the court in an unregistered uniform or breaching the above dress code will incur a fine of \$20 and may be asked to leave the court.

2.4 Saturday team registration

Teams are required to register each Saturday by one team member or management reporting at the Game Office to confirm the team is present.

Spot checks of teams for unregistered players will be conducted throughout the season.

Premier 1 and then Division 1 teams must complete a team sheet, which is handed to the umpire before each game. Umpires will note substitutions for each quarter on the team sheet. All Premier 1 players must have played in a minimum of two game for the club or school in Round 1 before they are eligible to play in the RSL. A club may seek a dispensation from this requirement from the Board in special circumstances.

2.5 Grading Rules

Regrades

Clubs and schools must apply to Netball Wellington Centre in writing for regrades of players as follows:

- (a) for players who have played in Premier 1 in either of the previous two seasons: to play in Premier 3 or any grade below Premier 3; and
- (b) for players who have played in Premier 2 or below in either of the previous two seasons: to play in any grade that is more than two grades below the highest grade they have played in the previous two seasons.

The approval or rejection of an application for a regrade shall be made by the Netball Wellington Centre Board in its sole discretion. When considering whether a regrade for a player is appropriate, the Board will take into account:

- (c) medical conditions;
- (d) return to netball after one or more seasons off;
- (e) placement of the next team down within the club;
- (f) inability to cope at the higher level previously played;
- (g) fairness to other players in the grade the player wishes to be regraded to; and
- (h) any representative history.

An application for an emergency regrade may be made in writing to Netball Wellington Centre by no later than 2.00pm on the Friday prior to the Saturday or schedule game.

Playing up/down grades

No player may play for a team in a grade lower than the grade in which the team that that player is registered in plays. No player may play for a team in a club other than the club for which that player is registered. In addition:

- (a) Subject to (b), where more than one team from a club is entered in one grade, a player in the lower ranked team (by team number) may play in the higher ranked team, but not vice versa.
- (b) **College players** may play for a lower **team** in their school, but **only if they are in the same collegiate grade.**

Premier 1 teams must also be ranked within the club. This means that if a club has two teams in Premier 1, they must be ranked and named 1 and 2. Players are **not able** to play across those teams at will, and the rule set out in (a) above applies. All rules regarding playing for other teams apply equally to Premier 1 teams.

During Rounds 1 and 2, players may only play "up" (i.e., for a team in their club that is in a grade higher than the one in which the player is registered) on two occasions. Where a player plays up a third time, that player is then deemed to be registered in the team for which it plays on that third occasion (whether the previous playing "up" has been with that team or other teams). In special circumstances, the Board of Netball Wellington Centre may grant an exemption from this deemed regrade. Application for such regrade must be made in writing through the Netball Wellington Centre. Until such time as an exemption is granted (if any), the regrade stands.

A player may only play for a team in the challenge round or in any promotion/relegation match if that player has played for that team on at least two occasions previously.

The fine for playing "down" is \$50, plus the team in which the player played shall lose two competition points.

Teams in grades

At the start of each season, no more than two teams from a club or school are allowed in any one premier grade. In Round 2 or the Challenge Round, through the operation of the promotion/relegation system, there may be more than two teams from the same club in a grade. However, at the beginning of the following season, teams will be regraded to ensure the rule is again enforced.

2.6 Transfers and unfinancial players

Subject to the grading rules, players may transfer between clubs, schools, regions and centres.

Transfers between seasons do not need to be advised to Netball Wellington Centre. Transfers during the season must be notified to Netball Wellington Centre by the club to which the player is transferring, accompanied by a letter of agreement from the club which they are transferring.

Netball Wellington Centre does not take responsibility for unfinancial transferring players, unless the player has an outstanding debt or obligation to Netball Wellington Centre. It is the responsibility of clubs, schools and teams to follow up unfinancial transferring players.

2.7 Dispensation or deferment for representative duties

A representative duty is where a player, coach or manager is out of Wellington with one of the following representative teams:

- (a) a Netball Wellington Centre team;
- (b) a Netball Wellington Region team;
- (c) a Tasman Trophy team (e.g., the Central Pulse);
- (d) a secondary school team at a national or international competition (i.e., the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team or the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships); and/or
- (e) a Netball New Zealand age group or senior representative team.

Where a team has members who are unavailable to play or coach in the scheduled Saturday competition day due to representative duties, the team may choose **one and only one** of the following options:

- Option 1 (only available where **four or more members** of the team (may include the coach) are required for representative duties): *Defer the game*: An application to defer must be made to Netball Wellington Centre no later than one week prior to the scheduled games. The game must be played within two weeks of the scheduled game. A deferred game cannot be deferred again and cannot be replayed under option 2.
- Option 2 (only available where **three or more members** of the team (may include the coach) are required for representative duties): *Option to replay*: Play the game, but retain the option to replay in the event that the team missing three or more members loses the match. An application to replay must be made to Netball Wellington Centre in writing within five days of the lost game. The replay must occur within two weeks of the lost game. A replayed game cannot be deferred and cannot be replayed a second time.
- Option 3 (only available where **three or more members** of the team (may include the coach) are required for representative duties): *Dispensation from playing up rule*: The dispensation provides that a set number of named players for a set period, determined by Netball Wellington Centre, are entitled to play up a grade more than twice and can then return to their original team without penalty when the representative players return to the team.

If a team applies for a deferment but it has not been confirmed by Netball Wellington Centre, it is the responsibility of the team to confirm with Netball Wellington Centre that the deferment has been granted. Until such time as that confirmation is received, that team must still play the game as scheduled.

Teams who apply for deferments or replays are responsible for organising the game in consultation with Netball Wellington Centre and for reimbursing each umpire to the value of \$10 for out of pocket expenses.

2.8 Defaults

Clubs, schools and teams must notify Netball Wellington Centre in writing of defaults by **12.00 noon** on the Friday prior to the scheduled game. All notifications must be made through the Club Secretary.

A default notified prior to 12.00 noon on the Friday before the scheduled game incurs the following fines:

Premier, Division 1, Premier Reserve and Senior teams: \$100 plus loss of two championship points

Collegiate teams: \$40 plus loss of two championship points

A late default fine will be incurred for defaulting after 12.00 noon on the Friday prior to the scheduled game. If the fine is not paid within two weeks of the late default, the team will be withdrawn until payment is made.

A late default (notified after 12.00 noon on the Friday before the scheduled game or a no show on the day) incurs the following fines:

Premier Competition teams and Senior teams: \$200 plus loss of two championship points

Collegiate teams: \$100 plus loss of two championship points

2.9 Provision of scorers

Each team must provide a scorer for each scheduled game. Unless the teams otherwise agree, the role of scorer should be rotated between the teams either at each quarter time or swapped from one team to the other at half time. Nonetheless, a representative of each team should stand with the scorecard in the middle sideline at all times to prevent disputes regarding the score. Unless there is evidence to the contrary satisfactory to Netball Wellington Centre, the official score will be the score on the scorecard. Except in Premier 1, the scorer/team representative may change during the game.

2.10 Timing of matches

Except for the timing of Premier 1 and Division 1 games, timing of matches is generally undertaken from the Pavilion, with start and finish times of each quarter signified by a central bell. Timing for each Premier 1 and Division 1 game is to be undertaken by an official timer, or by the umpires.

All other games should start on the central bell. Except in the case of injury, the end of each quarter shall occur on the blow of the umpire's whistle at the time of the central bell. Umpires are required to take injury time and add it to the end of the quarter in which the injury occurred. The umpires may delegate this responsibility to a timer on the sideline, if such a person is present. Where a game does not start on the starting bell due to the umpires being late to the game:

- (a) if the game is a Premier 2 game, the umpires shall take the time and the full 10 min per quarter is still to be played; and
- (b) if the game is a game other than a Premier 1 or Premier 2 game, the game shall start as soon as the umpires are present on the court, but no extra time shall be played past the end of the quarter indicated by the central bell, unless there is injury for which time is to be played in that quarter.

2.11 Umpiring duties

Each team in Premier 3 to Premier Reserve 4, Senior grades and Collegiate 1 to 4 must provide **two umpires** after each game they play. The umpires must report to the office immediately following their game for allocation to games in the next round. All teams in Collegiate 5 to 8 (and Collegiate Recreational) must provide one umpire for their own game. Premier 1, Division 1 and Premier 2 teams will be rostered to provide 8 umpires a couple of times per round, as notified by Netball Wellington Centre.

Please note:

- (a) all games must have two umpires;
- (b) in all cases, once an umpire begins a game, that umpire must umpire the full game. Umpires may not be changed during the course of the game (except in the case of injury to the umpire during the game); and
- (c) player umpires shall as far as possible umpire at a grade at least two grades below that which they play and will not umpire another team from their club or school.

Failure to report and/or failure to provide umpires as per the schedule will result in a fine of \$50 per umpire plus the loss of two championship points per umpire.

The fine set out above shall increase if the team fails to comply with this requirement more than once. On the second failure, the fine shall be \$100 per umpire. On the third occasion, the fine shall be \$200 per umpire, and so on.

2.12 Compulsory umpire training for players

Premier 1 and 2 players must attend the player umpire practical training session at the Hataitai courts on the date notified by Netball Wellington Centre. This is optional but recommended for other players.

2.13 Team bench regulations

These rules apply for all grades.

All court side lines are to be clear of the following:

- (a) bags;
- (b) drink bottles/drink bottle crates;
- (c) prams;
- (d) umbrellas; and
- (e) balls.

Court 1 (Premier 1, Division 1 and Premier 2 games)

- (a) team benches to be on concrete seating on the northern side of the court;
- (b) teams are to notify the umpires of the position of their bench;
- (c) the time keeper and the scorer are to be situated in line with the centre circle so that their position is clear to the umpires; and
- (d) exceptions to this positioning will be made in rain and in very cold weather conditions where teams may choose to be seated under the gallery at the end of court 1. The team bench positions must, however, be approved by the umpires.

Court 4-7 (Premier 2 and Premier 3 games)

- (a) the time keeper and the scorer are to be situated in line with the centre circle so that their position is clear to the umpires;
- (b) coaches, managers and team benches must take up a position at the side of the court close to the centre of the court; and
- (c) teams may choose to stand on opposite sides of the court, but the positions must be clear to the umpires.

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Annual registration fees

Annual registration fees must be paid by **31 May 2009**. Late payment may result in suspension from the competition and representative players being ineligible to play. Teams who withdraw after **17 May 2009** must pay the full registration fee. Failure to pay by the due date may result in the team being defaulted.

Grade	Registration fee payable
2009 Member Club, Member Team (Premier, Premier Reserve and Senior) for a team of up to 12 players	\$922.50
Additional players	\$30.00 each
2009 Member School (Premier and Premier Reserve) for a team of up to 12 players	\$675.00
Additional players	\$30.00 each
2009 Member School (Collegiate 1 - 4) for a team of up to 12 players	\$337.50
2009 Member School (Collegiate 5 - Rec) for a team of up to 12 players (Self Umpire).	\$303.75
Additional players	\$10.00 each

The registration fee is assessed on the grade in which the relevant team plays in Round 1.

3.2 **Summary of fines/charges**

Each fine/charge is to be paid within 10 days of the invoice being issued to that club or school by Netball Wellington Centre. Any disputes regarding fines must be made in writing to Netball Wellington Centre (along with complete reasons for the dispute) within seven days. Failure to pay a fine or charge on or before the due date may result in the team being defaulted until such time that the fine or charge is paid.

Fee or charge description	Amount
Default by midday on Friday	Prem and Prem Res teams: \$100 Collegiate teams: \$40
Late default	Prem and Prem Res teams: \$200 Collegiate teams: \$100
Unregistered player	\$50 fine plus \$30 registration fee (+ loss of 2 points)
Playing under another name	\$50 (+ loss of 2 points)
Playing down a grade	\$50 (+ loss of 2 points)
Failure to report for umpiring or failing to umpire	\$50 per umpire (+ loss of two points per umpire) (team's 1 st offence)
Unregistered uniform	\$20
Bib hire	\$10 per set plus \$10 deposit
Failure to report for office duty	\$100

3.3 **Office duty**

All member clubs, schools and teams are required to do one or two office duties during the season to assist with the smooth running of the competition. Clubs and schools with two or more teams are rostered on their own and Member Team (one team club) will share its duty with another team.

Unless otherwise notified by Netball Wellington Centre, two people must be in the office at all times during the duty period. Teams sharing the roster may choose to provide one person each. The duty people should be responsible adults or senior college students. An office supervisor will instruct and assist.

Failure to report for office duty, or to complete the entire duty as rostered, will result in a \$100 fine.

3.4 Court hire

Netball Wellington Centre hires all the courts from the Wellington City Council from early April until early October and administers the hire of courts 1 and 2 in the off-season.

Existing bookings

Clubs or schools that have booked courts for practice on weeknights in the previous season have preference for that booking in the next season provided that:

- (a) the booking form is returned by **20 March**;
- (b) a deposit is paid by **29 March**; and
- (c) they have complied with payment requirements in the previous season.

Court hire

Court hire fees must be paid in full by 31 May 2009. The fee is \$210+GST per hour per court for the season. The deposit for booking confirmation will be equivalent to 20% of the season hire fees or one season's court hire for the season, whichever is the lesser.

New bookings

New bookings will be allocated in the order that an application form and deposit is received by Netball Wellington Centre.

Short-term hire/off-season hire

Hirer	Time	Rate
Member clubs, schools and teams (for use as part of the netball programme of such club, school or team)	Daytime hire (i.e., 8am-4pm)	\$20+gst per court per hour
	Evening hire (i.e., 4pm-10pm)	\$30+gst per court per hour
Member clubs, schools and teams or members of the same (for use other than as part of the netball programme of that club, school or team)	Daytime hire (i.e., 8am-4pm)	\$30+gst per court per hour
	Evening hire (i.e., 4pm-10pm)	\$40+gst per court per hour
Non members	Daytime hire (i.e., 8am-4pm)	\$50+gst per court per hour
	Evening hire (i.e., 4pm-10pm)	\$60+gst per court per hour

3.5 Pavilion hire

The Netball Wellington Centre pavilion is available for hire. However, Netball Wellington does not hold a liquor licence. As a result, if a liquor licence is required for an event, the hirer must apply for this individually.

Hirer	Time	Rate
Member clubs, schools and teams for meetings or social hour following Saturday games for club meetings	During Saturday Use of a room at the	No charge

	Pavilion specified by NWC	No charge
Member clubs, schools and teams (for use by the club, school or team other than as set out above)	Daytime hire (i.e., 8am-4pm)	\$40+gst per hour
	Evening hire (i.e., 4pm-1am)	\$50+gst per hour
Members of member clubs, schools and teams for events that are not Member club, Member school or Member team events	Daytime hire (i.e., 8am-5pm)	\$60+gst per hour + bond of \$150
	Evening hire (i.e., 5pm-1am)	\$350+gst + bond of \$250
Non members	Daytime hire (i.e., 8am-5pm)	\$75+gst per hour + bond of \$150
	Evening hire (i.e., 5pm-1am)	\$500+gst + bond of \$250

3.6 Valuables

Please do not leave valuables or clothes unattended around the courts. Netball Wellington Centre takes no responsibility for items lost or stolen at the courts. Lost property is retained for up to two months. Enquire at the pavilion office.

3.7 Advertising

Club banners

Club banners may be displayed provided that the banner is tied to the fence or held in such a way so as not to interfere with or cover Netball Wellington Centre signage or to interfere with any game. Any Club or Team that wishes to display sponsor signage, must seek permission of the Game Manager, Netball Wellington Centre. These will that promotes a sponsor's logo or name must receive will be charged at \$20 per court per game.

Provision of contacts to commercial agencies

Netball Wellington Centre may provide club and/or school addresses to commercial agencies, but will first ensure that the club or school has not objected to the distribution, the agency is promoting a product relevant to netball and the agency agrees to pay a fee to Netball Wellington Centre.

3.8 No smoking policy

Smoking is not permitted within the pavilion or inside the surrounds of the netball courts (in compliance with the Smoke Free Environments Amendment Act 2003).

3.9 Restrictions on court use/access

Dogs, bicycles, skateboards, roller-blades and scooters are not permitted within the fenced perimeter of the netball courts. Umbrellas, pushchairs, prams and wheelchairs may only be used behind the baselines and not along the sidelines of the courts.

4. DISCIPLINARY

4.1 Netball New Zealand

As a member of Netball New Zealand (NNZ) you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of NNZ, a Regional Entity or a Netball Centre and in any role you hold within NNZ, a Regional Entity or a Netball Centre: (*reprinted from NNZ Regulations*)

- Respect the rights dignity and worth of others.

- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing quality service.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 17 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to NNZ standards, rules, regulations and policies.
- Operate within the rules of netball including national and international guidelines which govern NNZ, the Regional Entity and Netball Centres.
- Understand your responsibility if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of the Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- Do not use your involvement with NNZ, a Regional Entity or Netball Centre to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of NNZ, a Regional Entity or Netball Centre.
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 17 years of age, wherever possible.
- Refrain from any form of abuse towards others.
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards, or discrimination of others.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of any netball or netball related activity.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model.

Misconduct of player or supporter

Dispute about result

Umpiring problems

Unfinancial or illegal player

Breach of rules

Call one of the **Fair Play Promoters** during your game

Problem solved?

Yes ————— No

Any person may lay a complaint in writing

A club or school official must sign the form

Send to Netball Wellington within 7 days

Complaint received by Netball Wellington

Categorised

Minor

Dealt with by
Game Manager

Urgent

Referred to Disciplinary
Committee

Further Action Required

Referred to Disciplinary
Committee

Disciplinary Committee (DC)
Investigates and determines
Complaint (*urgent complaint is fast track*)

Investigation - the DC may:

Contact the complaint; contact the member, supporter or umpire; contact the club or school; request further submissions; call a hearing; take any other appropriate action.

Determination - the DC may:

censure the member, supporter or umpire; require an apology or further training; replay a game, reverse the result; suspend the member; take any other appropriate action.

Investigation - the Game Manager and/or Disciplinary Committee may: *contact the complainant, contact the member, supporter or umpire, contact the club or school, request further submissions, call a hearing or take any other appropriate action*

Determination - the Judiciary Disciplinary may: *censure the member, supporter or umpire, require an apology or further training, replay a game, reverse the result, suspend the member or take any other appropriate action.*