

Current Christchurch Netball Centre (CNC) Policies

A. Registration of Players

1. No player shall play in any match unless registered by the Centre as herein provided. Players are permitted to play only for the one club they are registered with. Any change of club within a season requires written permission from CNC Executive on receiving written request/agreement from both clubs involved.
2. Clubs shall submit to the Executive all names of team members for registration on the team registration card provided prior to the commencement of the first competition game.
3. No team shall register more than twelve players at any one time.
4. After having first been given a verbal or written warning, any team playing an unregistered player will have two points deducted for each game s/he remains unregistered.
5. Clubs wishing to register additional players after the commencement of the season shall submit to the Executive the player's name for registration prior to the commencement of the first match this player wishes to play in.
6. Players playing in closed grades (Premier, Senior, Senior Reserve) can play up twice in a higher seeded team other than the one they are registered in. This includes teams from the same club in the same grade. **Before playing up a grade the third time they must apply to be regraded or stay in the higher graded team. Once regraded into a higher team, players will not be granted a regrade back to their original team.**
7. Players in all other grades can play up twice in a higher grade than the one they are registered in. Before the third time s/he must apply to CNC to be regraded or remain in the higher grade. If a player has played up in more than one grade than originally registered, the team s/he is regraded into shall be determined by the Executive in consultation with the club. **Once regraded into a higher team players will not be granted a regrade back to their original team.**
8. A player may not at any time play in a lower grade than that for which s/he is registered. The penalty for doing so is that the team played in will forfeit at least 2 and up to a maximum of 4 points.
9. In the Grading round in the case of players inter-changing between Under 19 Reserve and 2A Sections 1-3, these grades are deemed to be of equal level for the purposes of player interchange. Players may not interchange between top three sections and bottom sections of 2A and between Under 19 Reserve and any other remaining Under 19 sections without penalty. This rule does not apply to Competition round for Under 19 grade but shall remain in effect for 2A Grade.
10. In closed grades (Premier, Senior and Senior Reserve) a player wishing to register in a grade lower than the grade registered in during the previous season must apply to the Executive for a regrade. Each regrade application will be determined on its own merits and the Executive's decision will be final.
11. Players in the Age Grades Under 19,17,16, 14,13 12 and 11 must be under the age stated as at the 1st January of the year of competition, unless prior approval has been granted by the Executive. The same ruling applies for Representative Age Group team players. (Ages are calculated as at 1 January 2008 - which means that players may turn the age that a grade is named during the season (ie Under 14 players must be under 14 on 1 January 2008 and can turn 14 between 2 January and 31 December 2008).

12. Boys may be permitted to play in any under age grades up to Under 15. A maximum of three boys are permitted on court at any one time. For each team there must be only one boy in each goal circle area and one in the centre court playing area. Requests for dispensation for boys to play in other grades must be made to the Executive.
13. Clearance between seasons is required from a previous club to ensure a player is financial to change to another club and shall not be granted to unfinancial members. Notification regarding unfinancial members shall be forwarded by the Clubs to the Executive no later than commencement of competition in each year. Any uncleared players are deemed to be unregistered. Clearances must be signed by an authorised club official. Clearance forms are available to download from the CNC website. **This policy is to protect Clubs from players deemed to be unfinancial.**
14. Guidelines for age group grades:
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| Under 11 | players entering club competition for the first year – Year 6 at school |
| Under 12 | players entering club competition for the first year - Year 7 at school. |
| Under 13 | players entering club competition for the second year - Year 8 at school |
| Under 14 | recommended for players in Year 9 at school |
| Under 16 | recommended for players in Years 10 and 11 at school |
| Under 17 | an additional grade for players in years 12,13 and school leavers |
| Under 19 | a competitive grade for Years 12 and 13 and school leavers. Only Under 19/Reserve qualifiers will be eligible for promotion to Senior Reserve grade. |
15. No player is eligible to play in any grade if under (Year 6) at school or 10 years of age unless prior approval by the Executive has been granted. A request for a birth certificate may be made by the Executive.
16. Players from a team that has attained a higher grade through promotion/relegation during or at the end of the preceding season shall be deemed to have played in that higher grade for registration purposes.
17. Entry of teams in appropriate grades is the responsibility of the Club, however final placement of all teams in grades/sections will be at the Executive's discretion.
18. Any request for affiliation of a club to the Centre must be from a Club with 3 or more registerable teams. For 2008, Year 6 teams entered in Under 11 grade are exempt from this policy.

B. Uniforms, Teams and Players

1. All players must wear registered club uniform. Suitable cold weather tops may be worn under playing tops if registered as part of the team's uniform but are not permitted under dresses. Suitable sports shoes to be worn, casual/street shoes are not permitted. All players within teams must wear the same coloured socks.
2. In cases of religious or cultural requirements, application must be made to the Executive for any exceptions to the team uniform requirements.
3. Clubs with an **A team** in Premier, Senior, Senior Reserve, 2A, Under 19 Reserve may request a variation to the registered club uniform. Any variations including dresses must retain the base club colours. Any club may have a maximum of two (2) variations of uniform approved within their club at any one time (additional provision is made for a school team to enter the competition under the auspices of a Club).

4. Irrespective of request for change of uniform, bibs should stay the same for the entire club unless permission is granted by the Executive. All players must wear bib initials indicating court playing positions. The initials shall be of 150mm size and shall be worn above the waist, back and front. Bibs are permitted to display the club name and/or sponsor.
5. Sponsors name and/or logo shall not exceed 64cm² in area and shall not be used more than once on any one garment. Bibs, whether one or two pieces, are considered to be one garment.
6. Where teams with similar uniforms are drawn to play against each other it is upon the umpires discretion whether an alternative bib will be worn. A coin toss will determine which team will wear the alternate bibs. Alternate bibs are available from the office.
7. Players on court may wear named shirts displaying only their own name.
8. No headwear (excluding NNZ approved sun visors), bike pants longer than the length of skirt or dress, boxer shorts, jewellery or body piercing may be worn.
9. No item of jewellery (including body piercing), except a wedding ring and/or medical alert bracelet shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be fully taped to the body. Cultural necklaces may be worn only if all parts are wholly taped to the body. Fingernails may not be taped, however suitable gloves may be worn for the entire game.
10. Umpires are not responsible for jewellery given to them by players to hold during the playing of matches. Lockers are available for hire for this purpose.

C. Competition

1. Premier, Senior and Senior Reserve grades are 'closed' grades. The format for promotion/relegation and competition structure within these grades following Club Forum discussions will be confirmed by the Executive and notified to all affiliated clubs before February in each year. (Refer to 'Playing of Games') .
2. Franchise players are restricted to Premier grade teams only. Premier grade teams are permitted to register up to 3 franchise players per season. Once registered a franchise player cannot be replaced by another franchise player.
3. Franchise players are required to play no less than 3 games for their nominated club team for the season. Failure to do so will incur a penalty for the team of the deduction of 4 points per game not played.
4. Teams involved in any challenge games, promotion/relegation games, semi-finals or finals must consist of players (including Franchise players) who have played three (3) games for that team during the challenge round or competition round for the current season. Clubs may apply in writing to CNC for special dispensation in the case of injury or illness or other extraneous circumstances. (see Point 2 General). This dispensation may have conditions attached (eg request of a medical certificate).
5. Where placegetters of sections tie on points, goal ratios will determine final placings.
6. If semi-final and finals games result in a draw, then the time-keeper will advise the Umpires that:
 - (a) There shall be a two (2) minute interval at the end of full-time . Substitutions and/or team changes are permitted;
 - (b) Extra time of two (2) x seven (7) minute halves each way will be played;
 - (c) Teams change ends at half time without an interval. No substitutions and/or team changes are permitted. The centre pass is taken by the team entitled to the next

centre pass;

(d) In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play will continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage).

7. Teams qualifying as 1st and 2nd in 2A, and 4th in Senior Reserve sections 2 and 3 must be available to be involved in the challenge series of games for the following year. Any withdrawal means the team cannot qualify as grade winners or runners up.
8. Teams must participate in promotion/relegation games or series of games. Any teams that default section play-off games, promotion/relegation, semi-final or finals games will be fined a sum to be determined by the Executive and the Executive reserves the right to review that team's entry for the following season.
9. Premier, Senior and Senior Reserve grade teams, must on request, supply a scorekeeper or timekeeper for their own game, such requested game official must remain in close proximity to the official scoreboard.
10. Team Bench Protocol: Where team benches are designated the team named first in the Draw Guide will take the bench to the right of the score box when facing the court, the second named team takes the left bench, providing team benches are located either side of the scoreboard.
11. Points - 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss by 3 goals or less in 40 minute games and 5 goals or less in 60 minute game.
12. Penalty points deducted by the Executive shall be shown on the points sheet and indicated as such.
13. Byes where allocated will be shown on the points sheet.
14. Graders of grades Under 19/2A and below may, at their discretion at the beginning of the Competition round divide the grades into two, to provide play-off opportunities for Grade/Championship Winners and Plate Winners.

D. Administration Rules for Playing of Games

1. All games must commence at the times and dates advised and no game times will be changed after the Draw is completed unless required by Executive.
2. Games in Grades 2A, U19, U17, U16, U14, U13, U12, U11 will be played to the official centre time. There will be no injury time taken for games in these grades unless determined by the umpire(s) to be an emergency situation. No coaching is allowed during any stoppage for injury or illness.
3. The captains of each team must complete the appropriate Team Card supplied by the Centre, to the umpire/scorers a list of the names of the players taking part in each game plus substitute players, and it shall be the duty of the umpire not to commence the game until the Team Card is sighted by the game umpires. A CNC local rule, allows alterations to be made to the team card after the start of play for all grades. Players listed are deemed to have played unless subsequently deleted. Teams must return the team card to the Umpires for sign-off and submitting to the office with score card at completion of game.
4. For Senior Reserve grade and below all games will consist of four ten minute spells with two breaks of (1) one minute and a half time break of up to (3) three minutes.
5. Premier and Senior Grades games will consist of (4) four fifteen minute spells with two breaks of up to (3) three minutes and a half time break of up to (5) five minutes.

- 6 All competition games where possible shall be played prior to scheduled representative games involving CNC players.
- 7 Club games will be rescheduled when two or more CNC representative players or one CNC representative team management person and one representative player are absent from the same club team at representative fixtures.
8. When a club is unable to field a team the Club Secretary or nominated Club Official must notify the Administration Officer by Phone on **379 4486** no later than noon on the day before the match is to be played. Failure to do so will result in the Club being fined an amount between \$50.00 and \$500.00 as determined from time to time by the Executive. Defaults by teams in Restricted or Closed Grades will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances on application to the Executive.
9. Cancellation - Premier, Senior, Senior Reserve, Second Grade A, Under 19 Reserve games will not be cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather (except at the Executive's discretion) and will continue to be played at times as shown in the Draw . Players in all other grades should listen to Newstalk ZB, or 94.5 The Breeze, cancellation service or phone the cancellation line 379 4489, or check the website www.christchurchnetball.org.nz for updated information.
10. Teams will not be permitted to request specific times for playing games. However, teams may request either morning or afternoon games for a fee of \$60.00 per request, such request to be submitted at time of entry. Time requests cannot be considered from teams in Grades with eight teams or less. Due to Draw complexity time requests cannot be guaranteed.
- 11 All teams are required to supply a scorer for each game. Scorers should stand together for the entire game on the sideline of the court with the official scorecard. Failure of a team to supply a scorer means they must accept the score as presented on the official scorecard by the opposing team.
12. Premier/Senior Grades
- Premier grade will play the following format for 2008 season and will **comprise Club "A" teams only.**
 - The first seven games (Challenge series) will be a non-seeded round of competition.
 - **After Round 7 there will be automatic promotion/relegation between Premier (seed 8) and Senior (seed 1).(ie Club "A" teams). If Seeds 1 and 2 Senior grade are not eligible for promotion status quo shall remain.**
 - **For Premier grade the finals will consist of 1v2 (game1) and 3v4 (game2). The second round of finals will be between the loser of game 1 and the winner of game 2 (game 3). The grand final will be played between the winner of game 1 and the winner of game 3 on dates to be determined.**
 - Seeds 7 and 8 of Premier grade will play a 3 game round-robin of one hour games with seeds 1 and 2 of Senior grade. After these 3 games the top 2 seeds will be promoted to Premier grade for the beginning of the following season and seeds 3 and 4 will be relegated to Senior grade for the beginning of the following season, providing these teams are eligible .
 - If teams are even on points after these 3 round robin games they shall be promoted or relegated according to goal ratio from the 3 games.
 - The round-robin play-offs for Premier and Senior grades shall consist of 3 rounds of one hour games and will be played on dates to be determined.
13. At the beginning of the season, there may be three teams from any one club in the top 16 teams of competition, **with no more than two teams from one club in Senior grade and club A teams only in Premier grade.**
14. Teams in Premier and Senior grades may add sponsors names and/or team

'nicknames' other than initials. CNC must be notified of the seedings of the teams within their club.

15. Teams playing one hour games (Premier & Senior grades) cannot request the same time each week. One hour game times are normally 10.00am, 11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm.
16. Senior grade will play the same format as D.12 above with seed 8 being automatically relegated to Senior Reserve after round 7 if eligible.
17. Seeds 7 and 8 of Senior grade and seeds 1 and 2 of Senior Reserve will play in a 3 game round-robin of one hour games to determine final placings for 2008. If teams are even on points after these 3 games promotion or relegation will be made according to goal ratio from these 3 games.
18. Senior/Senior Reserve Grades structure for 2008 is:
Senior Reserve Grade top seeds from sections 1 and 2 will play each other after round 7. If eligible, the winner or loser will gain automatic promotion to the Senior grade for the remainder of the season.
19. Senior Reserve, Second Grade A and Under 19 Reserve format for 2008 season is:
 - Sixteen teams from Senior Reserve play 7 games (unseeded draw) in two sections of eight teams. **No more than two teams per club will be permitted in the Senior Reserve grade in the first round.**
 - Top four teams after seedings have been determined from each section then become Section 1 Senior Reserve and continue playing a further 7 games to determine the top 2 teams to challenge for Senior Grade for the following season.
 - The grade winner of Senior Reserve for the season will be determined after these further seven games.
 - Bottom four teams from each section are then joined by:
 - Top 2 teams from Under 19 Reserve and
 - Top 6 teams from 2A Grade Sections 1 - 3
 - Section 2 (Round 2) consists of:
 - Seeds 5 & 6 Senior Reserve (Section 1)
 - Seeds 7 & 8 Senior Reserve (Section 2)
 - Seeds 1, 3, 5 from 2A
 - Seed 2 from Under 19 Reserve
 - Section 3 (Round 2) consists of:
 - Seeds 5 & 6 Senior Reserve (Section 2)
 - Seeds 7 & 8 Senior Reserve (Section 1)
 - Seeds 2, 4, 6 from 2A
 - Seed 1 from Under 19 Reserve
 - Following a further seven games the top 3 teams from Sections 2 and 3 stay in Senior Reserve for the following season, the bottom 4 teams from Sections 2 and 3 are automatically relegated to 2A for the following season.
 - Seeds 4 from Sections 2 and 3 play top 2 teams from 2A in a three game round robin. If teams are even on points after these 3 games goal ratio will be used to determine final placings.
 - Winner and runner-up of 2A Grade will be determined after the appropriate game in this round-robin.
20. The winner or runner-up (if winner is not eligible) of a play-off between two section winners in Senior Reserve grade at the end of Round 7 will have automatic promotion to the Senior grade, if eligible, to take the place of the lowest seeded team in the Senior grade. Status quo will remain if one or both teams are not eligible for promotion or relegation.

E. Umpiring Commitments

1. Under 11 grade teams will have games where possible, officiated by **trained Senior or Junior Whistlers**. Under 12 grade teams will supply their own game umpires. CNC may provide umpires for some games at this level.
2. All players in Premier, Senior, Senior Reserve Under 19 and **2A grade teams** will be required to sit and pass the NNZ Local Centre Umpire Theory examination (Banks of Questions) prior to first competition game. Any players not completing this requirement will be deemed to be an unregistered player (see Registration 4). In extenuating circumstances arrangements may be made with the Executive to complete this requirement at a later date.
3. Teams in 2nd Grade B and **Under 17 grade** are required to complete the Umpires Test examination as set by Game Officials Sub-Committee. Teams will be randomly selected for audit of this requirement. Those players who hold a NNZ Local Centre Umpire Theory qualification (and can provide evidence of that) are exempt from completing the Umpires Test.
4. Teams entered in Under 17 and above are required to supply umpires as requested Failure to do so will result in the club being fined an amount determined from time to time by the Executive and notified to all affiliated clubs At the present time the default fees are \$50 00 per umpire, increased to \$100 00 per umpire after the first fine.
5. Standby team umpires are requested to **wait on chairs located outside the Umpire's office until quarter time** of the round allocated to ascertain whether they are required during that round. Failure to do so will also result in a \$50.00 fine increased to \$100.00 per umpiring card after the first fine.

F. General Rules on CNC Policies

1. Entries will only be accepted from clubs that complete the required entry form documentation stating and signing that they will abide by all Policies, Rules, Procedures and Constitutional requirements of CNC.
2. Any applications for dispensation for exemption to current policies may be made to the CNC Executive. Each application will be dealt with on its own merit and dispensation will not be unreasonably withheld. Applications for any dispensation or exemption to current policies must be submitted 7 days prior to the date that any dispensation, should it be granted, is to take affect. Applications for dispensation will not be dealt with on the day the dispensation is required to take affect. The Executive's decision following any application will be final.
3. Any change to Club Secretary and/or contact details must be notified in writing to the Administration Officer as soon as confirmed.
4. Clubs are required to advise CNC Executive of any sponsorship arrangements before finalising same.
5. CNC will advise clubs of any monies outstanding and that club will be deemed to be unfinancial and entries will not be accepted from those clubs for any season until all outstanding monies are paid in full to CNC.
6. Players eligible for representative teams must be available for Christchurch Netball Centre teams before agreeing to trial for any other Netball Centre team. Players wishing to trial for any other Centre or Regional team must receive written permission from CNC prior to

commencing trials for that Centre or Region and must abide by all rules of transfer as set down by the Region and/or Netball New Zealand.

7. No club shall be given permission to travel or play any match outside of the Centre's jurisdiction on days when tournaments or competitions are being conducted by the Centre, without the written permission of the Executive. Permission will only be given to clubs or teams for any travel or games, if details of a suitably named chaperone are submitted with the application to the Executive. Teams travelling outside of New Zealand to play matches must request permission from Netball New Zealand for this purpose via CNC.
8. Teams playing on Centre Court and Court 2 may display their sponsor's sign following approval in writing from the Executive. The sign is to measure no more than 2.4m x 1m and is to be freestanding and displayed for the duration of that game only. Each team will be permitted to display one sign only, the placement of which will be determined by the Executive.
9. Any team or club fees outstanding at due date (15 June in each year) will have a 10% penalty per month added to the total due.
10. 2008 subscriptions are:

Premier, Senior, Senior Reserve, Under 19, 2A,	\$510.00
2B, Masters, Under 17, Under 16,	\$400.00
Under 14, Under 13, Under 12, Under 11	\$340.00
11. Lost Property - check at office on Saturdays.
12. Car Parking - only vehicles which display non-transferable official CNC parking disks will be admitted to the car parking area. Due to limited available space this restriction will be strictly enforced.

G. Safety Rules

1. Persons with bicycles, prams, pushchairs, skates, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or dogs may be asked to remove them from between the courts while games are in progress. Spectators are requested in the interests of player and umpire safety, not to bring dogs to the netball courts during the playing season.
2. Use of the CNC Agility Room in the Netball Centre building by club teams is permitted only when a suitable trained industry trainer is in attendance.

H. Amendment of CNC Policies

The Executive will circulate any amendment to these policies agreed to by the Executive from time to time to all members as defined in CNC Constitution Rule 4. In addition an updated copy of these policies will be circulated annually within 21 days of the holding of each Annual General Meeting.

These Policies are to be read in conjunction with the CNC Constitution approved on 20 February 2006 and the Rules for Disciplinary Hearings approved on 13 August 2004 and any amendments thereto.