

# St Benedict's School Netball 2024

This document outlines the guidelines for St Benedict's Netball 2024.

These guidelines sit along side the St Benedict's Code of Conduct.

Netball at St Benedict's School is based on Netball New Zealand's futureFERNs development programme (<https://www.futureferns.co.nz/>).

## **Netball Co-ordinators:**

Camilla Peet and Sarah Southee

## **School management:**

Molly Kelly and Tania Savage

## **Who:**

All children who attend St Benedict's are welcome to play netball.

## **Expectation:**

Players will represent St Benedict's school displaying our school's EPIC values. In line with the St Benedict's School guidelines, students will be stood down or permanently removed from netball teams if their behaviour at school does not fit with our EPIC values. This decision will be made by the Principal, Sport Co-ordinator and the Senior Leadership Team.

## **Competitions:**

### Winter Netball

Our school teams are entered into the competitions run by Northern Netball for the winter season (nb: The dates below follow the format for the year before – families will be contacted if there are changes – these times are set by Northern Suburbs Netball).

Years 1-2 – Play on a Saturday afternoon during term 2 – in Newlands.

Years 3-4 – Play on a Saturday afternoon during term 2 and 3 – in Newlands

Years 5-8 – Play on Saturday morning during term 2 and 3 - in Newlands

## **Team Formation:**

Registration forms will be sent to parents via the newsletter, the app and if required via class reps.

Players in years 1-2 attend skills-based sessions and are entered as a school. To be entered we need at least one parent prepared to support (star helper).

Players in years 3-6 will be put into assigned teams by the netball co-ordinators. We are unable to enter teams that don't meet the number of players required on court.

Trials may be held for years 7-8 mixed teams (refer below).

The maximum number of players in a team as decided by Northern netball are:

- 7 aside teams – 10 players
- 6 aside teams – 9 players
- 5 aside teams – 8 players

Please notify the co-ordinator when you register if a player has other commitments that may clash with netball games. These will need to be considered when putting teams together. If a player has a clash of activities and the decision is made to prioritise the other activity at the expense of a St Benedict's School netball team, the absence will not count towards the usual player rotation.

### **Trials:**

The co-ordinators reserve the right to hold trials. This will be decided when registrations have closed, and we know numbers for intermediate players. If trials aren't held then teams will be made using the knowledge of previous coaches and managers to ensure that the teams are balanced, and every player is placed where game time will be maximised in their preferred position. In situations where many players prefer a certain position, the coach and manager will be responsible for ensuring rotation. If there are a lot of new players, or previous coaches are undecided as to the best position for a player.

In the event that a trial is held:

- All year 7 and 8 players who have registered will be invited to attend the trial.
- Attendance is not compulsory or students are welcome to trial for the experience. In both these cases they will be placed in the development team.
- The trial will take place in March with the dates to be confirmed and advertised in the newsletter.
- Players must attend the trial to be considered for the advanced team. If additional players are needed to form two intermediate teams, year 6 players will be invited to attend the trial to be considered for the development team(s).
- The trial will be overseen by an independent selector who considers the individual players as well as the best combinations on court. Team selections are made by the independent selector. Intermediate team selections are final.
- Team selection involves a number of factors including preferred positions, availability of coaches and managers, attitude, and reliability from previous seasons. Our goal is always to put together teams that will maximise the playing time of each player. It is more than likely to ensure an even split of positions that there will be year 8 players in both teams.
- If a player is late to register or unable to attend the trial, they may be placed in the development team.
- It is important that parents and players understand that when we are choosing between players for only two teams the difference between the teams is very small and the ultimate goal of trials is to give players the opportunity to maximise time in their preferred positions.

**Team Practices:**

There will be at least one practice a week for teams in year 5 and above. It is suggested that, where possible, these teams practice at the same time. This allows for a short game to put into practice skills learnt in the practice.

Year 1 to 4 have drills and practices built into their game times on the weekend. Additional practice is not necessary, though this is at the discretion of the team.

**Roles:**

All parents have a role to play in the success of St Benedict's netball. Specific roles are defined below. These are all volunteer roles, but if no-one volunteers, the netball co-ordinators will ask one of the parents. Teams will not be registered unless they have a coach and manager.

If there are multiple volunteers for the roles, coaches and managers who have volunteered for the teams in previous seasons will be given first choice to continue.

All Coaches and Team Managers must be police vetted.

**Team Manager:**

Each team needs a Team Manager. The Team Manager's role is to:

- Complete the team registration form and return to the netball co-ordinator.
- Decide on a team name (in discussion with the Coach).
- Liaise with other teams and book netball courts (through Coralie) for team practice.
- Check the draw each week and inform the team members of the game time and venue.
- Ensure there are enough players for each week and find fill-ins if necessary (along with the Coach).
- Ensure an umpire is available for each week.
- Support the Coach during the games and warm up (year 3 and 4 managers might want to liaise with other parents in the team to take turns running the drills and umpiring).
- Hand out and record netball uniforms.
- Report the game score back to the netball co-ordinator.
- Return the complete team set of uniforms to the co-ordinator before the end of term 3.

**Coach:**

Each team will also require a Coach, who can be the same person as the Team Manager. The Coach's role is to:

- Run practices.
- Liaise with the Team Manager to ensure there are enough players each week.
- Ensure fair player rotation within the games and throughout the season.
- Ensure the first aid kit in the gear bags are kept full and current.
- Check there are enough players for each week (along with the Team Manager).

### Star Helpers (Year 1 and 2 only).

Each team requires 1 star helper and a parent helper per team. The star helper role is to support the players to follow the instructions of the coaches (provided by Northern suburbs netball) and reinforce the skills throughout the sessions.

### Umpires:

For years 3 to 4, Coaches will assist and support the players on court. Direction should be given during a game without using a whistle.

For years 5 to 8, each team is responsible for supplying an umpire; this can be a parent or high-school student. A small pool of umpires is available if a team is unable to supply an umpire. Coaches are not allowed to umpire their teams.

Courses are available to parents who would like to learn how to umpire, with course costs paid by the school.

Year 8 players can complete the Kiwi Whistlers course.

Refer: <http://www.nsnetball.co.nz/1-85.html>

### All parents:

All parents/caregivers need to:

- Commit to making sure their child is at netball practices and the game on time. Your Coach will be in touch with their policy on missing practise and playing time.
- Give apologies to the Team Manager when the player is sick or away. As much notice as possible must be given to enable fill-ins to be found. Due to the small size of our school teams often only have the minimum number of players so please respect that it can be difficult to find players at short notice and prioritise netball accordingly.
- Use respectful and encouraging language to the players during games.

Refer to Northern Suburbs Netball Wellington – Behaviour at the Courts

<http://www.nsnetball.co.nz/imgs/20150228-13863.pdf>

Read and adhere to the St Benedict's code of conduct

<http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/ParentCodeofConduct.pdf>

### **Communication:**

Teams are requested to communicate as a group via WhatsApp, email or similar.

Please do not contact the Coach directly, if you need to communicate outside the group then make sure the Team Manager is linked in.

**Uniforms:**

Years 1-4 are to wear their PE T-shirt and dark leggings/shorts/trackpants. Long sleeved tops are allowed under their PE tops.

Years 5-8 girls wear a school issued netball dress. On cold days they are also allowed to wear a light-coloured top and dark (plain) leggings underneath.

Year 5-8 boys wear a school issued netball uniform t-shirt and the PE uniform shorts or trackpants.

If any player is uncomfortable with the uniform option above they are welcome to discuss with the netball co-ordinator.

Netball uniforms (dresses or t-shirts) will be handed out at the beginning of the season by the Team Manager or netball co-ordinator and the number of each item recorded. Following the end of season or team photos (whichever is the later), uniforms are to be returned to a box in the office. Any uniform items not returned by the end of term 3, \$65 will be invoiced to the family to cover the cost of a replacement.

**End of year celebration:**

The structure of the 2024 prizegiving will be decided closer to the end of the season.

There will be an additional award presented at the end-of-year school prizegiving to a year 8 netball player. The selection is to be made by the coaches of the intermediate teams using the following criteria:

- A high level of netball skill at practices and during games.
- Attend practices and games on time.
- Display EPIC values during play.
- Have shown a commitment to St. Benedict's netball over their time at school.

**Complaints/comments:**

For winter netball, any issues are to be raised with the team's Coach and Team Manager. If it is unable to be resolved, please contact the netball co-ordinator through [netball@st-benedicts.school.nz](mailto:netball@st-benedicts.school.nz). The netball co-ordinator may take complaints to school management if deemed necessary. Any abusive communication will be taken to school management and will not be responded to.

Complaints involving other schools will be handled following the Northern Suburbs Netball procedures.

**Summer Netball**

This is run by Kelly Sports. It is not organised by nor is any equipment provided by St Benedict's school. Please check the Kelly Sports website for enrolment information.