

St Benedict's School Basketball/Miniball 2024

This document outlines the guidelines for St Benedict's Basketball/Miniball 2024.

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

Basketball/Miniball at St Benedict's School is organised through Wellington City Council and further information can be found [here](#). We follow the Play Fair, Have Fun guidelines set out by Wellington City Council, which can be found [here](#).

Basketball/Miniball Co-ordinator:

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School management:

Molly Kelly and Tania Savage

Who:

All children who attend St Benedict's are welcome to play Miniball (Years 3 - 6) and Basketball (Years 7 - 8).

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 basketball/miniball 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:

Terms 2, 3 and 4:

Our school teams are entered into the competitions run by Wellington City Council

- Years 3 - 4 - Play on a Monday afternoon - 3:20pm - 6:00pm at Nairnville Rec.
- Years 5 - 6 - Play on a Tuesday afternoon - 3:20pm - 6:00pm at Nairnville Rec.
- Years 7 - 8 - Play on a Friday afternoon - 3:30pm - 9:00pm at Nairnville Rec.

Team Formation:

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

Players will be assigned a team based on their year level at school and availability of coaches/managers for each team. Requests are considered but not guaranteed.

The number of players per team is 6 - 8.

Please notify the co-ordinator when you register if a player has other commitments that may clash with 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 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. 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).
- 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.

Roles:

All parents have a role to play in the success of St Benedict's basketball/miniball. Specific roles are defined below. These are all volunteer roles, but if no-one volunteers, the 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 co-ordinator.
- Decide on a team name (in discussion with the Coach).
- 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).
- 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.)
- Hand out and record basketball uniforms (Year 7/8 teams only).
- Report the game score back to the co-ordinator.
- Return the complete team set of uniforms to the co-ordinator before the end of term 4.

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.
- Check there are enough players for each week (along with the Team Manager).

All parents:

All parents/caregivers need to:

- Commit to making sure their child is at 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 miniball/basketball accordingly.
- Use respectful and encouraging language to the players during games.

Refer to Wellington City Council - Play Fair, Have Fun

[Play Fair, Have Fun](#)

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

[Code of Conduct](#)

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 7-8 students will wear a school issued basketball uniform.

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.

Complaints/comments:

Any issues are to be raised with the team's Coach and Team Manager. If it is unable to be resolved, please contact the miniball/basketball co-ordinator through mini-basketball@st-benedicts.school.nz. The 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 Wellington City Councils rules.