



# WARRANDYTE NETBALL CLUB



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HANDBOOK





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## Welcome to Warrandyte Netball Club

Dear players and families,

On behalf of Warrandyte Netball Club, it is my pleasure to welcome you to a new netball season. Whether you are a returning player or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you as part of our netball family.

Netball is more than a game; it is a sport that brings people of all ages and abilities together to build lifelong friendships and teach the importance of teamwork, commitment, and leadership.

You may be here to learn, compete your hardest, or simply have fun. No matter why you are at the club, Warrandyte Netball Club is a place where you are welcome. It is your passion, dedication, and love for the game that makes the club the special place that it is.

We have a proud history of success, but just as importantly, we are known for our friendliness, inclusivity, and sportsmanship. I encourage you to embrace these values on and off the court and both with your teammates and your opponents.

This handbook is designed to give you all the information you need about our club and the competition in which we play.

If you ever have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the committee. We are here for you, and we are committed to making WNC a great club for everyone.

Warm regards,

Jimmy Harris

President  
Warrandyte Netball Club





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## About Warrandyte Netball Club

Warrandyte Netball Club (WNC) is located in a small community and prides itself on being a friendly and inclusive club. We share our clubrooms with the local football and cricket clubs.

As well as participating in netball competitions, we also run a NetSetGo starter program for young children aged 5-8 years and hold a variety of social events for our netball community members to connect with each other.

Some of our teams play for pure fun, fitness, and enjoyment, while others take the game and their development more seriously. We work hard to accommodate friendship requests, while also focusing on skill and strategy development for all players and pathway support for those who wish to strive.

We hope this guide helps in your understanding of our club and its role in the wider netball community. Please reach out if you have any further questions or feedback ([info@warrandytenetball.org](mailto:info@warrandytenetball.org)).

## Netball

### Seasons and games

WNC competes in the Manningham Netball Association's Saturday competition.

There are two netball seasons each year: autumn and spring. The autumn season runs during terms 1 and 2. The spring season runs during terms 3 and 4 and finishes in mid-November. There are no games played on long weekends and there is usually a 3 week break for each school holiday period.

### Age Group

Netball is played in 9/U, 11/U, 13/U, 15/U, 17/U, and open age groups. Players can play up to the age they are turning in that year. For example, players who turn 9 in a year can play in 9/U that year.

### Finals

A player is eligible to play finals if they have paid full registration fees and have played 3 or more games for their team in the season including 1 in the first half of the season.

9/U and 11/U do not play finals and instead continue their round-robin competition during the finals period.



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## Competition rules and bylaws

The Manningham Netball bylaws can be found at <https://manninghamnetball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Manningham-Netball-By-Laws-2-2020.pdf>.

## Registrations & Club Fees

Warrandyte Club Fees are paid per season and cover costs to Warrandyte Netball Club and Manningham Netball. An annual Netball Victoria fee is paid at the time of the first registration for the year and covers netball played in any competition for that player during the calendar year.

Warrandyte Netball Club fees cover club room rent, court hire charges and club running costs such as equipment, event costs, and trophies.

Manningham Netball fees are set by Manningham Netball and cover the cost to play at the Templestowe courts and run the Saturday competitions.

Netball Victoria annual fees are mandatory and cover player insurance through affiliation with Netball Australia's policies.

## Team Selections

At the end of each year, the club holds a trial day for 11/U and older players. This is run by an independent selection panel that will grade each player to help form teams for the following year.

Mutual friendship requests are considered for team selection with the club's policy being that both players will be placed into the team that suits the player graded lowest.

Players who are unable to attend the trial day are placed into teams based on coach's evaluation which may include observation at a nominated training session prior to the start of the season. The 11/U Trials is a fun, non-competitive introduction to trials.

More details on selection can be found in the "Warrandyte Netball Club selection policy" document.

## Training

Training runs for 1 hour each week. The night of the week is determined each season based on coach and court availability. Players are supervised by their coach during the training time. The clubrooms are used for indoor activities during inclement weather.

A water bottle and suitable sporting sneakers are required both for training and games.





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## Uniforms

### Competition uniforms

There are two options for competition uniforms:

1. Dress
2. Inclusive uniform (shorts and T-Shirt)

Optional items:

- Socks – the club sells WNC socks for players to wear.
- Bike Shorts – The club sells matching bike shorts if players choose to wear them under their uniform.
- Long sleeves – Players are permitted to wear a red or white long sleeve or T-shirt under the uniform for medical, cultural or religious belief reasons.
- Headbands – The club sells headbands as an optional extra.
- Sport leggings are permitted under the uniform and must be red or black in colour.
- Club visors are also sold but these are not permitted to be worn during the game.
- Hoodies are very popular for all family members to purchase and wear. Our merchandise promotes our club in the community, so we appreciate you wearing it.

### Purchasing Uniforms:

Uniforms are purchased through the WNC Website and collected at the clubrooms - [Online Shop - Warrandyte Netball Club](#).

We recommend trying the uniforms on for sizing when you collect, so an exchange can be made if necessary. For any questions, feedback or enquiries contact [apparel@warrandytenetballclub.org](mailto:apparel@warrandytenetballclub.org).

### Training Top

The club is organising a club training top for 2024. We aim to secure a uniform grant to supply this free of charge and players will be expected to wear it at training. This will help build club and team identity and promote WNC within the broader community.

## Game Day

Games are played on the outside courts at Templestowe Netball Courts on Anderson Street in Templestowe and are played at the same time each week based on the age group and grading. Fixtures and game times are announced approximately one week prior to the start of each season.

The first 3 games of each season are grading games, with potential for changes after this to the section that a team plays in and hence game time for the remainder of the season.



Fixtures and results can be accessed on the Netball Connect App with the following steps:

1. "Draws"
2. "Add Team or Division Grade"
3. Click "Warrandyte Netball Club"
4. Search for your team name eg type "Koalas" in search bar
5. Click "Done" then "Done" again

Players are expected to arrive 20 minutes early to warm up for the game.

Players need to bring a drink bottle and be ready to play.

Nails must be cut short (these are checked by umpires before the start of each game) and hair must be tied back.

No jewellery can be worn on court including watches and earrings. Rings and earrings can be taped over if they cannot be removed.

### **Roster – scoring and fruit.**

Each family of junior teams will be on a rotating roster to score and bring fruit (for players to refuel at half time).

Each team must provide a scorer. The home team, whose name is displayed first on the score sheet, is responsible for scoring and the other ("away") team's scorer oversees to ensure this is done correctly.

At the end of the game the score sheet must be signed by both scorers, umpires, and both team captains (usually the child of the scorer in junior age groups) and handed back to the office by the home team scorer. The clip board is left in the centre circle for the next team to use.

Scorers must ensure each player has their full name listed and ticked for the quarters that they take the court. If they are on the bench, then a line should be placed through the box next to their name for that quarter. If a player is not playing the entire game, then a line should be placed in all the boxes next to their name.

If a player's name is not printed on the scoresheet or a player is filling in for the team, their full name (first AND surname as registered in Netball Connect) must be written onto the scoresheet.

Any handwritten names will be manually added into the Netball Connect Competition Management System by the Manningham Netball Office. If a player is filling in from another team, you must also record the age group, section, and team name of the other team alongside the player's name.

The management system is also how the club tracks games played for finals qualifications and milestone medals, so correct and legible names are imperative.



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Team managers will assist you with scoring as required.

### **Filling in for another team:**

Players can fill in for a team that is in the next age group above their current age group or in a higher section within their current age group.

Players who play 6 or more games as a fill in with the same team will be deemed to have left their original team and joined the team they have filled in for.

### Expectations

Warrandyte Netball Club is a place that should be happy, safe, and welcoming to all. To foster this environment, the club has expectations of players, parents and guardians, buddy coaches, coaches, volunteers, and committee members.

WNC players are expected to:

- Be ready for training and games with uniform, nails and jewellery prepared.
- Give their full attention to their coach while at training and games.
- Work hard to improve their skills and understanding of the game.
- Always be courteous, kind, and respectful of their coach, the umpires, their teammates, and opponents.
- Always display good sportsmanship.
- Be a role model to teammates and other players.
- Remember that the club is run by volunteers who are giving up their own time to make this all possible for you.

WNC parents and guardians are expected to:

- Arrange for children to attend training and games on time.
- If you cannot be on time, advise the coach, team manager or WNC President of the reason why you are late or not training or playing.
- Behave in a way that is appropriate at training and games, being mindful of the code of conduct and expectations of spectator behaviour.
- Be aware that only the coach should be “coaching” the players from the sidelines.
- Be supportive of good behaviour, respectful of the club, coaches, umpires, other players, and opponents.
- Remember that this is club netball and not the Olympics. If your child wants to pursue a more competitive path, there are pathways available.
- Encourage your child before and after their training and games and be a role model to your child showing good sportsmanship.
- Remember that the club is run by volunteers who are giving up their own time to make this all possible for your child.



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WNC buddy coaches are expected to:

- Listen to the team coach and respect their decisions and directions at training and games.
- Provide support and encouragement to the players.
- Maintain good communication with your team coach and the WNC President.
- Encourage and foster a fun, safe, healthy, and kind learning environment for players of all ages and abilities.
- Promote good sportsmanship and lead by example.
- Be on time and prepared for training sessions and games.
- Be fully focussed on the team and have no conflicts of interest at training or game time.
- Make themselves available for coach training when provided.
- Provide feedback to the President on your development and ambitions as a buddy coach during the season.

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- Be fully focussed on the team and have no conflicts of interest at training or game time.
- Maintain good communication with the WNC President, WNC committee, parents, and players.
- Make themselves available for coach training when provided.
- Hold accountable any players not following the code of conduct expectations at training and at games.
- Develop the team and individual players equally to be better netballers.
- Include their buddy coach in all training sessions and games, including mentoring them to understand coaching principles, strategies, skills development, and the happiness of all players as much as is possible.
- Conduct all netball training at the Warrandyte Netball Courts unless agreed otherwise with the President.
- Advise the President if a coach cannot fulfil their role as coach at training or games, so that alternative arrangements can be made by the President.

WNC volunteers are expected to:

- Always model expected behaviours of positivity, accountability, good sportsmanship, and respect.
- Represent WNC appropriately both within the club as well as to the wider community.
- Treat all club members fairly and equitably.

WNC committee members are expected to:



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- Always model expected behaviours of positivity, accountability, good sportsmanship, and respect.
- Represent WNC appropriately both within the club as well as to the wider community.
- Treat all club members fairly and equitably.
- Be open, honest, and transparent in communication and decision making.
- Not share confidential information except as required for running the club.
- Declare any conflicts of interests that may arise.
- Always act in the best interests of the club.

Communication:

### Stack Team App

All Warrandyte Netball Club communication is done through the Stack Team App. Each team has its own chat that you will need to request access to once teams are announced. Please ensure you have notifications turned on to stay up to date. Club Events and News are also posted here. It is essential as a child safe organisation we use this platform to ensure all communication with minors is done with parental consent and monitoring.

Steps:

1. Download Stack Team App using this QR code.



2. Search for and join Warrandyte Netball Club. Have a look around to see Events, News, Documents etc
3. Once you know your team, “Request Access” to this team. This will be in red across the top of the screen. Once approved by admin you will be in the “Chat” for your team.
4. You can save Events to your phone calendar by clicking the 3 dots in the top right corner of the event.

### Newsletter / Mail Chimp / website

The club may also communicate its business via email using Mailchimp. This includes Committee meeting and AGM updates. To subscribe to our email list please go to our WNC website and scroll to the bottom of any page: Connect with The Warrandyte Netball Club.



## Facebook and Instagram

Social media platforms are used to share information about the club, our events, and functions. It is also used to promote our club sponsors. Pictures of the weekly sponsorship awards winners are posted, with only the players first name published. Please consider following:

<https://www.facebook.com/WarrandyteNetballClub>

[https://www.instagram.com/warrandyte\\_netball\\_club/](https://www.instagram.com/warrandyte_netball_club/)

## Sponsorship

WNC offers sponsorship packages for businesses that wish to support the club with agreed promotional opportunities based on the level of sponsorship. We have a range of sponsorship levels for all budgets. Please contact [info@warrandytenetball.org](mailto:info@warrandytenetball.org) for further information.

## Volunteering

We are a family-oriented sporting club run by volunteers. We aim to develop players' sport and life skills both on and off the court. To help support the club, we expect that parents of players volunteer to assist the club in at least one function or role per year.

A list of the activities planned will be distributed at the beginning of each year with a form enabling club members to choose which events they will volunteer for.

## Events:

### **Season launch and presentations:**

The autumn season launch is around the start of term 1 to kick off the new netball year and season.

The combined autumn junior presentation and spring season launch is held at the start of term 3.

The combined club end of year celebration and spring junior presentations are held in mid-November. Club awards are presented at this function.

A social and awards evening is held for open players in the latter part of the year, covering the entire year of netball.

The club may host other events throughout the year including family fun days, player development clinics, and parent information sessions.



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### **Run Warrandyte**

The club supports Run Warrandyte as part of the Warrandyte Sporting Group (consisting of the Warrandyte Netball Club, the Warrandyte Junior Football Club, the Warrandyte Football Club, and the Warrandyte Cricket Club). This is an annual fundraising event for all four clubs and promotes health and wellbeing within our community.

Each year we ask for volunteers and representatives to participate in the running of the event on behalf of WNC.

### **Community Events**

#### **Warrandyte Festival:**

The club participates in this event asking players to walk in the parade in the club uniform and traditionally hosts the egg and spoon jellybean race.

#### **ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day**

The club is invited to attend these events at the Warrandyte RSL and seeks players to represent the club by laying a wreath on the day.

### **Awards**

#### **End of Season Awards**

At the end of each season the coach selects two players to receive awards based on the club award criteria and guidelines.

1. MVP (Most Valuable Player)
2. Coaches Award

#### **Milestone Games**

Each game played for Warrandyte Netball Club in the Manningham Netball Association is recorded on the official competition management system Netball Connect.

Our WNC Milestone Coordinator collects this data and when players reach a milestone game such as 50, 100, 150, 200, 250 games they are awarded a medal. Trophies are given to players who reach milestones of 300, 350, 400 and 450 games.

#### **End of Year Awards**

At the end of year celebrations 4 awards are available:

1. Volunteer of the Year – Traditionally a club member



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2. Club person of the Year – Traditionally a committee member
3. The Pauline Dusting Award – a prestigious award to recognise a member of the club who has been involved and invaluable in several aspects of the club and the game. For example, a player, coach and umpire.
4. Life Membership (awarded where appropriate).

### Child Safety:

Warrandyte Netball Club adopts the Child Safety Codes of Conduct, Policies and Procedures of Manningham Netball, Netball Victoria and Netball Australia.

The Warrandyte Netball Club is committed to being a Child Safe Organisation. All adult coaches, team managers and committee members must have an active working with children check.

Players are supervised by their coach during the training time and during game day playing time.

Stack Team App is our only two-way communication platform. Parents need to be accessing this to ensure safe communication between coaches, team managers, committee, and minors (junior club players).

### Club Committee

#### 2024 WNC Committee members

The club is run entirely by volunteers and all positions are unpaid. The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm at the Netball Club rooms.

Below is a list of current committee members and their role. If you have a skill or interest to assist in some way, please let us know.

Role	Nominee
President	Jimmy Harris
Vice President	Kelly Purvis
Treasurer	Kyra Holland
Secretary	Karina Nicholson
Registrar/Netball Connect Administrator	Lynne Kruger
Equipment Manager	Julie O'Reilly





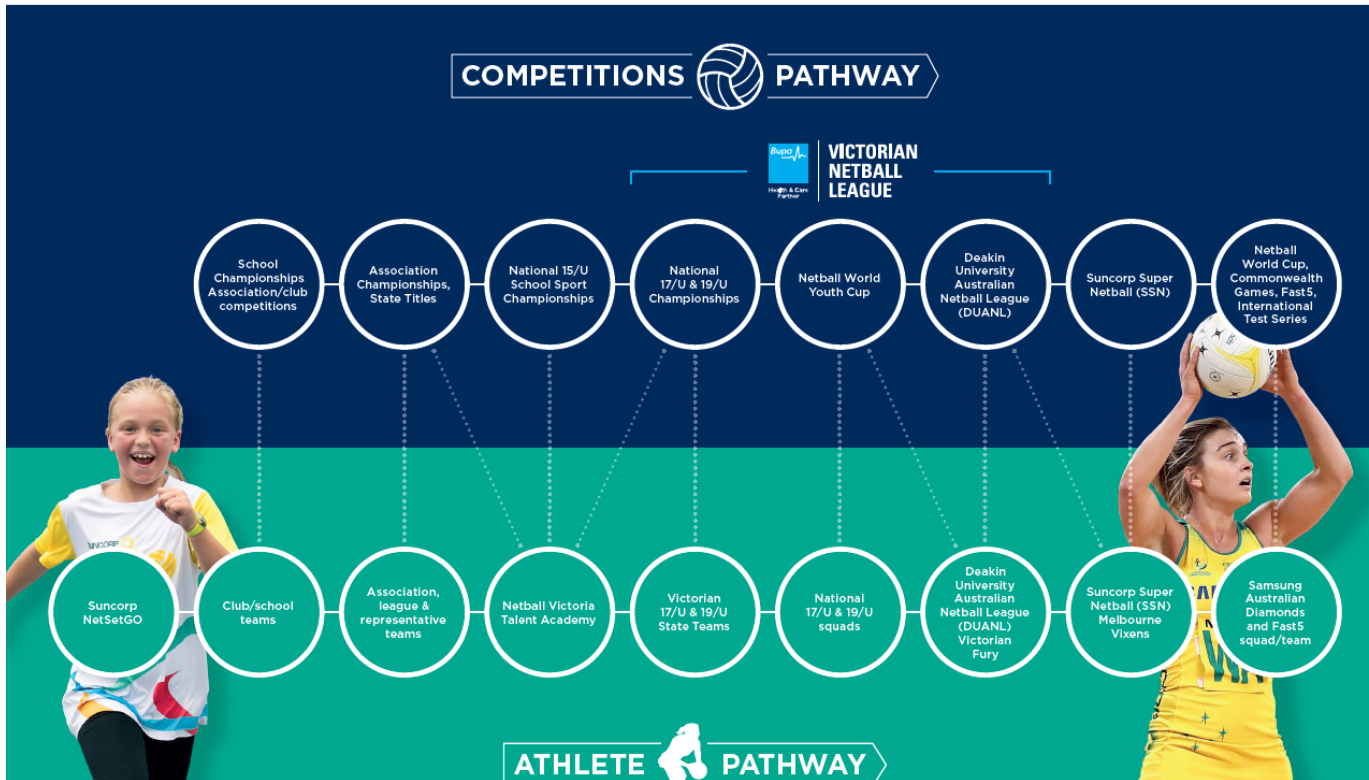
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Uniform Coordinator	Kelly Purvis
Game Milestone Coordinator	Kelly Purvis
Grants	Cam
Manningham Netball representative	David Dyason
Warrandyte Sporting Group Representative	Sue Rodwell and Jimmy Harris
Communications Coordinator	Vacant
Coaches Manager	Amy Graham
Sponsorship	Suzy O'Rourke
Social Media Officer (FB, Insta, Website)	Vacant
Promotional Officer (Advertising, Flyers, Diary Reports)	Vacant
Child Safety Officer	Lucy Rogers
Social Event Coordinator / Sub-committee	Being formed

## Player Pathway



**WE MAKE CHAMPIONS.**



Woolworths Net Set Go – Netball Australia’s official started program for ages 5-10 years.

Domestic Club/School Teams – Warrandyte Netball Club have teams from 9/U through to 19/U and Open age, with weekly training and games at Manningham Netball Association.

Association Representative (“Rep”) Teams – Several local Netball Associations offer Rep Programs, including Manningham Netball, Ariels, MENA, Eastern, Valley. Depending on the age group and club this will involve training 1-2 times a week, weekly games against other representative associations, and/or 4-5 weekend tournaments per year. Trials for Rep are generally held in the latter half of the year.

League Representative Teams – the Rep clubs mentioned above play with others in the Chisholm League. Trials are held for players to represent this league in the latter half of the year. Players selected will play in the State Associations Championships, usually held in March.

National Victoria Talent Academy – starting at 15/U. Players may become scouted through the rep team tournaments.



Victorian Netball League (VNL) – 12 clubs licensed by Netball Victoria participate in a statewide competition.

Victorian 17/U and 19/U State Teams – Opportunities to advance through and play for Victoria at the Netball World Youth Cup.

Deakin University Australian Netball League (ANL) – Victorian “Fury” represent our state in a national competition.

Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) – This is the elite national competition, with two Victorian teams: Melbourne Vixens and Melbourne Mavericks.

Australian Diamonds - You’re representing Australia in Netball! We look forward to you coming back and inspire the Warrandyte Netball Club and tell your story!