



Netball Operations Meeting & Workshop

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Meeting Overview

Netball Operations

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- VEO and Broadcast
- Club Awards – PlayHQ

Midweek & Representative Netball

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- Representative Programs

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Reminders



- Registration Requirements
- Netball Connect – Players Umpires & Coaches
 - PlayHQ – Players, Coaches, Team Managers



- Pre-season Manual & Barwon Bulletin



- Player Points & Player Payment Reporting
- Contracts & Budgets due April 30
 - A/B Squad lists due NOW



- Child Safeguarding Requirements
- Communication from Tim Secombe
 - Legal obligation for compliance

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- Please continue to push registrations
 - NC is insurance and is VITAL. PlayHQ is administration platform.
 - Both are compulsory.
- PPs and SC – please start working on this if you haven't already!
 - A and B Grade players registered!! Any juniors who may also play A Grade etc.
- Bulletin
 - ALL communications will be distributed via this forum to ensure we are not clogging your inbox. Please ensure you check this every Thursday. You will be emailed when it is available
 - if you're not receiving these, contact Camryn@ aflbarwon.com.au
- Pre season handbook is available via the Bulletin –
 - includes 'how to' instructions for all pre-season tasks.
- Child Safety – MANY CLUBS ARE YET TO BE COMPLIANT. Please work with your football counterparts to ensure your club is fulfilling their legal obligations. Contact Tim@ aflbarwon.com.au for support.

Branding Requirements

BFNL (19U – Snrs)



GFNL (19U – Snrs)



Juniors (11U – 17U)



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Branding requirements for bibs, applies to dresses as well – TICK OFF BY SEAN and myself.
Sean will liaise with all producers on branding etc.

Branding and style guide:

<https://www.aflbarwon.com.au/images/documents/2025/2025%20AFL%20Barwon%20On-field%20Branding%20Style%20Guide%20Web.pdf>

Coaching Accreditations

ALL COACHES

- All coaches of AFL Barwon Clubs are required to obtain or update their **Netball Victoria Foundation Accreditation** 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the current season.
 - This is an online course and takes approximately two hours to complete.

A GRADE COACHES

- A Grade Coaches must hold a minimum of a **Development Coaching Accreditation** to coach at this level.
 - This course has an online component and a face-to-face component.
 - AFL Barwon will coordinate to host a Development course in pre-season, to support clubs in this space.

For more information on Accreditations, you can visit the Netball Learning site:

<https://learning.netball.com.au/login/index.php>

If coaches continue to coach having not obtained the necessary accreditation, penalties include:

- \$200 fine (Senior) or \$100 fine (Junior) and
- the loss of match points for the matches won by the team whilst the unaccredited coach continues to coach.

All coaches must hold a current pass level of the Rules of Theory exam, also available via the netball learning site.

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Coaches **MUST** be assigned on **PlayHQ** by ROUND 1.

Accreditation checks will be completed with Netball Victoria.

All A Grade coaches must send accreditation certificates to Sophie ASAP.

Game Day Requirements

TEAM SELECTIONS

- Fri/Sat Teams selected by *Thursday* evening
 - A Grade starting positions should also be selected (e-scoring)
- Tuesday Teams selected by *Monday* evening

MATCH DAY CHECKLIST

<https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-match-day-checklist>

- Online or PDF Version Available

E-SCORING

- E-scoring required for A Grade competitions
- Not required for other Saturday grades – clubs have found it helpful to e-score games (in addition to paper scoring) to speed up end of day admin

RESULTS ENTRY

- Results must be entered by Home Club by 6pm Saturday evening

MATCH DAY OPS MANUAL

Step-by-Step Instructions including:

PRE-SEASON

1. Allocating Players to Teams
2. Collecting Match Day Paperwork & Game Balls

WEEKLY

3. Selecting Teams (Team Managers & Coaches)
4. Selecting Teams (Admin Portal)
5. Appoint Umpires

MATCH DAY

6. Printing Paperwork
7. Team Officials
8. Pre-match checklist
9. Score Entry

A GRADE REQUIREMENTS

10. E-Scoring
11. VEO & Live-streaming
12. Player Positions

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MATCH DAY OPERATIONS MANUAL

MARCH 2025

New document being created to support new club administrators or game day support staff. How to instructions for every aspect of game day (including lead up).

Scorers to complete during the game

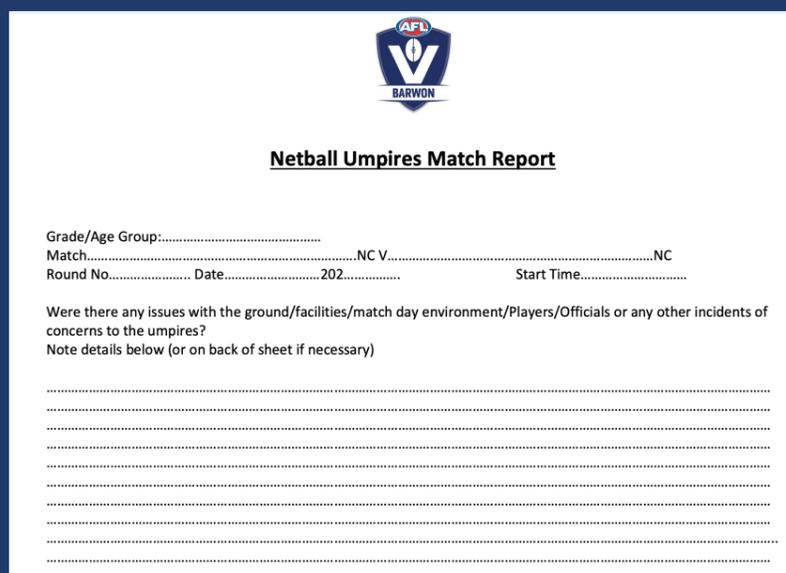
Umpires to complete post game (If required)



Match Management Log

Grade: Match: Round: Date:

Player	Club	Position	Quarter	Action	Reason
				<input type="checkbox"/> Warning <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension <input type="checkbox"/> Ordered Off	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfair play <input type="checkbox"/> Unsporting behaviour <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous play Details: _____
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Netball Umpires Match Report

Grade/Age Group:.....
 Match.....NC V.....NC
 Round No..... Date.....202..... Start Time.....

Were there any issues with the ground/facilities/match day environment/Players/Officials or any other incidents of concerns to the umpires?
 Note details below (or on back of sheet if necessary)

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- The Match Management Log will be used across **all grades** as required – scorers to complete when umpire issues warning, suspension, Order off.
- The Netball Umpires Match Report will be completed via paper for C grade and below.
 - A and B Grade will be completing this electronically through their appointment in OfficialsHQ.
- Panel Umpires for A and B Grade will also be submitting their League votes via OfficialsHQ.
 - Clubs will only be required to provide league votes cards for A and B grade on the request of panel umpires should they be having challenges with the online process

VEO

- Process will remain as per 2024
- Where Saturday/Sunday matches scheduled, AFL Barwon will work with clubs to coordinate camera movements
- New 'how to' resources will be distributed (app updates)
- Broadcast schedule and other details to be distributed by the end of the week



We have learnt A LOT about the capabilities of VEO over the last 12 months, and now having used the devices, are excited to utilize them to their full potential!

Broadcast schedule and updated resources available in the coming weeks.

Club Awards

Competitions

SSSN League - Winter 2024

Service & Support Netball Association

Grades **Teams** Participants Registration More

+ Add club team **Configure Awards** All Filters Reset 1-5 of 5 < 1 of 1 >

TEAM	GRADE	PLAYERS	GENDER	AGE	ID	
Brisbane Ballers	Sunday Senior Women Div 1	0	Women	Senior	-	View
Melbourne Storms	Friday Open Mixed Div Open	1	Girls	Junior	-	View
Melbourne Fire Junior	Friday Open Mixed Div Open	0	Girls	Junior	-	View
Melbourne Maddies	Friday Open Mixed Div Open	0	Girls	Junior	-	View
Porth Fire	Unallocated	0	Girls	Junior	-	View

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<https://support.netball.com.au/hc/en-au/articles/9436507133721-Club-Awards>

Can either configure for all teams,
or individual teams

<https://support.netball.com.au/hc/en-au/articles/9436507133721-Club-Awards>

Club Awards

Awards configuration

Set team award configuration for all teams in this season. Editing will be locked once votes start being submitted. You can also configure an award via the team pages.

Votes* **Number of voters***

Please select Please select

Award access

Set who can enter votes for this organisation

- Admins in this organisation
- Coaches
- Team Managers
- Captains

When the 'Configure Awards' button is selected, the following can be entered:

- Votes i.e.. 5,4,3,2,1 or 3,2,1 etc.
- The number of voters (1-6), and
- whether Team Managers and Coaches can collect and submit votes via the "My Teams" participant portal.

Work Experience Opportunity

We are seeking volunteer(s) to join our team and gain valuable experience in the areas of netball operations.

The work experience is a voluntary position and will be required on Tuesday & Friday afternoons each week for a period of 6 months, with the potential for extension.

If this sounds like a position for you, please email your resume and a brief cover letter to Sophie Allison (Head of Netball - AFL Barwon) via sophie@ aflbarwon.com.au Applications will be monitored and actioned as they are received.

Position Description available via the [AFL Barwon Website](#).



Midweek & Representative Netball



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Midweek Update

Team Entry Due Date

- Midweek team entries due 24th March

Midweek Winter start dates

- Tuesday comp (11s, AA) Tuesday 29th April
- Friday comp (13s, 15s, 17s) Friday 2nd May

Grading/Fixturing Process

- 4 weeks grading
 - First 2 weeks released
 - Regrade & fixture after Rd1 for Rd3, then after Rd2 for Rd4
- Full fixture released after grading period
- No B&F votes during grading period

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The team entries link for midweek teams is available in the Barwon Bulletin. Team entries are now closed (closed 24th March) to allow time to grade and fixture. Teams will be created in PlayHQ for clubs to allocate players/coaches/TMs – AFLB will create these teams to ensure naming conventions are correct, please do not create the teams in PlayHQ yourself!

The start dates for the Midweek Winter season are **Tuesday 29th April** for 11&U and All Abilities, and **Friday 2nd April** for 13&U, 15&U and 17&U. Key dates include:

- Byes: Tuesday 8th July, Friday 11th July and Tuesday 15th July
- Finals/Party Round:
 - 11&U Party Round: Sunday 24th August
 - Friday Night finals: 3 weeks, GFs 12th September
 - AA Finals: 2 weeks, GF 15th August
- KP unavailable: Friday 20th June, and potentially 1-2 games after Rd15.
 - We will need to work with clubs around alternate arrangements for any impacted rounds.
 - Hoping second half of AFL fixture is released before the end of grading so we can work this in with the fixture release for midweek.
 - Please let us know if you would be able to host games.

Grading/Fixturing:

Changing up the grading/fixturing process slightly this year to hopefully ease the strain on fixture releases. The first two rounds will be released prior to Easter. After Rd1 I will then grade and fixture for Rd3; then after Rd2 I will grade and fixture for Rd 4.

Following grading (4 rounds), we will then finalize grades and fixture the full season. **There will be no best & fairest votes awarded during the grading period.**

Midweek Rule Changes for Winter 2025

7.1 Players must take the court in at least 4 games to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum number of games is not played, the player is ineligible to play finals. (Once a player takes the court in the **6th** game, they are ineligible to play in a lower grade/division in the same age group).

8.6 Players may play no more than two games over one night in midweek competitions.

8.6.1 Movement between teams is not permitted in the grading period of the competition without the explicit consent of the competition coordinator.

8.6.2 Other competition rules relating to player movement and game limits still apply.

8.9 Players can play in both Saturday Division 2 & Friday night Finals over one weekend, however, this must not be in the same age group and must not exceed two finals per weekend.

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- 1. Rule 7.1** Players must take the court in at least 4 games to be eligible to participate in that division's finals series. If the minimum number of games is not played, the player is ineligible to play finals. (Once a player takes the court in the **6th game**, they are ineligible to play in a lower grade/division in the same age group).
 - a) We have lowered the number of games that seals a player in the higher division. This has been changed from 8 games to 6 games. 8 games was initially chosen as a buffer when the change from quarters to games played was first initiated, however now this has been the case for two seasons, this buffer has been reduced.
- 2. Rule 8.6** Players may play no more than two games over one night in midweek competitions.

8.6.1 Movement between teams is not permitted in the grading period of the competition without the explicit consent of the competition coordinator. **8.6.2** Other competition rules relating to player movement and game limits still apply.

 - a) We have removed the part about not playing two games in the same age group over one night. This is to hopefully reduce the number of forfeits we see from teams not being able to find fill ins. However, movement between teams is not permitted during the grading period (first 4 rounds). And competition rules relating to player movement and game limits still apply. Players will not be able to fill in for a team in the same age group if they become sealed in a higher division.
- 3. Rule 8.9** Players can play in both Saturday Division 2 & Friday night Finals over one weekend, however, this must not be in the same age group and must not exceed two finals per weekend.
 - a) Previously this was not allowed. Must still qualify for each respective team as per **rules 5.1, 6.1 and 7.1**.

- b) Players playing in different age groups in the midweek competition (i.e. 13&U div 4 and 15&U div 3), can still only play one final on the same night.

Representative Teams

Bellarine Representative Teams

13&U Championship
• Karen Pole

13&U Development
• Emily Quinten

15&U Championship
• Lani Puttyfoot

15&U Development
• Rori Addicoat

17&U Championship
• Taryn Laverty

All Abilities Representative Team
• Coach TBC

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Geelong Representative Teams

13&U Championship
• Jade Bartz

13&U Development
• Tylah Paech

15&U Championship
• Billy Mahoney

15&U Development
• Zac Wojtowicz

17&U Championship
• Lisa Van Halen



Our representative teams are all well into their weekly competitions as part of the 2025 program. We announced our coaches a few weeks ago but in case you missed it, here they are. We have a few new faces to the program this year.

We have 10 teams competing, with this the first year we have selected 13&U Development teams.

The teams will complete their weekly competitions before heading to Association Championships in May (15s/17s) and June (13s/AA). We will also send an AA team to Association Championships again this year; if you know of any coaches who would be interested in leading this team please reach out.

We will start planning for the 2026 program in the coming months so please let us know if you have any feedback on things to improve/consider. I do have a few ideas but open to suggestions.

- Do clubs want to do player nominations again for trials? (clubs nominate 3-5 players per age group for AFLB to invite to trials)(please note - trials are open for all junior players including midweek players).

Also, if you had any coaches in mind that you think would be suitable for the program, please let us know. You don't have to be high-performance coach; this is open to up-and-coming coaches as well.

We will look to create a bit of a one-pager on the representative program and netball pathway as an easy reference point for clubs in the lead up to next years program.

Let us know if there's anything your club would like to know about the program/pathway.

Netball Umpiring



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Representative Opportunities and AFL Barwon Development Program



Barwon Junior Netball Championships and Association Championships	Development Program	Development Program Extension
Drysdale, Geelong Amateur, Grovedale, Lara, Leopold, Newcomb, Ocean Grove, Queenscliff, St Albans, St Josephs.		
10-week season plus finals	10-week program between March-August	Minimum 8 connect sessions
On court face to face feedback	Seated room discussion, content delivery	1 on 1 mentor, feedback and video analysis

Greater detail provided at last weeks ump coordinator meetings.

Individuals were invited directly, nominated by their club coordinator or applied through the Barwon Bulletin.

If you club is listed in the slide you have an individual taking part in one or more of these programs.

Please contact Maddie directly if you'd like to know who or if you want to know more about any of these programs.

AFL Barwon Saturday Mentors

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Our Saturday Mentors will be appointed to their roles next week. We intend to visit each club twice throughout the season and will work with your Club Umpire Coordinators on when these visits will occur.

Mentors will be required to complete a Feedback Observation for each umpire they see which will be sent to the umpire and the clubs umpire coordinator.



Just a reminder that Club umpire coordinators have been asked to provide a list of umpires and to nominate 2 umpires who that would like to see investment from AFL Barwon in.

This will help us determine who and when we send Mentors out on Saturday's.

Green Wristband Program

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Safeguards umpires under 18 years old and raises awareness of Child Safe Standards.

Promotes respect and empathy toward young officials.

Encourages positive sideline behaviour, ensuring a welcoming environment for all.

By clearly identifying young umpires, we can better protect them from negative sideline behaviour and support their growth as officials



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Mandatory from Netball Victoria.
Must be adhered to.

Each clubs allocation has been
placed in pigeonholes at AFL
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Additional Links

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New website page for Netball Umpiring
<https://www.aflbarwon.com.au/umpire-netball>

Loco Netball Umpire Uniform shop:
<https://www.aflbarwon.com.au/umpire-netball>



AFL Barwon key communication and notification platform for 2025 seasons GFNL/BFNL Panel, AFL Barwon Junior Netball Umpires and AFL Barwon Development Programs



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Check out our new umpiring page!
It would be great to see all
umpires wearing the AFL Barwon
Umpiring shirt.

Workshop Discussion



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Discussion

Prompts to be provided at different times to help with discussion.

Topics to be discussed:

- Senior Netball – experiences, ideas, enablers, barriers
- Junior Netball – experiences, ideas, enablers, barriers
- Scheduling Impacts & Court Utilisation

From tonight's discussion and feedback, we want to get a sense of what areas need to be reviewed, revisited, or adapted. From there, we want to commence work now, to ensure any changes can be communicated by October/November of season 2025, and allow adequate time for review and consultation to occur.

Themes and ideas from this evening will lead into projects for the AFL Barwon Operations team to develop over the course of the season. Terms of Reference for any projects will be communicated in due course.