



Melbourne East Netball Association

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2024 SUMMER FAST FIVE COMPETITION RULES

1. All teams must pay the Team Registration Fee \$50 (incl GST) via Netball Connect **PRIOR** to taking to the court for their first game.
2. Court fees are \$85.00 (incl GST) per team per week, to be paid at the competition office **PRIOR** to commencement of the game. Payment to be made by bank transfer prior to the game. The only variation to the court fees will be in the instance where one of the 2 games (fixture for each week) is called off by an MENA Official 2 hours prior to the commencement of the game and then the court fee will be reduced to \$42.50. This does not apply to forfeits or abandoned games that have commenced play.
3. All players must be Netball Victoria registered prior to playing. Registration is through Netball Connect by purchasing either annual membership or Single Game Voucher. Players are not covered by Netball Victoria insurance unless they are registered.
4. New players who have registered after the commencement of the season and/or players who are filling in are also to be recorded on the back of the scoresheet. As per rule 3, all players must be registered before taking the court.
5. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
 - a. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.
 - b. Fingernails shall be cut short and smooth or taped with correct tape prior to the game commencing.
 - c. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
 - d. Hair must be suitably tied back.
 - e. Beads may only be worn if secured **TIGHTLY** against the head with no movement possible.
 - f. Gloves are permitted on the provision that nails are taped underneath as well.
6. Each team must provide a scorer. **SCORERS MUST SIT TOGETHER**. Melbourne East Netball will supply an official score sheet which must be collected from the Competition office by the HOME team prior to the game. After the game the completed scoresheet is to be handed into the office immediately by the WINNING team.
7. Melbourne East Netball will provide umpires.
8. All matches shall comprise four 6-minute quarters. A Central clock shall time all matches.
9. Players must play **four (4) games** to qualify for finals. Names must be printed or written on scoresheets for proof of play.
10. Players must be at least 15 years of age before 31st December of the current year of play.



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11. Correct team uniform, as registered with Melbourne East Netball, must be worn on court at all times.
12. Players may only play two(2) games per night. Once a player has played with a team, they belong to that team. Players may only play in one team per season.
13. Should a team win a game with an ineligible player the penalty shall be a loss of four (4) points and their score of that game. Points will be awarded to the opposition and the opposition shall retain their score.
14. If a team loses a game with an ineligible player the penalty shall be a loss of four (4) points from their total score of points, even to a -4 points, and the goals scored in that game.
15. Adverse Weather
 - a. During weather events, matches will only be rescheduled or cancelled:
 - by the Competition Coordinator on duty in conjunction with the Umpire Coordinator on duty for the safety of players and match officials
 - on a timeslot-by-timeslot basis

Netball is traditionally an outdoor/all weather sport and our preference is not to reschedule games. However, player/umpire safety is paramount and if the courts are deemed to be unsafe, matches may be rescheduled where possible or cancelled. During periods of lightning, games will be suspended until safe to resume. Match rescheduling will not be based on player/umpire/spectator comfort – only safety. Our court surface is Synpave, a flexible gripping surface which reduces the risk of slipping therefore games will not be rescheduled simply because it is raining. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that correct footwear is worn.

The decision to reschedule matches must be made round by round by the Competition Coordinator and the Umpire Coordinator on duty at the venue. The consideration of safety will take into account many factors, including:

- Amount and intensity of rain, sleet, hail;
- Thunderstorm activity with lightning;
- Water volume on the courts;
- Lack of grip on the court;
- Temperature at the commencement of games.

b. Hot Weather

If at the start of a match the air temperature exceeds 28 degrees as per Bureau of Meteorology website matches will be reduced to 3 quarters at 6 minutes per quarter, quarter time breaks increased to 3 minutes.



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If at the start of any match, the air temperature exceeds 34 degrees, the matches will be rescheduled. Rescheduled games will be played as per competition rules.

16. Match Results:

Grading/Season

- a. After half a game or more has been played, then the score at the point of stopping the match is the final result; or
- b. Where a match is cancelled, by MENA for health and safety of participants, or does not reach half a game of play, no result is achieved.
- c. This match will not be replayed.
- d. If no result is achieved, the match will be considered a draw and points awarded to each team.

Semi Final

- e. After half a game or more has been played, then the score at the point of stopping the match is the final result; or
- f. Where a match is cancelled, by MENA for health and safety of participants, or does not reach half a game of play, no result is achieved.
- g. This match will not be replayed.
- h. If no result is achieved, the first and second placed teams on the ladder at the end of the season will go through to the Grand Final.

Grand Final

- i. after half a game or more has been played, then the score at the point of stopping the match is the final result; or
- j. Where the Grand Final match is cancelled, by MENA for health and safety of participants, or does not reach half a game of play, no result is achieved.
- k. The top ranked team at the end of the season will be awarded first place and the second ranked team second.

17. FORFEITS are to be notified to MENA via email programs@menanetball.com.au and texted to 0411 361 395 by 3pm the Saturday before the scheduled game, any forfeits that are notified after this time the team that is forfeiting will incur a fine as per rule 17.

18. FORFEIT FINES: 1st Forfeit: \$85.00; 2nd Forfeit: \$170.00

19. The venue is a non-smoking area during competition/events.

20. The venue is alcohol free during competition/events.



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21. The Committee and Convenors will have the right to interpret the rules due to circumstances which may arise on the day of play.

22. Breaches of these rules could result in the loss of points and to the team's score. For more details on breaches, refer to the MENA By-laws.