



# Melbourne East Netball Association

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## CLUB COMPETITION RULES – updated Dec 2024

1. The MENA Competition runs from February to December and includes Autumn and Spring Seasons.
2. All players must be Netball Victoria registered prior to playing. MENA recommend that registration occurs prior to training. Registration is through Netball Connect with either an annual membership or Single Game Voucher. Players are not covered by Netball Victoria insurance unless they are registered. Single Game Vouchers may be used:
  - Individuals may purchase a Single Game Voucher and purchase of a voucher will allow the individual to participate as a player in the Association's activities only for the particular game or activity to which the Single Game Voucher relates.
  - A player must purchase a Single Game Voucher through Netball Connect prior to becoming eligible to participate in the relevant game or activity.
  - Players Single Game Vouchers can be used for up to and including 3 games maximum, after the 3rd game the players must register with the team, purchasing a full Netball Victoria player membership to be an eligible player. Please be aware that there is no discount given on the full Netball Victoria Player membership for the Single Game Vouchers that have already been purchased.
  - 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
  - Players must be a registered player to the team through Netball Connect they are playing for to qualify for finals.
3. New players who have registered after the commencement of the season should be added to the team via Netball Connect. If this has not happened prior to their first game they must have their full name recorded on the front of the scoresheet and further details recorded on the back of the scoresheet. As per rule 1 they must be registered before taking the court.
4. Players who are filling in from another team are also to be recorded on the front of the scoresheet and their regular team and details recorded on the back of the scoresheet. As per rule 2, they 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.



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- 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.
6. Correct Club uniform, as registered by the relevant club with MENA, must be worn on court at all times. Uniform options must cater for all weather conditions, so players are protected from the sun and/or cold weather conditions. Players can wear a long /short sleeved top/leggings (with no pockets, buttons or zippers) under their uniform provided it has been approved and is the same colour across the club.
  7. Each team must provide a scorer - One scorer will complete the scoresheet and one will operate the scoreboard. SCORERS MUST STAND/SIT TOGETHER.
  8. The scorers should regularly communicate to ensure the score displayed is correct. The score on the Scoresheet is official and will stand should there be a difference between what is displayed on the scoreboard and what is written on the scoresheet.
  9. MENA will supply an official score sheet which must be collected from the venue competition office by the HOME team prior to the game. After the game the completed scoresheet is to be handed into the same office immediately by the WINNING team.
  10. The home team is responsible for sweeping the indoor courts prior to the game.
  11. Teams may make unlimited substitutions as per Rolling Substitutions outlined in the Bylaws however a maximum of twelve (12) players are permitted to play in any one match. A maximum of 3 fill in players may play for a team in a match.
  12. The NetSetGo 9 & Under Competition shall be played under the NetSetGo Go rules <https://vic.netball.com.au/sites/vic/files/2020-01/Modified-Rules-summary.pdf> .
  13. A venue central timing system shall time all matches.
  14. Saturday Club Competition Umpire finders fee will be charged to clubs by MENA if an Umpire is sourced by MENA. The finders fee of \$50 will be invoiced to the club who failed to supply an umpire. MENA Umpire Convenor will notify the club of the Umpire appointed to the game. The club shall pay the appointed umpire \$30 per game.
  15. All matches, and NetSetGo shall comprise four 10-minute quarters, 1 minute quarter-time break and a three minute break at halftime apart from when the Adverse Weather Policy applies or any



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other reason as determined by the Competition Convenor where the health and wellbeing of participants may be affected.

16. 4 Grading matches will be held at the start of the season for 11 under - Open.
17. NetSetGo shall comprise four 9-minute quarters with a two minute break at quarter time and a three minute break at halftime apart from when the Adverse Weather Policy applies or any other reason as determined by the Competition Convenor where the health and wellbeing of participants may be affected. Teams shall take the court immediately upon the timekeeper's request and be ready to commence play.
18. If Adverse Weather policy game rescheduling is required, the following shall occur.
  - a. Matches will comprise 1 x 11-minute half and 1 x 10-minute half with a one minute break at half time (ensuring 51% off any game is played)
  - b. Indoor fixtured matches will take place at the original time and be followed by outdoor fixtured games.
19. 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.
    - e. In the event of a forfeit being notified prior to the start of the competition, and then on game day an entire round is subsequently abandoned, an abandonment will take precedence over the forfeit and points awarded to each team.
    - f. In the event of split rounds/sections (Venue & Time) existing within the competition and play is abandoned for part of the split round. The abandonment will take precedence and apply to all games within the split round/section.
  - Semi Final
    - 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.



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- d. 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

- 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. The top ranked team at the end of the season will be awarded first place and the second ranked team second.
20. Players may only play for one (1) club during a season, unless granted clearance by the Association. Players may play (3) games in total in a higher age, grade or section but once they have played the fourth (4th) game they will be regarded as belonging to the team in which they played their 4th game for the remainder of the season (including finals).
21. In order to qualify to play finals:
- g. a player must have played four (4) regular season games for the team they will be playing for in the finals.
  - h. a player must be a fully paid financial member of the club.
22. Boys may participate as per the Netball Victoria Gender Regulations : <https://vic.netball.com.au/gender-regulation> .
23. The venue is a non-smoking and vaping area during competition/events.
24. The venue is alcohol free during competition/events with the exception of the Multipurpose room in the Stadium at sanctioned events.
25. Committee and Convenors will have the right to interpret the rules due to circumstances which may arise.
26. Breaches of these rules could result in the loss of points and to the teams score. For more details on breaches, refer to the MENA by laws.