



2025 MENA Representative Tournament Information Pack

Welcome to the Inaugural MENA Representative Tournament

On behalf of the Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA), we warmly welcome all players, officials, and spectators to our very first Representative Tournament. We're thrilled to launch this exciting new event, building on the success of our largest-ever Junior Club Tournament held in March 2025.

A special welcome to the 45 teams joining us today — with two sections in each age group, it's shaping up to be a fantastic day of netball. We look forward to growing this tournament year on year and are so pleased to have you be part of its beginning.

We hope you enjoy your day at the Maroondah Nets and experience great sportsmanship, strong team performances, and a celebration of representative netball.

Important Reminders for Coaches, Scorers, and Umpires

Please take the time to read the tournament rules. The day runs on a tight schedule, and we appreciate your support in keeping everything running smoothly.

- Teams and umpires must be ready and courtside on time.
- Completed scoresheets must be returned promptly to the competition office after each match.

Thank you for your cooperation — and enjoy a fantastic day of representative netball.

Sections, Fixture & Ladder

Age Group:

- 11/U Mixed (males <11 years of age as at the first day of the season may participate)
- 13/U Mixed (males <13 years of age as at the first day of the Waverley Night Netball season may participate)
- 15/U Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of the Waverley Night Netball season may participate)

Sections: Due to the number of teams entered

- Each age group has two sections: OPEN and RESERVE.
- Most sections feature 8 teams, except U15 OPEN which has 6 teams and 15&U RESERVE: 7 teams (includes one Bye per round).

Competition Format:

- 11 & Under - 7 games with no finals series
- 13 & Under - 7 games with Semi Finals & Grand Finals
- 15 & Under -
 - OPEN section: 6 teams play 7 games; teams will face some opponents twice to maximise game and court time.
 - RESERVES: 7 teams — each team plays 6 games and has one Bye due to the odd number.

Fixtures and ladder are available on our web site and via Netball Connect: [Fixtures – Melbourne East Netball Association](#)

Key Times

Team Check in - by 8.15am:

- All teams must check in at the **Competitions Office (located indoor next Court 3)**
- All umpires must check in at the Upstairs Multipurpose room

Schedule:

- 8.15AM – Umpire briefing
- 8:45am – Games Commence
- 1.45pm – U11 Participation Medal presentation – Court 1
- 2:15pm – U13 & U15 Semi Finals
- 2:45pm – U13 & U15 Grand Finals
- 3:10pm – U13 & U15 Presentations – Court 1
- 3.30pm – Tournament Concludes

If you have any questions or issues throughout the day, please visit the Competition Office Window (located indoor next to Court 3) for assistance.

Food & Drink

The Courtside Café will be open for food and drinks (including barista coffee) and the MENA Representative Program will be running a BBQ with bacon and egg rolls, hamburgers and sausages.

Scoring

- Ensure both scorers (one from each team) are courtside and ready before the siren.
- Scorers must stand together on the sideline opposite the centre circle.
- The first-named team is responsible for completing the scoresheet.
- The second-named team is responsible for operating the electronic /flip scoreboard.
- Timing:
 - The central timekeeper's siren controls start, half-time, and end.
 - Games run every 15 minutes. Straight changeover at half-time.
- The winning team must:
 - Immediately deliver the completed scoresheet (but not the clipboard) to the competition office window.
- The clipboard with the remaining scoresheets must be returned to the centre of the court after each match.
- If there's any issue (missing team, delayed umpire,), **alert the Competition Office immediately.**

Umpire Check in & Rostering

Umpire Room Location: Upstairs Multipurpose room. Check in must be complete by 8.15am. All umpires must check in **no later than 8.15am**

Umpire Briefing 8.15 AM - A compulsory Umpire briefing will be held in the Multipurpose room at 8.15am sharp. Please arrive on time & be ready to listen to important match & tournament updates. After the briefing, the **Umpire Coordinator** will move to the Competitions Office (near Court 3). Late arrivals or inquiries after the briefing must check in or report there.

Finals Umpiring

Umpires whose teams qualify for finals must remain available to officiate.

Please check your team's ladder position via Netball Connect before leaving the venue, and **wait for confirmation** from the Umpire Coordinator regarding finals appointments.

Social Media & Photography

MENA will be taking photos and videos throughout the tournament, which may be shared on our official social media channels and other channels, including Facebook and Instagram.

 **If any player, coach, or spectator does NOT wish to have their image shared, please report to the Competition Office upon arrival. A visible marker (e.g., a number written on their leg) will be provided to help us ensure those individuals are not featured in published content.**

Venue

Maroondah Nets, HE Parker 154 Heathmont Rd, Heathmont
4 Indoor & 4 outdoor courts

Carparking

Car parking at will be at full capacity, and congestion during peak times is unavoidable. To help with parking:

- Carpooling is strongly encouraged.
Please Park legally and respectfully within the venue and surrounding areas.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation in ensuring a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Tournament Rules

1. All games are played under the Official International Netball Federation Rules of Netball.
2. Each game shall consist of 2 x 7-minute halves with a straight changeover at half time. A one-minute break will between games. A new round begins every 15 minutes. The Central Timekeeper will sound a siren for the commencement of each round. The siren will sound at half-time for teams to immediately change ends and recommence play on the umpire's whistle. A siren will sound at the end of the game. Unlimited substitutions may be made at halftime but must proceed briskly.
3. Players may only represent one team. A Player may NOT transfer to another team once the Tournament has commenced.
4. Divisions:
 - 11/U Mixed (males <11 years of age as at the first day of the Waverley Autumn season may participate)
 - 13/U Mixed (males <13 years of age as at the first day of the Waverley Autumn season may participate)
 - 15/U Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of the season may participate)
 - Female players must be of that age or under as of 31st December 2025
5. Each Team entered is required to supply their own non-playing Badged Umpire who must be available for finals. Umpires are to umpire rostered matches for their allocated team and arrive at the court on time. Umpires are obligated to officiate if their nominated team is participating in finals. MENA cannot supply umpires.
6. The first named team will take the centre pass; the second named team shall choose the goal end.
7. The first named team is required to score, second named team to provide a scorer to stand together on the sideline opposite the centre circle.
8. Both teams are to provide a scorer. The first named team should complete the scoresheet, the second named team should operate the scoreboard.
9. IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH, the WINNING team is to deliver the scoresheet, BUT NOT THE CLIPBOARD, to the office window. The clipboard with the remaining score sheets is to be returned to the centre of the court at the end of each match.
10. The first named team will provide the ball.

11. Rolling subs are permitted as per Netball Australia rules:

- The rolling substitution stands at the designated area. The designated zone for rolling substitutions is delineated by lines marked on the ground at each end of the team's bench.
 - a. On indoor courts, this area is situated alongside the score bench.
 - b. On outdoor courts, it is positioned near the scorers standing in the middle of the court.
- Before leaving the designated area, the substitute tags (with hands) the player leaving the court.
- Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.
- Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions. If play is delayed, the player will be penalised under Rule 19.2. Delaying play.
- Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court.
- Sanction: Free pass where the infringement occurred (advantage may be applied if this would place the non-offending team at a disadvantage).
- Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution. Sanction: Free pass where the ball was when play was stopped (advantage may be applied)
- If a player leaves the court as a rolling substitution, and there is no player in the designated area, the replacement player is treated as a late player and must wait until a break in play to enter the court.
- More information see: [2024 Rule Changes & Rolling Subs – Melbourne East Netball Association](#).

12. No jewellery; nails to be cut short

13. Netball Australia BLOOD RULE to apply. In the event of injury, no additional time will be allowed, however, it is understood that an umpire may hold the game to allow the safe removal of the injured player and the subsequent placing of a substitute. Players may be substituted for injured players.

14. The winner of a match receives 4 points. A drawn match results in both teams receiving 2 points. A team having a BYE receives 4 points.

15. Late arrivals to courts for commencement of games: It is the team's responsibility to be present at the court for the start of the game. If any team is not ready to play at the time of the starting siren, officiating umpires will penalise the offending team 1 goal per minute or part thereof missed once the siren has sounded to commence the game.

16. Maroondah City Council provides first aid. They assess injuries courtside or access the first aid room if needed and administer ice, first aid or call an ambulance if required.

- If first aid is required, please notify the Maroondah Council Duty Manager (staff wear grey polo with green trim) who can be located at the front desk at Reception. If the staff member isn't at the front desk use the phone and ring the Duty Manager mobile 0438 616 774 for assistance, this number is also printed on the phone at the front desk.
- Ice can be obtained from the front desk at Reception via the Maroondah Council Duty Manager who will assess whether additional follow-up or first aid treatment is required.
- Record the injury at MENA competition office so you can make an insurance claim through Netball Victoria membership

A reminder that all Coaches, Players and Umpires MUST hold a current Netball Victoria Membership and have a WWCC to participate in the tournament. The Netball Victoria Codes of Conduct will apply, and we encourage good sportsmanship and wish everyone an enjoyable day of netball.

Finals

The top four teams in each section play finals. Match points and then the percentage is used to determine the ladder positions.

Semi-Finals: – Semi Final 1 (1 vs 4) & Semi Final 2 (2 vs 3)

Grand Final: – Winner Semi Final 1 Vs Winner Semi Final 2

Extra Time: In the event of a DRAWN final, extra time will consist of 2 x 3-minute period. A toss of the coin is made. The winner takes the centre pass; the other team chooses the goal end.

Extra Extra Time: If at the end of EXTRA TIME the game is still DRAWN, a toss of the coin is made again. Play then immediately restarts and the first team to SCORE TWO (2) goals is the WINNER.

11& U Teams will not play finals. Presentations will be made on court 1 at 1.45pm

Medals: Only 10 medals per team will be supplied. If your 11&U team has more players, then this please advise us so we can ensure every player receives a medal.

Presentations

Presentations for all 11 & Under sections will be at 1.45pm on Court 1.

Presentations for 13 & Under and 15 & Under sections will start at 3.10pm on Court 1 at the completion of the Grand Finals.

Medals will be presented to the Winners & Runners Up.

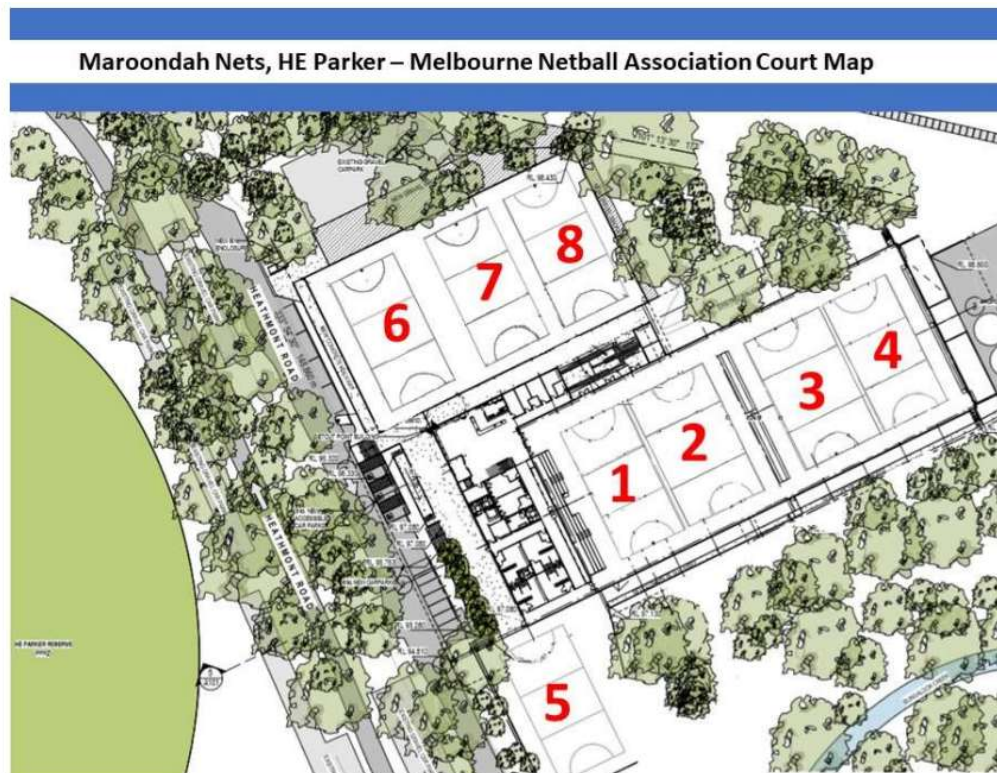
Marquees & Banners

Teams are welcome to set up marquees in the designated areas:

- Top car park
- Behind Court 8

These areas are **shared spaces**, so please be considerate of others and avoid taking up excessive room to ensure all teams can set up if they wish.

Banners may also be displayed in these designated areas only. ❌ No banners are permitted inside the venue or in undesignated locations.



Thank you for your cooperation and for contributing to a smooth tournament experience for all. **We are looking forward to a great day.**