



2026 Autumn Season Club Competition – Updated 15 Oct 2025

Club Competition Divisions includes:

Friday:

- **9 & Under GO – NetSetGo Mixed (Females & Males – no restriction)**

Saturday:

- **11 & Under: 11 & Under Mixed (Females & Males – no restrictions)**
- **13 & Under: 13 & Under Mixed (Females & Males – no restrictions)**
- **15&U Female**
- **15 & Under Mixed (Female & Males - restrictions apply)**
- **17&U Female**
- **Open Female**
- **Open All Abilities - Mixed**

Mixed Restrictions – 15 & Under

- If there is more than one boy on court at any one time, they must play in separate thirds of the court – (GK/GD – WD/C/WA – GA/GS).
- Teams may have a maximum of two male players in the team at one time.

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2026 Autumn Club Competition

When entering the competition, all teams agree to abide by the Association's rules. A full copy of the rules is available on the website and can also be requested from the Association.

Key Dates & Deadlines:

U11/U13/U15/U17/OPEN

- **Entries Open:** 7 October 2025
- **Entries Close through Netball Connect:** Monday 7th December 2025
- **Grading Team Information emailed to admin@menanetball.com.au:** Monday 7th December 2025

9 & Under NetSetGo

- **Entries Open:** By 2 December 2025
- **Entries Close through Netball Connect:** Friday 19th December 2025
- **Grading Team Information emailed to admin@menanetball.com.au:** Friday 19th December 2025

All teams:

- **Online Club Competition Registration Form due along with payment;** Thursday 22 Jan 2026
- **President & Secretaries meeting:** Tuesday 10th Feb 2025
- **Season Commences:** Friday 6th & Saturday 7th February 2026
- **9 & Under NSG Round Robin :** 19 June 2026
- **Grand Final:** 20 June 2026
- **Fixture release:** w/c 2 February 2026

Autumn Calendar will be released in November

2026 Autumn Club Competition Fees

- Club Annual Affiliation Fee - \$10 incl. GST once per year per Club
- \$815 (inc. GST) per Team

Team Entry

- **Clubs or teams must regularly field players and meet MENA's financial, umpiring, and ByLaws requirements.**

Age Guidelines

- Players must meet age requirements for each section (based on age at Dec 31 of the playing year).
- Players can only play in one age group above their age.
 - To be eligible to play for the 11 and under section, players must be 8 years of age before 31st December of the year they are playing.
 - To be eligible for the Open Section, players must be 15 years of age before the 31st December of the year playing. If a player turning 14 years of age before the 31st December of the year is temporarily required to fill in for an Open team an exception may be requested from the Game Day Competition Coordinator.
 - Permanent exceptions must be requested in writing and will be determined by MENA Board to admin@menanetball.com.au

- In special circumstances players may be allowed to play in age sections below their age. These exceptions must be emailed to admin@menanetball.com.au with relevant supporting medical documentation and will be assessed by MENA board.

Working with Children Check

Please KEEP your Working with Children Check Organisation details up to date at wwcc.vic.gov.au.

Umpires please add: Melbourne East Netball Association, PO Box 613, Heathmont, VIC,3135

Coaches & Team Managers please add your club details.

UMPIRES, COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS and OTHER VOLUNTEERS/OFFICIALS must hold a Working with Child Check before carrying out your role in the association competitions and teams

Child Safety

MENA is committed to ensuring child safety at all times. We have developed a guide to our Child Safety process that applies to all MENA Clubs in respect of affiliated netball programs with MENA and the MENA Representative Programs.

For Club Competitions, each Club must appoint a person as the Child Safety Officer (CSO). MENA will also appoint a CSO for MENA Representative programs. The MENA CSO will also assist in providing resources to Clubs to ensure compliance with policies related to Child Safety in accordance with legal and Netball Victoria requirements. For more information please contact info@menanetball.com.au

Game Times:

- U11, U13 and U15 teams will continue to be scheduled earlier in the day, progressing from lower to higher sections.
- U17 and Open teams will rotate evenly through the 5:10 pm time slot. Open 1 will remain indoors, and All Abilities will continue at 3:30 pm indoors.
- Court allocations will rotate indoor/outdoor where possible.

Registrations - Netball VIC & Competition

- All Players, Coaches, Umpires must be registered with Netball Victoria and to the 2026 Autumn Club Competition via Netball Connect before playing or training.
- Single Game Vouchers (SGV)
 - Must be purchased via Netball Connect before playing.
 - Can purchase up to 3 SGV per Club Competition Season. After 3 games, a full Netball Victoria membership is required. SGVs cost is not deducted from the full membership cost.
 - How to buy a SGV <https://netballvic.tawk.help/article/registering-to-a-competition>
- Clubs manage player Team lists via Netball Connect.
- Any breach of this Bylaw will be subject to sanction to the individual, Team or Club as determined by the Board. Refer to 6.4 of the Bylaws for fines imposed for playing in eligible players

Code of Conduct

All teams, spectators, and coaches are aware of the code of conduct. Available at:

<https://menanetball.com.au/safety-code-of-conduct/>

All Club Coaches complete the Code of Conduct form online by the end of grading

Clearances

- A clearance is needed if a player wants to move to another team in the same competition during the season.
- End-of-season clearances (open clearances) are available after each season.
- Players not listed on the original team entry form who want to drop a Grades/Divisions must apply in writing before playing with the team.
- All clearance and transfer requests must be emailed to admin@menanetball.com.au and are approved by the MENA Executive Board.

Uniforms

- No changes can be made to Club player uniforms without MENA's approval.
- All players must wear the Club/Team's approved playing uniform throughout the season. Each Team must wear regulation playing bibs that have been nominated at Registration
- Uniforms must match club-approved designs and cater for all weather
 - Players can wear a black long /short sleeved top/leggings under their uniform.
- Shorts/leggings must not have pockets, buttons or zippers
- Undershorts cannot be longer than the skirt/dress.
- Matching team uniforms are required by week 3 of the season.
- Incorrect uniform = player may be asked to leave the court.

On Court safety

- **Hair** must be suitably tied back. Hair Beads may only be worn if firmly fastened.
- **Fingernails** must be short and smooth. Players may tape their nails or wear close fitting sports gloves, but these must be approved by the umpire before the game. Players who don't meet this requirement cannot take the court.
- The **HOME team** is responsible for sweeping the indoor courts pre-game.
- Please **clear the Bench** promptly after your game to allow the next team to prep and start the game.

Umpires

- Each club must provide one Netball Victoria registered umpire per game, registered to the Competition via Netball Connect.
- Club Umpire rosters are due by 7pm each Thursday by email to UmpiresConvenor@menanetball.com.au
- For games before 1.50pm, clubs umpire their own club; from 1.50pm, umpires are pooled.
- Each club must have a nominated Umpire Coordinator (strongly encourage clubs to include your Umpire Coordinator into your committee) to allocate, support and develop umpires.
- All Umpires deserve respect. Umpires Under 18 will wear Green bands to promote empathy and respect. Foster a safer sporting environment, raising awareness of Child Safe standards and encourage positive behaviour.
- All Umpires must sign the Code of Conduct.
- Beginner umpires should complete the online Rules Test and attend an Intro to Umpiring (offered Round 4)

- MENA appoints umpires for finals games.
- **Umpires Fees** - If MENA provides an umpire:
 - A **\$50 finder's fee** will be invoiced to the Club.
 - The club must pay the umpire **\$30 per game**.
- MENA's Umpire Convenor oversees development and supports club coordinators. Umpire supervisors are available on game day.
- MENA supports umpire growth through:
 - Workshops, training, and courses
 - Club trainer support
 - Experienced mentors and endorsed testers
 - Induction for NetSetGo umpires and new coordinators
 - Sharing updates from Netball Victoria

Grading

- There are several sections for each age group with Section 1 being the highest. The Clubs enters teams into a section based on their knowledge of the players' abilities and standard of play. MENA may re-grade these teams during grading games depending on their performance to ensure a more even standard of competition between teams
- Grading Policy – <https://menanetball.com.au/rules-regulations/>

Fixtures

- All fixtures are available online via the **MENAnetball.com.au** or the **Netball Connect app**. Please make sure you read the online fixtures in conjunction with the information on our **website information, Competition Rules & regulations**.

Match Conduct

- Matches follow Netball Australia rules. Download the rule of netball app for Apple and Android devices - <https://netball.sport/game/the-rules-of-netball/>
- Match Ball: The first-named team on the fixture is responsible for supplying the match ball.
- All players must be marked as played in Team attendance in Netball Connect before the game ends.
- A maximum of 12 players can take the court in one game.

Game Timing

- **Central timing system** is used for all matches. The official time is the central timing system not Netball Connect.
- **All matches (except NetSetGo):**
4 x 10-minute quarters
1-minute quarter breaks, 3-minute halftime
- **NetSetGo 9 & Under:**
4 x 9-minute quarters
1-minute quarter breaks, 2-minute halftime -
- **Adverse Weather Game Adjustments**
 - Saturday Games may be shortened to:
 - 1 x 11-min half + 1 x 10-min half (1-min break)

- Indoor matches stay at their original time; outdoor matches may be rescheduled after.
- A game reaching **halfway or more** is counted as a completed match.
- If less than half completed, the game is **declared a draw**.

Forfeits

- **Notification deadlines:**
 - For **Saturday Club competition**, clubs must notify the following by 10am Friday (before the game day) to avoid penalties:
 - admin@menanetball.com.au
 - umpiresconvenor@menanetball.com.a
 - Opposition Club president & Club Umpire Coordinator
 - For **Friday Club Competition - 9 & Under NetSetGo Division:**
 - If you are unable to field a team and need to forfeit, please notify the following contacts by email:
 - admin@menanetball.com.au
 - umpirescovenor@menanetabl.com.au
 - Opposition Cub president
 - Club Umpire Coordinator
- **Late Forfeits**
 - Forfeits after the deadline will incur a \$70 penalty and a deduction of 2 ladder points.
 - In addition to the required emails, send a text to the President and Secretary of the opposing club using the provided contact sheet.
- A forfeited match will be recorded as a **10-0 win** to the non-offending team. If both teams forfeit, the result is **0-0**
- Up to **12 nominated players** from the non-offending Team will be credited a game for finals qualification. The non forfeiting team may email admin@menanetball.com.au to submit a team list to qualify players.
- Multiple forfeits may lead to disqualification.

Game Cancellations

- Games impacted by unsafe weather conditions will be managed in line with the **Adverse Weather Policy**.
- All teams and players **MUST** report to the venue no matter what the weather conditions. Rain, cold weather, and heat does not necessarily stop play.
- See policy - <https://menanetball.com.au/rules-regulations/>
- Cancelled games with no result = declared a draw
- Finals cancellations follow specific rules (e.g. top team may be declared winner).

Scoring

- Each team must provide a scorer. Scorers must stand/sit together & regularly communicate to ensure the score displayed is correct.
- One scorer uses the iPad for live scoring and the other managers the scoreboard (electronic indoors/flip outdoors.)
- Each court is assigned with an iPad for this purpose. Teams are responsible for providing scorers and marking player attendance and scoring goals.

- **Player Attendance:** Scorers mark player attendance using the app, which is crucial for player eligibility for finals.
- **iPad Responsibility:**
 - The **first-named team** is responsible for collecting the iPad **from the previous game's team** or from the **Competition Office** before the game.
 - At the end of the game, please either:
 - **Hand the iPad directly to the next game's scorer**, or
 - **Return it to the Competition Office.**
 - **Do not leave the iPad unattended** at the court.
 - The **official score** is the one recorded on the **iPad**.
 - If you have any scoring notes to report, please visit the Competition Office and record them on the provided **game sheet** (Note your Team, Club, Age, section) and return to the Competition Office.

Tip: It's a good idea to take a photo of the final score on the iPad as a backup.

Adding New or Fill-In Players

- Players can play 3 games in a higher age/section or ranked side, however, once they have played 4 games they will be regarded as a member of the higher-ranked team for the remainder of that netball season.
- Add new players to teams via Netball Connect before they take the court.

Substitutions & Team Size

- Teams can make **rolling substitutions** (as per MENA By-Laws). - <https://menanetball.com.au/2024-rule-changes-rolling-subs/>
- Max of **12 players** may play in a match. Up to **3 fill-in players** allowed per match.

Finals

- To qualify for finals:
 - a player must have played four (4) regular season games for the team they will be playing for in the finals
 - All players in final matches must have played in at least four matches with the team in which they will be playing in the final series.
- A player becomes part of a higher team after playing their 4th game there.
- Players can only play for one club per season, unless cleared by MENA.
- Finals are based on ladder points, then percentage.
- In the event of a Draw in a Final, two (2) five (5) minute halves for extra time shall be played. Substitutions can be made at the start of extra time. Should the result be another draw it is deemed “double extra time”. Substitutions can be made as per rolling substitutions. Teams change ends, toss for the centre and play continues until:
 - a) For 11 and Under age sections – the first team to score two (2) goals shall win the match
 - b) For all other sections – the first team to lead by two (2) clear goals shall win the match

Behaviour & Misconduct

- Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, and spectators.
- Bad behaviour may result in the game being paused or abandoned.

- Netball Australia’s Codes of Behaviour must be followed
- Complaints must go through official forms and channels - Formal Complaints
 - If you wish to lodge a formal complaint through the Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation. This process applies to any behaviour that breaches expected standards.
 - Details for submitting the complaint are:
 - If anyone wishes to lodge a formal complaint, information on how to lodge a Match Day Complaint is outlined in point 34 of the MENA Bylaws available on our web site at <https://menanetball.com.au/rules-regulations> .
 - Must be received withing 3 business days of the incident and sent to Secretary@menanetball.com.au
 - Complaints form can be downloaded here – [Complaint-Form-.pdf](#)
 - [View information about Netball VIC Complaints handling](#)

Courtside Cafe

- Melbourne East Netball Association supply and manage the Courtside Café. You can enjoy a light meal, barista made coffee, cold drinks, ice creams etc. By purchasing from the cafe, you are supporting our local Netball Association.

First Aid

- 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.
- It is important that only one person notifies court staff of the need for assistance, as multiple reports from multiple people to different staff may result in a delay in treatment due to confusion over where the injury is and how many people are injured.
- 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.
- For injuries deemed by coaches and/or guardians to not require first aid assistance:
 - Band-Aids – should be carried in a first aid kit by ALL coaches. Any requests for band-aids made to Competition office staff will be redirected back to coaches.
 - If a coach/team does not have access to band-aids, they will be able to purchase band-aids from the Cafe.
- **Record the injury via the online form** at <https://menanetball.com.au/injuryreport/> on the day injury occurred.
- **To make an insurance claim** through Netball Victoria membership visit: <https://www.howdengroup.com/au-en/netball-australia/playing-members>

Venue Rules

- No **smoking or vaping** at the venue.
- No **alcohol** during competitions/events, except in the designated multipurpose room during sanctioned functions.

Coaches

- Coaches must read Code of Conduct and complete the online form by the end of grading
<https://menanetball.com.au/coaches-code-of-behaviour/>
- **Resources** See: <https://menanetball.com.au/coaching/>

Policies

- MENA follows Netball Victoria's Child Safe, Member Protection, and Complaints Handling Policies.
- View MENA & NV policies <https://menanetball.com.au/rules-regulations/>

Rule Interpretation & Breaches

- MENA Committee and Game Day Supervisors may interpret rules when needed.
- Breaches of these rules may result in:
 - Loss of points
 - Score adjustment
 - Other penalties (refer to full By-Laws)

Questions or Special Requests

- Special circumstances or rule exceptions must be requested in writing to admin@menanetball.com.au
- All decisions made by the MENA Board Executive are final.

Club Competition Standing Committee

Members list : <https://menanetball.com.au/mena-board/>

The CCSC is responsible for the following areas:

- Approve changes to club uniforms.
- Determine the eligibility of players to play in finals.
- Make recommendations to the MENA Board on changes to the competition rules, Bylaws etc.
- Support for Grand Final day operations
- Input into relevant Policies
- Support/Assistance Fundraising days
- Grading sub- committee appointments
- Discussion on umpiring

Any decisions outside of these areas are beyond the authority of the CCSC and must be referred to the MENA Board however, the CCSC can make a recommendation for the MENA Board to consider.

Further Information

- Full NV Affiliated policies and MENA By-Laws, Policies, Competition Rules and Constitution are available at go to: <https://menanetball.com.au/rules-regulations/>
- Netball VIC
 - <https://community.netballvic.com.au/>
- Club Resources
 - <https://menanetball.com.au/club-resources/>
 - <https://menanetball.com.au/safety-code-of-conduct/>
 - <https://menanetball.com.au/child-safety/>

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- <https://menanetball.com.au/calendars/>

Location

Maroondah Nets, HE Parker, 154 Heathmont Rd, Heathmont

Contact

All correspondence should be in writing from the Club President or Secretary to MENA Operations Manager

– admin@menanetball.com.au

Contact by email : Merryn, Operations Manager admin@menanetball.com.au

Social Netball Programs : programs@menanetball.com.au

Our Board, YLAC & CCSC: <https://menanetball.com.au/mena-board/>

Contact by phone: 0411 691 888

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ByLaws & Rules: <https://menanetball.com.au/rules-regulations/>

Calendar: <https://menanetball.com.au/calendars/>

Our website: <https://menanetball.com.au/>