



Melbourne East Netball Association

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CLUB COMPETITION RULES – updated Nov 2025

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.

New players who have registered after the commencement of the season must be added to the team via Netball connect by the Club Registrar prior to taking the court. Players who are filling in must be registered in Netball Connect, borrowed and ticked as played in the Netball Connect Live scoring app or paper scoresheet.

Players must be a registered player to the team through Netball Connect they are playing for to qualify for finals.

A) 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.

B) New players who have registered after the commencement of the season must be added to the team via Netball connect by the Club Registrar prior to taking the court. Players who are filling in must be registered in Netball Connect, borrowed and ticked as played in the Netball Connect Live scoring app.

C) Players must be a registered player to the team through Netball Connect they are playing for to qualify for finals.

3. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:



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- a. No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape.
 - b. No adornment that may endanger player safety may be worn.
 - c. Fingernails shall be cut short and smooth or taped with correct tape prior to the game commencing.
 - d. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
 - e. Hair must be suitably tied back.
 - f. Beads may only be worn if secured TIGHTLY against the head with no movement possible.
4. 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 black long /short sleeved top/leggings (with no pockets, buttons or zippers) under their uniform.
 5. Each team must provide a scorer – the home team scorer will complete the score in the Netball Connect Live Scoring app (or paper scoresheet) and the second name team uses the flip card outdoor courts or electronic scoring for indoor courts. SCORERS MUST STAND/SIT TOGETHER. If paper scoresheets are being used the home team will complete this.
 6. The scorers should regularly communicate to ensure the score displayed is correct. The score on the Netball Connect Live scoring app (or paper Scoresheet) is official and will stand should there be a difference between what is displayed on the scoreboard and what is recorded on the scoresheet.
 7. MENA will provide an official scoresheet for all games, which will be the Netball Connect Live Scoring app or as a backup, on a paper score sheet provided by the association.
 - a) The association will provide an electronic device to score on, ie. the Official Score Sheet.
 - b) Only one device or score sheet is to be used for each game.
 - c) The official score is the score recorded on the score sheet.
 - d) The first named team is responsible for collecting the device from reception prior to the first round of competition, on competition day, handing it over to the next games scorers & or returning to Competition Office
 8. The home team is responsible for sweeping the indoor courts prior to the game.



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9. 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.
10. 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>.
11. A venue central timing system shall time all matches.
12. 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.
13. 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 other reason as determined by the Competition Convenor and where the health and wellbeing of participants may be affected.
14. 4 Grading matches will be held at the start of the season for 11 under - Open.
15. Game time may be varied due to the Adverse Weather Policy or any other reason as determined by the Competition Convenor and 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.
16. If Adverse Weather policy game rescheduling is required, the following shall occur for Saturday Club Competition games.
 - a. Matches will comprise 1 x 110-minute half and 1 x 10-minute half with a one minute break at half time
 - b. Indoor fixtured matches will take place at the original time and be followed by outdoor fixtured games.
17. 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.



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- 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.
- 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.

18. 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).

Exception - Club Competition : 17 & Under & OPEN divisions where:

- *Club Borrowed* players may play up to four (4) games in a higher age group, grade or section in 17 & Under and OPEN. Upon playing the fifth (5th) game, they will be deemed to belong to the team for the remainder of the season (including finals).
- “*Club Borrowed*” players are those players who are not registered to the U17 or OPEN team they are filling in for, but are registered players of the same Club.

19. In order to qualify to play finals:



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- a. a player must have played four (4) regular season games for the team they will be playing for in the finals.

Exception - Club Competition: 17 & Under and OPEN divisions where:

- A *Club borrowed* player must have played at least five (5) regular season games for the team they will be playing in the finals.
- “*Club Borrowed*” players are those players who are not registered to the U17 or OPEN team they are filling in for, but are registered players of the same Club.

- b. a player must be a fully paid financial member of the club.

20. Boys may participate as per the Netball Victoria Gender Regulations and MENA Bylaws : <https://vic.netball.com.au/gender-regulation> .

21. The venue is a non-smoking and vaping area during competition/events.

22. The venue is alcohol free during competition/events with the exception of the Multipurpose room in the Stadium at sanctioned events.

23. Committee and Convenors will have the right to interpret the rules due to circumstances which may arise.

24. 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.