



2026 MENA Representative Tournament Information Pack

Welcome to the 2026 MENA Representative

Tournament

On behalf of the Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA), we warmly welcome all players, officials, and spectators to our 2026 Representative Tournament. 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.
- Ensure you finalise the match on the tablet after each game by clicking confirm.

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

Sections, Fixtures, Results & Ladders

Fixtures, results & ladders will be published online on Netball Connect and our web site : [Fixtures – Melbourne East Netball Association](#). Teams will be awarded 4 pts for a Win or a Bye. In the event of a draw each team will be awarded 2 points each.

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)

Sections: Due to the number of teams entered

- Each age group has three sections: OPEN, RESERVE A & RESERVE B.
- There will be 7 Rounds.

Competition Format:

- 11 & Under - no finals series
- 13 & Under - Semi Finals & Grand Finals

Key Times

- **Team Check in - by 7.45am:** All teams must check in at the **Competitions Office (located indoor next Court 3)**
- **Umpires check in by 7.45am in the Multipurpose Room.** Ready for the umpire briefing.
- 8:15am – Games Commence
- 1.30pm – 11U Participation Medal presentation
- 1:30pm – 13U Semi Finals
- 2pm – 13U Grand Finals
- 2:15pm – 13U Presentations
- 2.30pm – 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 & Timing

- Both teams are to provide a scorer. The first named team is required to live score on the tablets provided by MENA. The second-named team is responsible for operating the electronic /flip scoreboard. Both scorers are to stand together on the sideline opposite the centre circle.
- Once both scorers agree on the final score, please ensure you press CONFIRM on the tablet to end the match.
- Timing:
 - The central timekeeper's siren controls start, half-time, and end.
 - Games run every 15 minutes. Straight changeover at half-time.
- The tablet will remain at the court and handed to the next team
- If there's any issue (missing team, delayed umpire), **alert the Competition Office immediately.**

Centre Pass

The first named team will take the centre pass; the second named team shall choose the goal end.

Umpire Check in & Rostering

- Each Team entered is required to supply their own Umpire for the Tournament. Team Umpires are to umpire per the fixtured matches for their allocated team and arrive at the court on time. All umpires are obligated to stay and officiate if their nominated team is participating in finals.
- Umpire Room Location: Upstairs Multipurpose room.
- **Check in must be complete by 7.45am - no later in the Multipurpose Room.**
- **Umpire Briefing 7.45 am sharp - A compulsory Umpire briefing will be held in the Multipurpose room.** 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

First Aid

Maroondah City Council provide first aid at Maroondah Nets. They can 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.

Carparking & Road works

Car parking 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.

Roadworks are in place to improve the intersection of Canterbury & Heathmont Rds. There is currently no right turns from Canterbury Rd into Heathmont Rd, so allow up to 10 extra minutes travel time. For more information see: <https://transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/projects/canterbury-road-and-heathmont-road-intersection-improvements>

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

Toilets

Toilet are located inside the stadium. Walk through the foyer from outside and they are down the corridor on the right.

Finals

11& U Teams will not play finals.

The top four teams in each section in 13 & Under 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

Draws in Finals:

- The first named team to take the centre pass and second named team may choose the goaling end.
- In the event of a draw there will be a 1-minute break. Teams will play extra time of 3 minutes at each end with a straight swap of ends in between.
- In the event of a SECOND DRAW, ignore the siren & play continues. The team to win by 2 goals shall be declared the winner.

Presentations

Presentations for all 11U sections will be at 1.30pm

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

Presentations for 13U and 15U sections will start at 2.15pm at the completion of the Grand Finals.

Medals will be presented to the Winners & Runners Up.

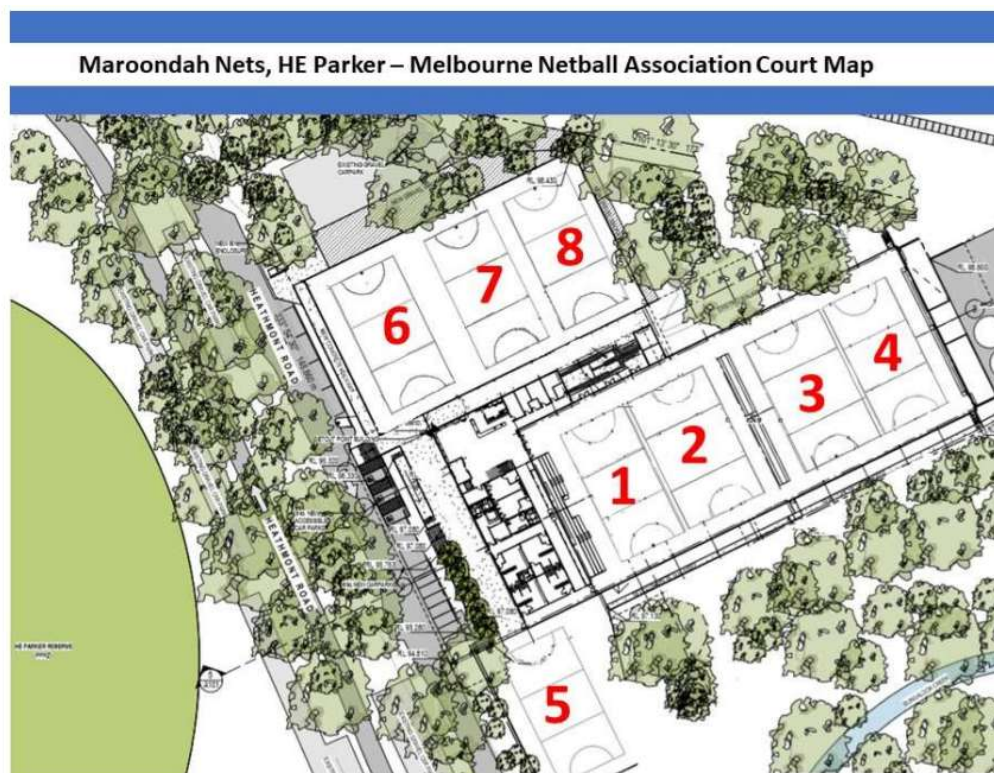
Marquees & Banners

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.**

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)

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 is required to live score on the tablets provided by MENA. The second-named team is responsible for operating the electronic /flip scoreboard
9. IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH, once both scorers agree on the final score, please ensure you press CONFIRM on the tablet to end the match. Pass the tablet to the next game 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. 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
 - Draws in Finals:
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17. 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.