2026 MENA Junior Club Spring Carnival

Information Pack

Welcome, all Players, Officials, and Spectators to the inaugural Melbourne East Netball Association Junior Club Carnival for 9U and 11U teams. The Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA) Board would like to extend a warm welcome to all teams.

We hope that all teams have an enjoyable day of netball at the Maroondah Nets.

Coaches, Scorers and Umpires please read the tournament rules. The day runs very briskly, and we need the assistance of you all to ensure we stay on schedule. This includes teams and umpires to be on the court on time.

Fixtures can be accessed here: Fixtures – Melbourne East Netball Association

Key Times

8.15am – Umpire briefing

8.30am – Start time of tournament

12.00pm – Presentation to 9U teams on Court 1

12.45pm – Semi-final start time for 11U teams

1.15pm – Start of Grand Finals for 11U teams

1.30pm – Presentations to 11U teams

Key Points

- Although this is a tournament and some of the teams are playing for medals, it is also meant to be a fun day so play in the spirit of the game and enjoy yourselves.
- The Courtside Café will be open for food and drinks (including coffee!) and the MENA Rep Program will be running a BBQ with bacon and egg rolls and sausages.
- We will be using live scoring for the tournament.
- If you have any issues during the day, please visit the competition office window.

Marquees

Teams are welcome to set up a marquee in the designated areas. These include the top car park, and behind Court 8. Please remember that this is a shared area and be considerate of other teams when setting up. This will ensure all teams can set up an area if they wish. We will not be allocating specific areas for teams.

Clubs are welcome to set up banners in the same designated areas (top car park & behind court 8) but NO banners are allowed inside or in any undesignated areas.

Car Parking

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.

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

Umpires

• Umpires are to report to the competition office at 8.15am for a briefing.

• Umpires are to report to courts promptly and ensure teams are ready to start at the siren.

• Umpires are to remain available after the rounds, for finals selection.

Tournament Rules:

• Each game shall consist of 2 x 7-minute halves. 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.

• A Player may NOT transfer to another team once the Tournament has commenced

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

• The first named team will provide the ball.

• Both teams are to provide a scorer. The first named team should enter the scores on the ipad provided, the second named team should operate the scoreboard/filpcharts.

• IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH MATCH, the WINNING team is to take a picture of the scores as a back up in case of a tech issue. The ipad is to remain at the court and handed to the next scorer.

• Rolling subs are permitted as per Netball Australia rules https://menanetball.com.au/rollingsubs/

• No jewellery; nails to be cut short; Netball Australia BLOOD RULE to apply.

• 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.

Finals

There will be no finals for 9U sections.

The top four teams in 11U sections will 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 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 is made again. Play then immediately restarts and the first team to SCORE TWO (2) goals is the WINNER.

Presentations

Participation medals will be presented to all 9U players. The presentation will be on court 1 at 12.00pm following the last round of 9U games.

Medals will be presented to the Winners & Runners Up in the 11U sections.

Presentations will take place following the completion of the Grand Finals on court 1.

Have fun and cheer!! We are looking forward to a great day.