



Junior and Intermediate Netball

The Surf Coast Netball Association Junior competition gives players the opportunity to compete in an organised competition with scoring, ladders and finals. It is a great stepping stone from our Cadets competition and will help players cement their understanding of the game.

Age requirements – Summer 2026/2027 season

13 & Under - Girls and boys born in 2014 and 2015

15 & Under - Girls born in 2012 and 2013

17 & Under - Girls born in 2010 and 2011

Teams should register according to these age groups but may be adjusted after grading rounds.

Please note: younger players are permitted to “play up” an age group if it means staying with friends or teammates.

Inclusivity

In keeping with Netball Victoria policies, the 13 & Under competition will be mixed. All genders and non-binary players will be welcome, without restrictions. However, the remaining Junior competitions (15 & Under and 17 & Under) will be female only, unless SCNA introduces mixed competitions. If this happens, all competitions will be clearly marked in relation to inclusivity.

Game Duration

13&U games will consist of 4 x 8-minute quarters with a one min break at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time and a two min break at $\frac{1}{2}$ time. 15&U and 17&U will consist of 4 x 10 minutes quarters with a one min break at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time and a two min break at $\frac{1}{2}$ time.

Equipment

- Ball: Size 5 balls will be used
- Uniforms: Teams must wear matching outfits in the same colours. Players can choose skirts, shorts, or leggings without pockets. Teams must provide their own bibs.

Game Schedule & Location

- Games are typically played indoors at Wurdi Baierr Stadium between 4–8 pm on Thursday. Pending the number of teams that register, games may also be held outdoors at the Torquay Coast Primary School netball courts.
- All fixtures, including teams, times, and courts, will be available on NetballConnect.

Scoring

All junior games will be scored, using the on-site scoreboard and live scoring through NetballConnect. Each team must provide a suitable scorer for every game (18+ years).

Children and Young People on the Score Bench

In line with Netball Victoria's Child Safety Policy and the Victorian Child Safe Standards, SCNA is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all children and young people.

As a risk management and safeguarding measure, SCNA's expectation is that children and young people will not be seated on the score bench during Association matches.

Where exceptional circumstances require a child or young person to be on the score bench, they must remain under the direct supervision of their parent or legal guardian at all times. Children and young people must not be left unsupervised on the score bench.

This guideline is intended to:

- promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people;
- minimise situations where a child or young person may be exposed to conflict, complaints or disputes relating to match administration;
- ensure responsibility for official match administration remains with appropriately supervised adults
- support SCNA's commitment to the Netball Victoria Child Safety Policy and the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

Teams

A minimum of five (5) junior/intermediate teams per season is required in each age group for the competition to proceed. If there are 10 or more teams in one age group, we will conduct grading during rounds 1-4 of the new season and teams will be divided into two grades. Division changes may occur during the season at the discretion of the SCNA committee.

Registration

Every player must have current VNA insurance (Netball Victoria membership), either by registering as an SCNA player through NetballConnect and paying the annual Netball Victoria membership fee for VNA, or by purchasing a Single Game Vouchers each week for \$3. All player names must appear on the team list on NetballConnect prior to the game. Any player whose name does not appear must show proof of Single Game Voucher and/or VNA or they are ineligible to take the court.

Fill-in players

If a team requires a fill-in player, they can borrow an existing SCNA player from the same or lower age group or find a player from outside SCNA who must provide evidence of a current VNA or purchase a Single Game Voucher.

Player Eligibility & Game Checkoffs

- Team managers must tick off all players on the iPad **before the game starts**
- If a player's name does not appear, contact SCNA **within 24 hours** so the game can be counted
- Unticked players may be ruled **ineligible** for games
- SCNA will **not backlog games in the lead up to finals**
- Please keep an eye on player statistics to ensure your team has enough eligible players for finals.

Team manager

Every SCNA team is required to have a nominated Team Manager, who will be the official point of contact between the Association and the Team. As per Netball Victoria requirements, all Team Managers must provide evidence of a current Working With Children Check and must read Netball Victoria Child Safety in Netball Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct and return a signed declaration form.

Coach

Junior/Intermediate teams are not required to have a designated coach; however every team requires at least one guardian to always be on-site. If a team does have a coach, as per Netball Victoria requirements, all coaches must provide evidence of a current Working With Children Check and must read Netball Victoria Child Safety in Netball Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct and return a signed declaration form.

Supervision

While parents aren't required to be at every game, each team must have at least one adult present, typically the coach. The recommended supervision ratio is 1 adult for every 10 children. If the coach is under 18, additional adult supervision is required for safeguarding.

Court Supervising Officer (CSO)

The Surf Coast Netball Association (SCNA) has appointed two Court Supervising Officers (CSOs) for all competitions at Wurdi Baierr Stadium and Torquay Coast PS to ensure adequate SCNA representation. CSOs are responsible for assisting and supporting all SCNA members, including players, team managers, coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators, and for liaising with stadium staff as required.

Forfeits

Please refer to the **Forfeit Procedure** poster for the correct steps to follow when forfeiting. You should also read the **By Laws** document for further details on recent changes to scoring in the event of a forfeit.

If your opposition forfeits, you are welcome to use your scheduled court time for a team training session. Just let the **Court Supervising Officer** know when you arrive.



Code of Conduct

All parents and spectators must adhere to the Netball Victoria Code of Conduct to ensure a positive, respectful environment for all participants.

Finals

Finals for Juniors/Intermediate will be conducted in the last two rounds of the season. Week one of finals will be Semi Final (1 v 4 and 2 v 3), followed by Grand Finals in the last week. Each player must have played a minimum of five (5) games with one team during the season to be eligible for finals.

Season Dates

- Summer Season: Starts in early Term 4, ending in Term 1 of the following year.
- Winter Season: Starts in early Term 2, ending in Term 3.

For Junior, Senior and Mixed teams, the season will consist of 15-16 rounds of regular games followed by two rounds of finals. Beginner teams will play 17-18 rounds of regular games and no finals.

Team Fees

Team registration fees, set by the SCNA Committee, cover court hire, umpire, administration, CSO fees, and equipment costs. Last season the team registration fee was \$1,525, plus applicable transaction fees. Players must also have current Netball Victoria membership for insurance. Pending a decision of the committee, team registration costs may change slightly to help cover competition operating costs.

Putting a Team Forward

Keep an eye on SCNA social media accounts for when the new season registration opens.