



Senior Women's Netball

The Surf Coast Netball Association Seniors competition gives players the opportunity to take the court in an organised format where the emphasis is always on team camaraderie and fun. Our senior games can be fast-paced, but they are still suitable for players wanting to try netball for the first time.

Age requirements

The competition is most suited to players 18 years and over, however we will allow players from the age of 15 to take the court if they demonstrate a suitable level of skill. These exceptions will be at the discretion of the umpire and/or coach, and must have permission from the player's parent or guardian sent to info@scna.net.au prior to the season starting.

Inclusivity

In keeping with Netball Victoria policies, the current SCNA senior competition is for females only.

Duration

All Senior games will consist of 4 x 10 minute quarters with a one minute break at quarter- and three-quarter-time and a two minute break at half-time.

Balls

Size five balls will be used for all senior games.

Fixture

Where possible and dependent on team numbers, senior games will be conducted indoors between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesdays at Wurdi Baierr Stadium. All game information (teams, times and courts) will be available on NetballConnect.

Scoring

All 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.

Uniforms

All teams must have matching/similar outfits in the same colours. Players can wear a skirt, shorts or leggings as long as there are no pockets. All teams must supply their own bibs.

Teams

A minimum of five senior teams per season is required in order for the competition to proceed. If there are 10 or more senior teams, we will conduct grading during rounds 1-3 of the new season and teams will be divided into A grade and B grade.

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 (prices in graphic below) for VNA, or by purchasing Single Game Vouchers each week for \$5. 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 senior team requires fill-in players, they can borrow a player from any other existing SCNA seniors' team or find a player from outside SCNA who must provide evidence of a current VNA or purchase a Single Game Voucher. Senior players may play a maximum of four games in each season for another SCNA team without penalty or restriction.

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. 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.

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.

Court Supervising Officer (CSO)

The Surf Coast Netball Association (SCNA) has appointed two Court Supervising Officers (CSOs) for all competitions at Wurdi Baierr Stadium 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 will be conducted in the last two rounds of the season. Week one of finals will be Semi Finals (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.

