



2024 AIRPORT SAINTS HANDBOOK

Welcome new and current players to Airport Saints Netball Club.

At Airport Saints Netball Club we celebrate perseverance, fair play and teamwork in the pursuit of achievement while cultivating a lifelong love of netball.

Please read through all documents to gain an understanding of what it means to be a part of Airport Saints Netball Club.

“Airport Saints Netball Club is committed to child safety and committed to promoting and protecting the rights of children”

CLUB OVERVIEW

Airport Saints Netball Club Inc. (ASNC) plays in the Parkville Netball Association competition located at Parkville State Hockey & Netball Centre, Brens Av, Parkville (Set, Go, 11&U, 13&U) and Riverside Netball Court, 75 Newsom St, Ascot Vale (15&U, 17&U)..

ASNC fields about 16 teams across 11&U, 13&U, 15&U, 17&U and Open age groups and runs a junior Net Set Go program. The club first formed in 1960 and has had a proud 63 year history .We have players from across a number of schools in and surrounding the Airport West area.

Airport Saints Netball Club is a community club focusing on positive participation and provides an opportunity for fun, fitness and friendship for all club members.

ASNC is a not for profit organisation and is run by a committee of volunteers. We encourage players and parents to become involved in the club and support our players. Parents can join the committee, coach a team, become a team manager or get involved with club administration.

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

Email: airportsaints@gmail.com

Website: <https://airportsaints.wixsite.com/airportsaintsnetball>



Instagram: @airportsaints.nc



Facebook: Airport Saints Netball Club

President	Kate Foley	airportsaints@gmail.com
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CHILD SAFETY

Airport Saints Netball Club Inc is a Child Safe Club. Every person in the netball community has a responsibility to understand their role in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people in our care.

All our volunteers must abide by the relevant Code of Conduct and those aged 18 and over must have a valid Working with Children Check and abide by all Netball Victoria and Parkville Child Safe policies and codes of conduct.

All members and volunteers are expected to immediately advise the Club of any concerns that they may have about the welfare of a child at Airport Saints Netball club airportsaintsl@gmail.com

Please refer to ANC Child Safe resources on our website.

COMPETITION

Set & Go through to U13 to play on Saturdays. The youngest age group plays early morning and games progress through the age groups.
U17 play on Tuesday nights at Riverside Netball Courts.
U15 play on Thursday nights at Riverside Netball Courts.

There will be 16 rounds followed by 3 rounds of finals – Elimination, Preliminary and Grand.

There are no games or training during the school holidays or on long weekends.

NETBALL CONNECT APP- FIXTURES & LADDERS

At the end of 2021, Netball Victoria started using Netball Connect – a digital platform to manage teams and score games. **All parents** must download the NetballConnect App to score for their allotted games, check fixtures and receive club and association communications.

You can download it from your app store. For more information go to our website.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration close on February 12th so if you haven't registered, please do so by this date. We will accept late registrations only if a spot is available.

Registration is via **NetballConnect**, a registration system run by Netball Victoria and used by most netball clubs in Victoria.

Register by:

• Going to our website

<https://airportsaints.wixsite.com/airportsaintsnetball/registration>

OR

• Using this link

<https://registration-netball.squadi.com/userRegistration?organisationId=029f27d5->



If you want guidance on how to register, please check

<https://vic.netball.com.au/sites/vic/files/2021-08/How%20to%20Register%20to%20a%20Competition.pdf>

FEES

Fees for the Spring 2023 season are as follows and will be charged as a total amount at the end of the registration process:

Airport Saints Netball Club Registration Fee:

- Riverside teams \$310 (15&U, 17&U)
- State Netball centre teams \$330 (Set, Co, 11&U, 13&U)
- Netta and Train only players \$100

Netball Victoria Membership:

- Juniors \$66 (born between 01/01/2007 and 31/12/2017)
- Seniors \$86 (born on or before 31/12/2006)
- NETSETGO \$89 (born on or after 01/01/2014. Price includes participant pack)
- Off the court \$52 (Parents, spectators)

Late registration

- Late registration (after round 5) will have their ASNC membership registration amended accordingly. This will be determined on a case by case basis, taking into account the number of weeks remaining in the season.
- Please note: a Netball Victoria Membership can not be reduced by the club and will still be required in full.

Membership refund

Registering to play with the Airport Saints Netball Club signifies an ongoing commitment to the club for the upcoming season. A player withdrawal after registration is very disruptive not only to individual teams but the entire age group and creates considerable work for the volunteers on our committee. Please refer to our Membership cancellation policy on our website for further information in regards to refunds.

UNIFORM

Our uniform for competition consists of a netball dress or shorts and a top for males. We also have an optional warm hoodie available. You will be able to order the uniform during the registration process.

If you have any questions or would like to try before you buy, please contact our Uniform Coordinator, Christine Kendall, to arrange the uniform at

airportsaintsuniform@gmail.com

TRAINING

Training is on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-7:30pm and you'll be advised which time slot your training will be. Generally, we schedule the younger teams in the earlier time slot. Training is held at 27-31 Bowes Avenue, Airport West.

Players are required to wear their training top to training and must have appropriate sport shoes otherwise they will observe only.

Players need to bring a drink bottle.



Please note that an adult must be present at the courts at all times. Please do not drop your child off unless another adult willing to supervise your player is present.

CODES OF CONDUCT

By registering to play with the Airport Saints Netball Club Inc., players, parents, guardians and spectators agree to abide with the relevant Code of Conduct which can be found at <https://airportsaints.wixsite.com/airportsaintsnetball/codes-of-conduct> . Please ensure all relevant parties are aware of these expectations.

VOLUNTEERING

Our club, like many local clubs, relies on volunteers and there are many ways to become involved.

If you can help out in some way or have any expertise that may be helpful to the club, no matter how small contact us on airportsaints@gmail.com

Volunteers ensure our Club runs smoothly so our players and coaches can focus on playing netball.

All volunteers require a Working With Children Check. For more information, please visit Working With Children Check Victoria <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

COACHES

Coaches are to be approved by the Committee. Coaches need to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and provide a copy to the club and Netball Victoria. Each coach must have a Netball Victoria Foundation Coaching Accreditation, played or coached netball for at least 10 years and be over 16 years of age.

TEAM MANAGERS

If required by the coach, teams are to have an elected team manager. The Team manager's role is to liaise with the coach and ASNC of training or training cancellations, club events and general club business. Team Managers are to set a scorer and complete team attendance each week via Netball Connect.

FEEDBACK

Players or members who wish to provide feedback to the club are invited to provide this feedback to the Club President in writing via email. The President will discuss the matter with the Committee and a response will be provided to the player in writing within 72 hours. Email your feedback to: airportsaints@gmail.com.

TEAM STRUCTURE

ASNC provides players with a foundation of netball skills, fitness and promotes teamwork. Netball is a competitive and graded sport from the age of 10. Therefore ASNC will give all players a chance to play in a team that will allow them to develop their netball skills, teamwork and most importantly an enjoyment of netball.

ASNC endeavours to ensure team grading is conducted fairly with balanced teams selected. Players and parents are asked to be reasonable and objective in their expectations and to encourage their children to accept their team selection. This is



outlined in the ASNC Team Allocation & Grading Policy.

Netta's, 11's age group

At this age and level, training will be provided through basic netball skills, game appropriate fitness and the rules of the game. Players will be introduced to the concepts team and teamwork. Once teams are established and selected (see ASNC Team Allocation & Grading Policy) it is imperative to have consistent rotations through every position to ensure players develop court awareness, attacking & defending skills and knowledge of the rules. With age and development in mind, ASNC considers a maximum of ten (10) per team to be a well balanced team for fun and enjoyment. Team selections will be announced via email at the completion of the teams Competition.

13's age group

At this age and level, training will be provided through the development of netball skills including an understanding of triple player in attack/defence/goals, understanding of decision making during the game, game appropriate fitness and the rules of the game. Once teams are established and selected (see ASNC Team Allocation & Grading Policy) it is imperative to have consistent rotations through every position to ensure players develop court awareness, attacking & defending skills and knowledge of the rules. With age and development in mind, ASNC considers a maximum of ten (10) per team to be a well balanced team for fun and enjoyment.

15's & 17's age group

Once players reach the 15's age group, it is anticipated that they have a clear direction and vision of their best positional ability within the team. To assist in their development, ASNC considers the following structure to be practical and well balanced to ensure quality court time and enjoyment in fulfilling their vision as a netball player.

At this age and level, the foundation of teams:

- Three (3) defenders (for fair rotation and development through GK, GD & WD)
- Three (3) attackers (for fair rotation and development through GS, GA & WA)
- Two (2) or Three (3) mid courts (for fair rotation and development through C, WA & WD)

Keeping in mind the above structure and depending on the numbers, team selections will consist of eight (8) or nine (9) players as this will give players valuable court time to grow and develop. However, pending on numbers registered at the time of grading, some teams may have ten (10) as a maximum. This will be a case by case assessment and numbers are final at the time of grading (see ASNC Team Allocation & Grading Policy). Should a player register after teams are selected, the Grading Committee will assess this on a case by case basis and determine the best fit where and if possible.

NETBALL SEASONS

Parkville run two seasons a year:

Autumn season – runs February to June. Finals for 13&U and above in June.

Spring season – runs July to December. Finals for 13&U and above in December.

AGE GROUPS

Participant age is determined as at 31st December of that year.

Players aged 5-7 years can participate in Net- training only on a Wednesday night



Players aged 7 to 9 participate in our Set GO Tier 1 program.

Minimum age requirements for each section are:

11&U – 9 years *or a child in the same school year level whose birthday is after December 31st but before May 1st of the following year

13&U – 11 years

15&U – 13 years

17&U – 14 years

Open - 15 years

The following table shows the acceptable ages the player can be to play in each section:

Section	Age by 31 December		
	Minimum Age	Standard pathway ages	Maximum Age
11&U	Turning 9* in that year	(8*), 9, 10, 11	11
13&U	Turning 11 in that year	12, 13	13
15&U	Turning 13 in that year	14, 15	15
17&U	Turning 14 in that year	16, 17	17
Open	Turning 15 in that year	Over 17	

GENDER REGULATION

Boys and girls can participate in our ASNC teams. There are no restrictions on numbers of boys or girls in the 11&U and 13&U sections - these sections are referred to as "Mixed" competition.

From 2020, Parkville aligned their competition with Netball Victoria's Gender Regulations and boys are allowed to play according to the following restrictions (By-Law s9)

- **11&U and 13&U Mixed Competitions** – there are no restrictions applied on the basis of gender
- **15&U and 17&U Mixed Competitions** – there can be a minimum of 0 males and maximum of 3 males on the court at any one time, only one male allowed in each third on the court. This means:
 - o (i) One male is permitted in the defence third in position of GD or GK,
 - o (ii) One male is permitted in the middle third in position of C, WA or WD,
 - o (iii) One male is permitted in the goal third in position of GA or GS
- **15&U and 17&U Female Competitions** – Female only teams

RULES OF NETBALL

ASNC play under the Australian rules of netball.

The official Rules of Netball were updated by the International Netball Federation in November 2019, which applies to international matches, and all affiliated competitions and events in Australia from 1 January 2020.

The rules are available online at International Rules of Netball. Netball Australia website:

www.netball.com.au/our-game/basic-rules-of-netball/



FURTHER INFORMATION- SEE OUR ASNC CONSTITUTION AND POLICIES

For further information about ASNC and to access our Constitution and current policies visit <https://airportsaints.wixsite.com/airportsaintsnetball>