



Fairlea Reserve - Summer 2025 Junior Club Competition Rules

1. All teams must pay the Team Registration Fee \$35 (incl GST) via Netball Connect **PRIOR** to taking to the court for their first game.

Clubs/Associations/Leagues will be invited to the competition. Once invited, the competition will appear under the Registration module 'Participating in Competition' section on NC. Associations will be able to submit teams directly to the competition using the 'Teams' menu.

Clubs will need to direct deposit team registration fees within 5 days of registering a team in Netball Connect. Tournament entry will not be accepted until payment is received. Entry fees are non-refundable.

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Individual teams wishing to participate in the tournament will need to enter using the registration link and pay the team entry fee at the point of registration through Netball Connect. Entry fees are non-refundable.

2. Court fees are \$70 (incl GST) per team per week. Payment to be made by electronic transfer. Payment confirmation to be provided to the Competitions office **PRIOR** to the game. Court fees are to be paid via direct deposit to:

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BSB: 633 000
Account # 1407 16770
Reference – Team Name.

3. All players, coaches and umpires participating in an Ariels VCNA competition or program must be a current Netball Victoria member. Coaches and Umpires over the age of 18 **MUST** hold a current WWCC to participate in the competition.
4. No player will be permitted to take the court without a Netball Victoria membership. Annual memberships and single game vouchers can be purchased through Netball Connect using the Registration link.
5. New players who have registered after the commencement of the season and/or players who are filling must be added to the electronic scoresheet before the commencement of the game. If a paper scoresheet is used, player details are to be recorded on the back of the scoresheet. As per rule 3, all players must be registered before taking the court.
6. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:
 - a. No adornment or jewellery may be worn.
 - b. Fingernails shall be cut short and smooth or taped with correct tape prior to the game commencing.
 - c. A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape.
 - d. Hair must be suitably tied back.



- e. Hair beads may only be worn if secured **TIGHTLY** against the head with no movement possible.
7. Each team must provide a scorer. **SCORERS MUST SIT TOGETHER.** Ariels VCNA will supply an official score sheet which must be collected from the Competition office by the HOME team prior to the game. After the game the completed scoresheet is to be handed into the office immediately by the WINNING team.
8. Ariels VCNA will provide umpires. Ariels will use a mix of accredited umpires and umpires working towards accreditation.
9. All matches shall comprise four 10-minute quarters.
10. Players must play **three (3) games** to qualify for finals. Players must be selected on the electronic score sheet before the start of play.
11. Players must meet the age requirements of their division.
11&U Mixed: Players born between January 1st 2014 and December 31st 2016.
13&U Mixed: Players born between January 1st 2012 and December 31st 2015.
15&U Female: Players born between January 1st 2010 and December 31st 2013.
12. Correct Club uniform, as registered by the relevant club with Ariels VCNA, must be worn on court at all times. Uniform options must cater for all weather conditions, so players are protected from the sun and/or cold weather conditions. Players can wear a long /short sleeved top/leggings (with no pockets, buttons or zippers) under their uniform provided it has been approved and is the same colour across the club.
13. Players may only play for one (1) club during a season, unless granted clearance by Ariels VCNA. Players may play (3) games in total in a higher age, grade or section but once they have played the fourth (4th) game they will be regarded as belonging to the team in which they played their 4th game for the remainder of the season (including finals).
14. In order to qualify for finals:
 - a. a player must have played four (4) regular season games for the team they will be playing for in the finals.
 - b. a player must be a fully paid financial member of the club.
15. Players who are filling in from another team must be recorded on the scoresheet. For printed score sheets, document their regular team and details on the back of the scoresheet. For electronic score sheets, use the 'Borrowed Player' option.
16. Should a team win a game with an ineligible player the penalty shall be a loss of four (4) points and their score of that game. Points will be awarded to the opposition and the opposition shall retain their score.
17. If a team loses a game with an ineligible player the penalty shall be a loss of four (4) points from their total score of points, even to a -4 points, and their goals scored in that game.
18. All injuries must be recorded on the back of the score sheet and reported to the Competitions office.
19. Adverse Weather
 - a. During weather events, matches will only be rescheduled or cancelled:
 - by the Competition Coordinator on duty in conjunction with the Umpire Coordinator on duty for the safety of players and match officials



- on a timeslot-by-timeslot basis.

Netball is traditionally an outdoor/all-weather sport and our preference is not to reschedule games. However, player/umpire safety is paramount and if the courts are deemed to be unsafe, matches may be rescheduled where possible, or cancelled. During periods of lightning, games will be suspended until safe to resume.

Match rescheduling will not be based on player/umpire/spectator comfort – only safety. Our courts offer an all-weather, flexible gripping surface which reduces the risk of slipping. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that correct footwear is worn. The decision to reschedule matches must be made round by round by the Competition Coordinator and the Umpire Coordinator on duty at the venue. The consideration of safety will take into account many factors, including:

- Amount and intensity of rain, sleet, hail;
- Thunderstorm activity with lightning;
- Water volume on the courts;
- Lack of grip on the court;
- Temperature at the commencement of games.

b. Hot Weather

If at the start of a match the air temperature exceeds 28 degrees as per Bureau of Meteorology website matches will be reduced to 3 quarters at 6 minutes per quarter, quarter time breaks increased to 3 minutes.

If at the start of any match, the air temperature exceeds 34 degrees, the matches will be rescheduled. Rescheduled games will be played as per competition rules.

20. Match Results:

Grading/Season

- After half a game or more has been played, then the score at the point of stopping the match is the final result; or
- Where a match is cancelled, by Ariels VCNA for health and safety of participants, or does not reach half a game of play, no result is achieved. This match will not be replayed.
- If no result is achieved, the match will be considered a draw and points awarded to each team.

Semi Final

- After half a game or more has been played, then the score at the point of stopping the match is the final result; or
- Where a match is cancelled, by Ariels VCNA for health and safety of participants, or does not reach half a game of play, no result is achieved. This match will not be replayed.
- If no result is achieved, the match will be considered a draw and points awarded to each team.
- The higher ranked team at the end of the season will progress to the grand final.

Grand Final

- After half a game or more has been played, then the score at the point of stopping the match is the final result; or



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- i. Where the Grand Final match is cancelled, by Ariels VCNA for health and safety of participants, or does not reach half a game of play, no result is achieved.
 - j. The top ranked team after the semi final will be awarded first place and the second ranked team second.
21. **FORFEITS** are to be notified to Ariels VCNA via email to competitions@ariels.com.au.
22. Forfeit Penalties:
- a. \$100.00 if notified at least 48 hours before game time
 - b. \$160.00 if notified 0-48 hours before game time.
 - c. All forfeit penalties must be paid before the next game.
23. The venue is a non-smoking, and e-cigarette free area during competition/events.
24. The venue is alcohol and recreational drug free during competition/events.
25. The Committee and Convenors will have the right to interpret the rules due to circumstances which may arise on the day of play.
26. Breaches of these rules could result in the loss of points and to the team's score. For more details on breaches, refer to the Ariels VCNA By-laws.



2025 Social Competition Additional Match Rules

1. Respect - this is social netball, with core values of participation and fun! Players, coaches and spectators should respect their team mates, opposition and officials.
2. Netball Victoria rules will apply.
3. First named team has opening game centre pass.
4. Mixed Competition: Each team can take the court with the following team composition options:
 - a. 6 females/ 1 male OR
 - b. 5 females/ 2 males OR
 - c. 4 females/ 3 males ORMale players must be spread over the court so that there is no more than one male shooting (GA or GS), one male defending (GD or GK) and one male playing in the centre/mid court (WA/C/WD).
5. Minimum five players on court to commence the match – GS, GA, C, GD, GK.
6. Mixed Competition: If less than 7 players on court, a maximum of 2 males is permitted.
7. Rolling Substitutions:
 - a. The rolling substitution stands at the designated area.
 - b. Before leaving the designated area, the substitute high fives the player leaving the court.
 - c. Only one (1) rolling substitute per team can be made at a time.
 - d. Play is not to be held up for rolling substitutions.
 - e. Players must observe the offside rules as they enter/leave the court.
 - f. Players must not interfere with the umpire's movement during the substitution.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Substitutions must involve two players. A single player cannot "roll on" or "roll off" the court.
 - i. It's easier to have two (2) sets of identical bibs to facilitate rolling subs. If the team ONLY has one set of bibs, the substitution player MUST NOT LEAVE the designated area until the bib is correctly fitted.

Ariels VCNA looks forward to your team joining us for the 2025 Summer season.

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.