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2024

Tuggeranong Netball Association Winter Competition Handbook



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Welcome to 2024

Tuggeranong Netball Association (TNA) 2024 Executive Committee welcomes all players, coaches, umpires, parents, guardians, families, carers and members to TNAs 2024 Netball season.

The Winter Competition at TNA provides for a well-rounded competition that suits the needs of all players and officials.

The 2024 Executive Committee is looking forward to helping all clubs and schools involved in our 2024 competition to provide a safe, happy and competitive season.

2024 TNA Competition Contacts

A full list of the 2024 TNA Executive is available on the [TNA Website](#).

Who	Description	Contact details
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2024 Competition Dates

The full TNA calendar includes dates of meetings, competitions and Representative information and is available from the TNA Office and on the [TNA website](#).

Winter Competition Information Sessions	
WHERE: TNA pavilion 20th April at 11am and 27th April at 2pm	
TOPICS: Team Grading, Exemptions, Fill in players, Umpires program, Umpiring in general, General Q & A regarding Competition.	
Round	Date
ROUND 1 (TNA Grading Round)	SATURDAY 4 MAY
ROUND 2 (TNA Grading Round)	SATURDAY 11 MAY (MOTHERS DAY ROUND)
ROUND 3	SATURDAY 18 MAY
ROUND 4	SATURDAY 25 MAY (RECONCILIATION ROUND)
ROUND 5	SATURDAY 1 JUNE
NO GAMES ON JUNE LONG WEEKEND	
ROUND 6	SATURDAY 15 JUNE
NO GAMES DUE TO ACT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 22 JUNE and 29 JUNE 2024	
ROUND 7	SATURDAY 6 JULY
NO GAMES DUE TO JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
ROUND 8	SATURDAY 27 JULY
ROUND 9	SATURDAY 3 AUGUST
ROUND 10	SATURDAY 10 AUGUST (TNA Life members Day)
ROUND 11	SATURDAY 17 AUGUST
ROUND 12	SATURDAY 24 AUGUST
ROUND 13	SATURDAY 31 AUGUST
ROUND 14 (Preliminary Finals)	SATURDAY 7 SEPT (JNR final Round)
SEMI FINALS	SATURDAY 14 SEPT
	SATURDAY 21 SEPT
GRAND FINALS	(End of year TNA presentation and Grand Final at the Calwell courts)



2024 Competition Information

Applicable Policies and Procedures

All members are required to adhere and be aware of the TNA Policies and procedures which govern the TNA Winter Competition including (but limited to) the following:

- TNA Rules
- TNA By-Laws
- TNA Winter Competition Handbook (this document)
- TNA Competition Grading Policy
- TNA Sport Behaviour and Discipline Policy and Procedures
- TNA Code of Conduct
- TNA Umpire Development Framework
- TNA Team Name Policy
- TNA Playing Out of Year Level Policy
- TNA Extreme Weather Policy

A full list of TNA Policies and documents can be found [HERE](#).

NOTE: New policies and guidelines are generally updated by March each year, prior to the commencement of the TNA Winter Season

Registration and Team Allocation Dates

Teams are required to have a minimum of 7 registered players allocated to the team to be included in the competition.

Teams without the minimum amount of registered players will not be allocated to the competition as per the TNA By-Laws.

Competition allocations will occur between the 15th April and 27th April 2024. This allows 9 weeks for clubs to seek registrations, complete grading and construct teams.

If your team has less than 7 registered players as of the 15th April 2024, the team will not be entered into the 2024 Winter Competition.

Player Age Information

The following table provides a general guide to the Group that players will participate in for the TNA Winter Competition, based on their age or year at school.

Level of Play	Age of Players
NSG NET Skills Program	4-9 year olds NOTE: TNA Program only and is not offered by clubs
Juniors - NSG SET	Years 2-3
Juniors - NSG GO	Year 4
Juniors	Years 5-6
Intermediates	Years 7-10
Seniors	Year 10+ and adults

Year 10 Players

Year 10 players are not required to play in the Intermediates Group.

In accordance with TNA By-Law 8.8, if they choose to register in the Seniors Group only, they will be unable to play in Intermediates.

If a year 10 player chooses to play in both Intermediates and Seniors, to be eligible for Finals they must play an amount of games in Intermediates that is equal to or more than the games played in Seniors. All other Finals rules apply.

Seniors

Only players 14 years and over are eligible to play in the Senior Competition.

If a player is in Years 7-9, they must play in an Intermediates team before playing in a Seniors team for their second game. The player must be allocated to both teams in the TNA Winter Competition.



Clubs and Schools

Clubs are governed under The Associations Act.

School teams are governed by their school.

Further information for clubs and schools is available in the TNA By-Laws and on the [TNA Website](#).

Grading

TNA Executive have endorsed a new Competition Grading Policy for 2024. This can be found on [TNA Website](#).

Winter Competition Finals

All Clubs in Finals will be sent a Finals Information pack.

Information sessions will also be run prior to Finals or communicated at a General Council Meeting.

Player Safety – Jewellery, Earrings and Studs

The safety of all players is paramount. It is the policy of TNA that no item of jewellery, except a wedding ring and/or medical bracelet, can be worn. If either of these are worn, they must be taped.

NOTE: Netball Australia – Rules of Netball, Rule 1.4.3 Migraine Piercings is an exception. Migraine piercings will be exempted at TNA if a medical certificate is provided to the TNA office and a copy of the certificate is kept on the player and produced at the umpire's request. If worn, the migraine piercing must be taped

Under no other circumstances can a piercing be taped.

Remember: It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children do not attempt to play in earrings and/or studs. TNA has a duty of care to all players and offending players will be asked to leave the court.

2024 Competition Game Times

Winter Competition games time in 2024 are as follows:

Grade/Division	Time
NSG NET Skills Program	9.00 am
Year 2	10.00 am (Grass Courts)
Year 3	11.00 am (Grass Courts)
Year 4	9.00 am
Year 5	10.00 am
Year 6	11.00 am
Intermediates Div. 1	1.10 pm
Intermediates Div. 2	12.00 pm
Intermediates Div. 3	1.10 pm
Intermediates Div. 4	12.00 pm
Seniors	2.20 pm or 3.30 pm

NOTE: Game times are not exclusive and may change depending on the number of teams entered for each Grade/Division.

NOTE: All games are played on hard courts unless otherwise noted and times of play are subject to change. Teams will be advised of any necessary changes.



General Information

TNA Rules and By-Laws

TNA Rules and By-Laws are available on request from the Office and on the [TNA Website](#).

Amendments to Sections 7, 8, 9, 11 and 15 of the TNA By-Laws were approved at the 2023 TNA AGM. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with these sections as some have changed substantially relating to Registered players, Fill-In players and the TNA Competition.

Umpiring

The TNA Umpiring Coordinator manages both Junior Rep Umpiring Roster and the allocating the umpiring slots to clubs/schools for the Inters and Senior Games.

It is the responsibility of all clubs/schools and independent teams to provide an umpire for each rostered slot and any Year 2/3 games.

It is the responsibility of the TNA Umpiring Coordinator to allocate umpires on the Junior Rep Umpiring Roster.

Further umpiring information can be found [HERE](#).

Game Time Switch Procedure

Game time switching should be kept to a minimum and should only be requested where circumstances are beyond your control. If you know you will be impacted, let TNA know as soon as possible.

For teams who request a game time switch for the current week or the following week of competition, the process is as follows:

1. Advise the VP of Competition of your request who will then ask the opposition team and see if they can switch times.
2. If the opposition team says yes, the requesting team/club organises the umpires for the match.
3. The TNA VP of Competition will advise the TNA Umpire Coordinator so they can notify the original clubs rostered to umpire the game of the change (as they will no longer be umpiring that game).



For teams who request a game time switch more than 2 competition weeks in advance, the process is as follows:

1. The VP of Competition will organise a switch in PlayHQ and inform Umpire Coordinator so the club umpire roster can be updated and redistributed.

Sports Injury Management

In the event of an injury, please ensure that appropriate first aid is applied. Ice can be found in the TNA pavilion along with basic first aid materials. If the person needs to cease playing, ensure that the umpire stops the game and the court is cleared. If required, TNA have a wheelchair in the pavilion.

All injuries are required to be recorded with the Competition Convenors after the injured player has been attended to, in the event further action is required.

Insurance

Registered players and officials are covered by the Netball Australia insurance policy. The cost is included in the Netball ACT (NACT) fee component of your registration completed in PlayHQ.

Injuries **MUST BE** reported to an official at the pavilion on the date of the incidence. Extent of injuries sometimes are not present until a day later so it is crucial for insurance purposes to record all injuries. Insurance claims may not be accepted unless the member is registered on the date of the incident.



Netball Australia Position Statement – Taking Images of Children

1. Images of children can be used inappropriately or illegally. Netball Australia requires every person and organisation bound by this Policy, wherever possible, to obtain permission from a child's parent/guardian before taking an image of a child that is not their own. They should make sure the parent/guardian understands how the image will be used.
2. Netball Australia, Member Organisation and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) also require the privacy of others to be respected and prohibit the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets.
3. When using a photo of a child, Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) will not name or identify the child, publish personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without the consent of the parent/guardian.
4. Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) will not publicly provide or publish to any person or organisation, information about a child's hobbies, interests, school, or the like, as this information can be used by paedophiles or other persons to groom a child.
5. Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates (where applicable and relevant) will only use images of children that are relevant to netball and will ensure that they are suitably clothed in a manner that promotes participation in netball. Wherever possible, the organisation will seek permission from a child's parent/ guardian before using the image.

TNA Photo Policy

In accordance with the above, TNA do not allow photos/videos of children to be taken at the TNA courts unless you have sought the appropriate permission from the parent/guardian of all children in the photo/video.

Clubs/schools are reminded that when posting photos, images of children in the background who have not given their permission must be blurred, covered or removed.