



West Pymble Netball Club

Information Guide

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WELCOME

The West Pymble Netball Club (WPNC) Committee welcomes all players, coaches, managers, umpires & spectators to the 2021 netball season.

This **Information guide** has important information needed for the 2021 winter netball season. Please take the time to read through it. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate contacting any of our Committee Members. In addition, please check the West Pymble Netball Club website www.westpymblenetball.com.au throughout the season for any updated information. Another resource to check during the course of the season is the Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association (KNA) website kna.nsw.netball.com.au.

Things you should know about your Club, whether a new or old member, parent or spectator:

- **THE CLUB IS A PREDOMINANTLY VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION** – the Club only exists because people volunteer for the positions within the Club to ensure its continued existence. As one of the largest clubs in the Ku-ring-gai Netball Association, we also have a responsibility to provide volunteers to help in the running of KNA – please consider volunteering your time to help us make your netball season a successful one.
- **REGISTRATION FEES** – Netball NSW receives approximately 28% of the fees for affiliation and insurance, Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association receives approximately 41% of fees for running the association and competition and includes a contribution to the KNA building fund. The Club uses the remainder to pay umpires for scored games, court hire for training, equipment purchases, Club Day etc. There will also be a component of the fees that helps fund the resources and supplies required for COVID-19 compliance.
- **WPNC REGISTRATION and UNIFORM DAY** for the 2021 season is being held at the West Pymble Bicentennial Club -Saturday 6th February from 10am – 1pm.
- **WPNC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** is usually held in November, date to be advised. A notice will be sent out, all members are welcome.
- **WPNC CLUB DAY** subject to current COVID-19 restrictions we hope to be holding our Club Day, in some form. We may still have a social event/gathering, restrictions permitting, so stay tuned.

Your involvement in the Club in any capacity is essential for its continued existence. There are various committee positions that need to be filled as well as other requests for assistance during the season. Please consider volunteering your time to ensure the continued success and growth of the West Pymble Netball Club.

Wishing you all a fun season of netball, and hope to see you around the courts!

West Pymble Netball Club Committee

NETSETGO (Winter Day Competition – July to September) – ages 6 - 9

NetSetGo Guidelines and Information:

- It is a modified form of netball that caters for both female and male players aged 6 to 9 years (the player must be turning 6, 7, 8 or 9 before 31/12/21).
- It is designed to introduce players to the rules and skills of netball in a non-competitive environment (there is no scoring or final series).
- It is meant to be fun for all participants.
- It is played on a rotation system where all players are given equal playing time over the season (based on availability) and rotated across all positions on the court. This is a set system for all clubs within KNA. KNA provides the roster to all clubs. **NOTE: For the 2021 season rotation of players may be relaxed due to the COVID compliance requirements. Information about this will be circulated to Team Coaches and Managers.**
- Games are played at the same time each Saturday (excluding school holidays). Games timeslots are hourly from 8am to 2pm. Game times within this time frame are decided by KNA.
- 6, 7 and 8 years games are played at the Lofberg Road, West Pymble, netball courts, 9 years games are played at Canoon Road netball courts. The Lofberg Road season commences from Saturday 24th April 2021, with the 9 years starting on Thursday 29th April 2021.

7 – 8 years Teams Information:

- The Club creates teams based on age, school attending and friends but depends on numbers that register. No formal grading occurs.
- Each team must have 3 parents willing to volunteer to be the coach, the manager and the umpire. The WPNC will provide assistance to these volunteers.
- Each team has a weekly one hour training session set by the team and based on availability of the majority of players and the coach. Generally this starts around 3.30pm on a Monday or Friday at the Lofberg courts.
- A team **Meet & Greet** day was held in **March** at **Lofberg Rd Netball Courts** where all teams were notified of training times and volunteer positions selected. It is important to attend. Please contact the NetSetGo Coordinator (see [Club Contacts](#)) if you have any questions.

9 years Teams Information:

- Netball NSW implemented a new policy in 2014 where NetSetGo extends to 9 year olds. The 9s will be playing at Canoon, in a non-competitive environment. Although there is no Finals series, the 9s will play games on Semi Finals and Finals day.

- **Grading**
KNA will be grading the 9 years teams to ensure teams will be playing against others of equal capability. In accordance with KNA grading the 9s, the West Pymble Netball Club will grade our 9s.

Please check the West Pymble web site for details of the WPNC grading days / times. If, for any reason a player is not able to attend grading, please advise at time of registration or contact the Junior Grading Convenor – see [Club Contacts](#). You will be advised of your team approximately one week after grading. Please check the West Pymble web site (westpymblenetball.com.au).

- The KNA 9 Years Round Robin is on Sunday 28th March at Canoon Road, South Turramurra. This is to assist the KNA grading committee to try to ensure our 9 years teams are graded appropriately with other clubs. **Attendance is compulsory.** Your manager will advise further details.

JUNIOR NETBALL (Winter Day Competition) – ages 10 – 17.

Junior Netball Guidelines and Information:

- Netball is not only open to female players but also to male players aged 10 to 12 years. Junior netball comprises several age categories: 10 years, 11 years, 12 years, Intermediate (13 and 14 years), Cadet (15, 16 and 17 years). Age is determined by age as at 31/12/21.
- **Venue:** Netball courts at Canoon Road, South Turramurra. Some games may be played at Lofberg Netball Courts, to be advised by KNA.
- **Game Day/Times:** Games are played at the same time each Saturday. Timeslots for age/grades are generally as listed below. Timeslots for 2021 **may** vary slightly. This is dependent on the number of teams in each age/grade and court availability and COVID restrictions:
 - 8.00 am or 8.55am: 9 years, 10 years
 - 9.45 am, 10.40am: 11 years, 12 years
 - 11.45 am: Intermediate
 - 12.50 pm: Cadet

Teams Information:

- **Grading is compulsory from 10 years to Cadet.** Please check the West Pymble web site for details of the grading days / times.

No player is permitted to play outside their age bracket without permission from KNA Grading. If, for any reason a player is not able to attend both grading days, please advise at time of registration or contact the Junior Grading Convenor (10 – 12 years) or Senior Grading Convenor (Intermediates & Cadets) – see [Club Contacts](#). You will be advised of your team approximately one week after grading. Please check the West Pymble web site (westpymblenetball.com.au). Any grading dispute will need to be addressed to the grading convenor appropriate to the age group of the player, as per above.

SENIOR NETBALL (Winter Day Competition) – ages 16 +

Senior Netball Guidelines and Information:

- Netball is open to female players in Open Grade (16 years and over). Teams consist of 7 to 12 players. Age is determined by age as at 31/12/21.
- **Venue:** Netball courts at Canoon Road, South Turramurra
- **Game Day/Times:** Games are played at the same time each Saturday. Timeslots for age/grades are generally as listed below. Timeslots for 2021 **may** vary slightly. This is dependent on the number of teams in each age/grade and court availability and COVID restrictions:
 - 2.10 pm: Open Grade
 - 3.40 pm: Open Grade

Teams Information:

- Established Senior teams must register with a minimum of 8 players. The online registration form has a field for your team Manager. Please ensure you complete this field so that we know which team you are registering for. If you do not have enough players for a full team but wish to play with friends, the team manager should contact the Senior Registrar or the Senior Grading Convenor before the Senior grading day (see [Club Contacts](#)). Senior training must be after 7pm due to juniors having first preference.
- Although there is absolutely no requirement for grading when playing in Open Grades, WPNC would like to offer its members the opportunity to be graded into teams of players with similar skill levels where appropriate. This grading evening is designed to ensure that all players have the opportunity to play with team members of similar skill level from A grade to C grade. This is not mandatory and if you have a full team then there is no requirement to attend. If you have a partial team, or are looking for a team to join this is the perfect opportunity.
- Whole teams will be accepted if each player is at a similar level - the team is then paper graded accordingly. To be accepted as a team, you must have 7 to 12 players and allocate a manager for that team.

Individual players can be placed in an Open Grade team and the Club will endeavour to place you in a team appropriate for your level. **It is important for all players to provide as much detail as possible of previous playing experience to ensure you are graded correctly.**

KNA All Stars

- Following on from the success of integrating the KNA All Stars into the KNA Competition in 2017, the KNA All Stars will again be graded into the KNA Winter Competition in 2021. It is probable that they will be graded in the C2 grade. It is hoped that the KNA Grading Committee will be able to make this an 8 team grade.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration:

All registrations for the West Pymble Netball Club are now online. Payment can be made either by Direct Debit prior to registration or by Credit Card at the time of Registration.

Please go to the West Pymble web site Home page, for more information and links to register:
www.westpymblenetball.com.au

Uniform:

- The WPNC uniform is a Dress, white socks, sports shoes and black bike shorts (must not be visible below dress-line in normal stance). These items will be available for purchase at our Registration day, and from our uniform convenor (see [Club Contacts](#)).

Other Items of Importance:

- **Communication:** E-mail is the primary source of communication from the Club directly to its members. E-mail is also the main communication between the coach, manager and the team. Please read all e-mails and respond appropriately. If a player will be away for a training session or game, please inform your coach and manager as soon as possible.
- **Grounds duty:** Is required to be performed by all clubs and teams, either helping set up in the morning before games begin, collating game sheets, timing games throughout the day or packing up at the end of the day. It is an expectation that all members be prepared to donate their time for a minimum of approximately two hours per season. It is the Club's policy that those members who are already volunteering their time to the Club, as a coach, manager or committee member, are not expected to take on this additional duty.
Please Note: If a team does not provide volunteers for grounds duty when requested, the team will be required to pay \$50 for each volunteer not provided, plus the WPNC will forfeit the team's game on their allocated Grounds Duty day.
- **Wet weather information:** Check the KNA website (kna.nsw.netball.com.au).

TRAINING & GAME ETIQUETTE FOR PLAYERS & PARENTS:

(to be read in conjunction with KNA code of behaviour/ethics attached)

PLAYERS:

- All players should attend training and games at the designated time. If unable to attend please notify your manager as soon as possible. The manager should be advised if running late.
- All players must be ready to start – shoes on, hair tied back, no jewellery or watches, nails clipped and a drink bottle.
- Any strapping should already be done.
- **No wearing of earings permitted, not even with tape over the top, for training or games. They must be removed before taking the court.**

PARENTS at Training:

- Ensure your child gets to training on time or advise the team manager if unable to attend or running late.
- Ensure your child is ready to play, as detailed above.

- If staying at the courts during practice, please wait in the shelter or away from your child's court so they are not distracted by your presence (subject to COVID-19 requirements).
- Be punctual for pick up after training, as the coach and manager need to get back to their families.

PARENTS at Games (subject to COVID-19 restrictions):

- Advise the manager if your daughter cannot attend any game as soon as possible.
- Support all team members with encouragement from the sideline, not just your daughter.
- No coaching from the sideline. There is only one voice and that is the coach directing the players of that team.
- Do not stand at the baselines
- Do not criticise the umpire (this could be your daughter or son one day).
- Be supportive of the coach – they have to consider the entire team not just one player as a parent usually does.

CHILD PROTECTION

In accordance with the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998*; every person over the age of 18 who is directly involved with children in any unsupervised activity is required to undertake a Working With Children Check. We ask for Team Managers, Coaches, Committee Members and Umpires to hold a current WWCC.

The Club will provide information prior to the commence of each season with details on the requirements for the Working With Children Check.

COACHING

Every team from NetSetGo to Cadet needs to have a coach. NetSetGo team coaches are a parent from the team. Teams 9 – 12 years, Inters and Cadets are allocated a coach by the club. Coaching is a volunteer position. The coach is required to attend all training sessions and games. We encourage parents, senior players and players (14 years and older) to take on the role of coaching a team or teams. Some of the younger coaches prefer to coach in pairs, which the club is happy to accommodate. The WPNC does not allocate coaches to Open Grade teams, if required it would be the responsibility of the team to find a coach.

It is a KNA requirement that all club coaches complete the free online course 'Beginning Coaching General Principles'. The WPNC adheres to this policy. If you are interested in being a coach, and doing the online course, please contact the Coaching Convenor (see [Club Contacts](#)).

WPNC will be hosting 2 coaching clinics prior to the commencement of the 2021 season. It is a requirement that all new coaches attend the sessions, we also strongly encourage ALL WPNC coaches to attend. It is also a requirement that the coach attends the Coaches and Managers Information night to be held **date and time to be advised, at the West Pymble Bicentennial Club**.

MANAGER

Every team needs to have a manager. The role of manager is a volunteer position. The role of manager is to support the coach and act as a contact for the team and for the Club. Each manager will be provided with contact details for each member in their team. The manager is responsible for sending out e-mails/phone texts relevant to their team (e.g. training cancellations, upcoming byes). They also have to advise the club of who has volunteered for grounds duty.

Where the coach/es are under 18years, it is a requirement that a parent from the team be present at all training sessions, the manager may set up a roster of those parents who are available. It is preferred but not essential that a parent of a junior, intermediate or cadet team, coached by an adult attend all training sessions.

In grades 7 years to Cadet, the role of manager is usually filled by a parent of a player from that team. In Open Grades, the role of manager is usually filled by a player from the team. Every team is provided with a kit bag. In some cases, where the coach/es are young students, the manager may be responsible for the kit bag. Kit bags will be available for collection at the Coaches and Managers meeting held prior to the commencement of the season. In these cases it is the manager's responsibility to ensure the kit bag is at all training sessions and games.

The manager is responsible for the collection of the score sheet from the complex before each game and ensuring all the players have signed on before the game begins. Each week, the manager needs to organise an adult representative for their team (either themselves or one of the parents from the team) to be the scorer for the game. It is the responsibility of the manager from the winning team to return the completed score sheet to the complex as soon as the game has finished.

It is also a requirement that the Manager attends the Coaches and Managers Information night to be held **date and time to be advised, at the West Pymble Bicentennial Club**.

UMPIRING - Netball

All clubs must provide one umpire of the appropriate standard for every team that plays. The Club greatly appreciates help in this area and any player who turns 13 or over in the year of play is eligible to become an umpire for the Club. Sessions covering both theory and practical work will be held prior to the season and all new umpires are allocated a “buddy” to assist them. A buddy is a more senior umpire who watches the umpire during the games and gives advice at the end of the quarter.

All umpires receive a gratuity from the Club in accordance with their level of attainment to encourage them to improve their standard. Payment is made by cash once during and then a final payment at the end of the season.

Payment structure is as follows:

Unbadged	\$5.00
Low D	\$10.00
Mid D	\$12.00
High D	\$15.00
National C	\$22.00
National B	\$25.00
National A	\$30.00
2.05 and 3.30pm game (any badge)	\$20.00
KNA Stand-By 100% of applicable rate	

If you wish to umpire, please tick the ‘Do you wish to umpire this year?’ box on the registration form. Please indicate if you are playing school sport or any other things that might affect your umpiring in the Umpiring Text box on the form.

Any further queries, please contact the Club’s Umpire’s Convenor, (see [Club Contacts](#)) or check the umpiring section of the website.

Umpires can wear the West Pymble dress, or their West Pymble dress with a white shirt over it, or a white pleated skirt, white polo shirt, white socks and sport shoes. Umpires must wear whites for the finals series.

West Pymble umpires are generally not allocated to West Pymble games. It is important to remember that all umpires are constantly learning and trying to improve their skills and new umpires have to start somewhere. Learning from mistakes is part of the process, however only the buddy or club convenor should be coaching an umpire, not players or spectators of the game. If there is a concern that the umpire has lost control of the game or is being harassed by players or spectators then the KNA umpire committee located in the main building should be advised during the game and they will deal with the matter.

CLUB CONTACTS

Position	Name
President	Giselle Stollznow
Vice President	Sarah Noble
Treasurer	Christine Pollard
Secretary	Rhonda Dekker
Senior Registrar	Susie Fletcher and Sarah Draper
Junior Registrar	Jane Huang
Umpires Convenor	Madi Unicomb
Coaching Convenor	Larissa Daniel
Managers Convenor	Tiffany Judson
KNA Delegate	Larissa Daniel
KNA Delegate	Tiffany Judson
Equipment Officer	Stewart Stead
Uniform Convenor	Wendy Hawkins
Senior Grading Convenor	Claire Dombkins and Yolanda Stead
Junior Grading Convenor	Amy Huntley and Marisa Bosotti
NetSetGo Co-ordinator	Pallavi Jankiraman
Spring Competition Convenor	Melissa Dickson
Grounds Duty Roster	Alicja Blackburn
Member Protection Officer	Sarah Noble
Website Manager	Peter Stagg
Court Booking Officer	Rob Huntley
Social Committee Convenor	Vacant
Honorary Auditor	To be advised

CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES

Please check our website for updates