

GRISS Women's Netball Competition Terms and Conditions Blitz Season January - March 2026

Our Aim

- To ensure the competition is conducted in line with the official rules of Netball, upholding fairness for all players and teams throughout each match and across the entire season.
- To foster a positive, happy, and healthy environment on and off the court, where players, umpires, and spectators can enjoy and celebrate the game of Netball.
- To encourage respect for the umpires' knowledge and commitment to the rules, recognising their essential role in the competition.
- To promote open, honest communication by encouraging all participants, umpires, and spectators to raise any queries or concerns respectfully, with the appropriate person and at the appropriate time.

1. Captain and Player Responsibilities

- 1.1 Captains are responsible for registering their Team online at https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Leisure/Latrobe_Leisure_Netball_Registration
- 1.2 Captains must inform their team of these terms and conditions and all players, including fill ins, must agree to the terms and conditions before taking the court in this competition.

2. Pool allocations

- 2.1 Pool allocations for the Blitz season are determined through a randomised process
- 2.2 All pool allocations are final and will not be changed.

3. Player Registration and Fees

- 3.1 Registration and insurance fee is \$55 per player and must be paid prior to taking the court
- 3.2 A weekly team sheet fee of \$74 per team must be paid at reception before each game regardless of the number of players playing.

4. Scoring / Score sheet

- 4.1 Prior to the game, the umpire will review the score sheet and tick off players present for that game and check fill-in player details are complete. Umpires will not commence the game until they are satisfied with the accuracy of the score sheet
- 4.2 Each team should ideally provide a scorer for every game to ensure fairness and transparency.

 If Team A provides a scorer and Team B does not, Team B may either assign a player to co-score or agree to allow Team A's scorer to manage the score alone. If Team B agrees to this arrangement, no challenges may be made to the final score.

4.3

If neither team provides a scorer, the GK or GS may take on the scoring duties, provided both teams agree. The clipboard must be placed against a wall or on a bench - never on the court or against the post. The centre pass may be delayed ensuring both scoring players are positioned back on court, and this will be at the umpire's discretion.

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If the teams cannot reach an agreement regarding scoring arrangements, the umpire(s) will make the final decision on how the scoring role will be fulfilled. This decision will be final.

5. Uniforms and Equipment

- 5.1 Each team is responsible for bringing their own set of netball bibs each week
- 5.2 If competing teams have the same bib colour, the organisers may provide an alternate set.
- 5.3 All jewellery must be removed or taped with player's own tape and nails must not be visible above the fingertip

6. Minimum Age

6.1 All players must be at least 15 years of age to play. Proof of age may be requested, and competition organisers reserve the right to verify that players meet the minimum age requirement. Organisers also reserve the right to refuse participation if age eligibility is not satisfied.

7. Fill-In Players

- 7.1 Fill in players must be 15 years of age and must complete the score sheet with their full name, email address, contact number and date of birth (DOB). Competition organiser's reserve the right to request identification for proof of age (as per point 6 above). All fill ins must sign that they agree to the terms and conditions prior to taking the court.
- 7.2 The fee for a fill in player is \$5 per player per game.
- 7.3 A player may act as a fill-in for a maximum of three (3) games in this competition before being required to pay the full registration and insurance fee. Please note that any previous \$5 fill-in payments will not be deducted from the \$55 registration and insurance fee.

8. Games

- 8.1 Games consist of four (4) 10-minute quarters. Teams will change ends at quarter time and three-quarter time, with a 3-minute break at half-time.
- 8.2 All games will start at the scheduled time. Teams must have a minimum of 5 players ready to take the court within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time or risk forfeiting the match.
- 8.3 If a team is not ready to take the court at the scheduled start time, one (1) goal will be awarded to the opposing team for each full minute of delay, up until the fifth (5th) minute. After five minutes, the game may be declared a forfeit at the discretion of the umpires and competition organisers
- 8.4 If a team defaults due to lateness or insufficient players, the opposing team will be awarded the win and full points.

9. Forfeits

- 9.1 A forfeit fee of \$50 applies if a team is unable to play a scheduled game. The fee must be paid at reception before the team's next game.
- 9.2 Forfeits must be communicated in writing to grissnetball@latrobe.vic.gov.au with as much notice as possible
- 9.3 Three (3) or more forfeits in the season may result in the team being removed from the competition

10. Injuries

- 10.1 Players participate at their own risk
- 10.2 Any injury sustained must be reported to Leisure staff and recorded immediately on an incident report form after the game for insurance purposes

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11. Finals Eligibility

11.1 Players must be fully registered (i.e., have paid the \$55 registration and insurance fee) and must have played a minimum of three (3) games for that specific team. Fill-in games across multiple teams do not count toward this minimum game requirement

12. Withdrawal from the Season

12.1 Teams withdrawing before the final game must pay a \$150 team withdrawal fee

13. Code of Conduct

- 13.1 This is a social competition, and all players must adhere to the principles of good sportsperson ship
- 13.2 Disrespectful behaviour towards umpires, players, spectators or staff will not be tolerated.
- 13.3 Netball Victoria guidelines for player conduct and dispute resolution will be enforced.
- 13.4 Umpires' decisions are final.
- 13.5 Swearing, foul language, or rough conduct may result in warnings, player removal, or, in severe cases, team suspension.

14. Payments Outstanding

14.1 Any money owed must be settled prior to team taking the court. Any outstanding payments incurred from finals games must be settled by grand final day

15. Contact Information

- 15.1 Competition details, fixtures, and ladder standings can be accessed via: https://sportsportal.latrobe.vic.gov.au/.
- 15.2 All enquiries, complaints, or issues must be submitted in writing to grissnetball@latrobe.vic.gov for proper consideration and response

By participating in the GRISS Women's Netball Competition, all players, captains, and teams acknowledge and agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions

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