



WELCOME TO PARKSIDE NETBALL CLUB!

Parkside Netball Club would like to welcome you and your child to our club and hope you enjoy your time with us.

Below is information about participating in Netball with Parkside to ensure a smooth transition into our club.

If you have any questions, please contact your Team Manager or the Junior/Senior team's coordinator in the first instance. Alternatively, any of our other committee members are happy to help you.

PARKSIDE BACKGROUND + CLUB PHILOSOPHY

Parkside Netball Club (PNC) was established in 2015 to focus on providing local opportunities for playing netball and drawing together the local community, not only for sport, but also for social activities.

PNC is also part of the broader Parkside Sports Club which includes junior and senior AFL, golf and the North Alphington Cricket Club whose home base is at Pitcher Park.

The Club draws players from many schools across the areas of Fairfield, Alphington, Northcote, Thornbury and Ivanhoe. We strive to keep kids active and enjoying their netball, whilst learning new skills and making life-long friendships in the process. All players and parents/guardians are required to agree to our [Code of Conduct](#) reinforcing this philosophy.

Parkside Netball Club is entirely run by volunteers, and we are extremely grateful to all those who donate their time to participate as coaches, team managers and committee members.

CLUB COMMUNICATION

You will receive communication from your Team Manager for issues relating specifically to your team and the club will regularly send emails to the entire membership including a quarterly newsletter. To ensure that you are signed up for the newsletter [click here](#)

We also have a [Facebook page](#) for updates.

COMPETITION DETAILS

TEAM SELECTION

As the focus of Parkside is on participation and inclusion teams are put together largely based on age and requested friendship connections. Most teams will stay together over many seasons and work their way through the age groups and divisions. Parkside do not stream players or hold team selections. When occasionally the fit is not right for a child we will endeavour to find a more suitable team for them. Teams that find their current age group is no longer competitive are encouraged to move up age groups early when appropriate.

Players who wish to challenge themselves and play at a more competitive level are encouraged to try out for Darebin Representative teams (more details below).

MIXED NETBALL

Darebin Netball Association has a policy of inclusiveness and boys and girls can play together in teams in U9, U11 and U13 with no restrictions.

U15, U17 and U20 are considered mixed competitions with restrictions placed on boys who have turned 13 prior to the commencement of the Season. All the details are available on the [Darebin Netball Association \(DNA\) website - bylaws on the DNA](#)

UNIFORM

Parkside aims to have an inclusive and low-cost uniform. We do not update the uniform often, so a purchase of a uniform should last until it is grown out of. A selection of dresses, singlets and t-shirts are available for girls and boys to be worn in games and an additional but not compulsory hoodie and jacket are also available.

The uniform options are:

- 1 – Club Dress* (U9 and U11 may wear white leggings and long sleeve t-shirt underneath in cold weather)
- 2 – Club t-shirt with black skirt*/shorts
- 3 – Club singlet with black skirt*/shorts (please note the singlet is a boys basketball cut and has a low cut under the arms)

We encourage members to recycle outgrown uniforms and they can be donated to the secondhand stock. All secondhand items are sold for \$5 and the money is donated to the [Confident Girls Foundation](#).

New uniforms can be purchased via the website.

Limited sizes in secondhand uniforms are available. Contact the club on info@parksidenetballclub.org.au

*Under dresses and skirts players must wear full coverage briefs or boyleg shorts.



SEASON REGISTRATION

PARKSIDE REGISTRATION

Parkside charges a very reasonable fee per season for each player. This includes court fees, umpires, stadium entry, coach development, equipment, training court hire and club administration. This fee is payable via the new Netball Connect site prior to the commencement of each season. A select number of teams with a paid coach are requested to pay a small additional fee.

SEASON START



COACH

Each team will be provided with a coach. This may be a parent volunteer, a paid coach or one of our junior club members who is part of our coaching development program. Your team manager will liaise with the coach during the season to organise training and to communicate changes or cancellations due to weather or other issues. Your coach will be provided with a training kit.

VNA REGISTRATION

VNA Registration is paid just once a year. It is compulsory for all players to hold current VNA Registration both for insurance coverage, and to be permitted to play in the DNA Comp. This annual payment is also done via the Netball Connect website, and will be automatically added to your first payment of club fees for the year.

Your team manager can provide you with an instruction sheet if you are having difficulty with the process.

TEAM MANAGER

The club will request that a parent/carer from each team volunteers as the Team Manager each season. This role is very important in facilitating communication between your team, your coach and the club. All email/online/phone communication from the Team Manager will be between you as the key parent/carer contact and not directly with any team members under the age of 18.

Teams with paid coaches will be requested to pay an additional fee as part of their registration.

All coaches are required to hold VNA registration and to have completed a Foundation level coaching accreditation program with Netball Australia. The club will also provide additional development opportunities to coaches during the year.

JUNIOR COACHES

If your team is being coached by a junior coach (a person under the age of 18 years), you will need to ensure that a parent or other adult with a WWC attends each training session. You may wish to set up a roster so that families' share the responsibility – this generally means that each family supplies an adult supervisor 1-2 training sessions per term.

TRAINING

The club will allocate each team a slot at one of the designated training sites Fairfield Primary School or John Cain Memorial Park. Training slots are allocated based on availability of both courts and coaches.

At the start of each season Team Managers will be asked to nominate a preferred time that works for each team and the coach and we will endeavour to allocate court space to meet each teams needs.

The courts at the John Cain Memorial Park are best accessed from the northern end on Clarendon St. There is ample street parking. The courts are not open to the public and can only be accessed by approved Parkside representatives at the allocated training times. There are toilets, a small kitchenette and storage facilities for the club to use.



GAME DAY

FIXTURES

You will need to monitor the fixture it tends to move around in the first 4-6 rounds during grading and game times and courts may change. Fixtures can be checked on the Darebin Netball Association (DNA) website - it's best to go into [the fixtures page](#), as the front page of the DNA website does not contain the full details.

WARM UP

Please ensure that your child arrives at the game a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. This allows for a warm-up, position allocations and umpire checks (nails and earrings etc). It can be quite stressful for teams when players are not on court ready for the first whistle.

WET WEATHER POLICY

If your game is scheduled for an outdoor court in heavy rain games **may** be cancelled. However, please note that games are usually only cancelled if the conditions are considered dangerous, **games will be played in rain**. All players are expected to be present at the courts at the commencement of play unless a communication has gone out from the DNA earlier. These announcements are posted on the [DNA Facebook page](#) and communicated to clubs directly.

Games cancelled in an earlier timeslot to yours does not mean your game is also cancelled - conditions may improve so do NOT make any assumptions! If in doubt, check with your Team Manager or Coach.

The DNA Weather Policy is available on their [website](#).

PLAYER ROSTERS

If your team has 9 or more players your team may choose to create a playing roster for the season to ensure a fair allocation of games rostered off between players. This generally means each player would have 1-2 games per season rostered off.

SCORING

Each team should provide a scorer each week. The team manager may choose to do this, or many teams create a roster for parents to take on this responsibility each week. A roster would mean each parent would be required to score approximately twice each season.

FINALS

Only teams in the U13 age group and above play finals. The finals are usually held across three weeks at the end of Terms 2 and 4.

Your team manager will be provided with a list of qualified players prior to first final played. During the normal season, it is essential that all players for each match are listed on the score sheet - this ensures they qualify for finals, where minimum played games in the season apply (usually 4-5 depending on season length).

END OF SEASON

At the end of each season your Team Manager will contact you to confirm that your child will continue playing and any other feedback to provide to the club.

Many teams organise an end of season get together usually in place of the final training session of the season at a local café or somewhere like Grill'd.

REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL FOR DAREBIN

Darebin Netball Association has a representative program for players in U11 and above. Teams play in a series of tournaments on Sundays across the year and senior teams also play in competition at the State Netball Centre in Parkville.

Representative netball (better known as 'Rep') is an additional commitment over and above Saturday morning club netball as participation at club level with Parkside (or any other DNA club) is a requirement for eligibility.

Trials for the following year are usually held in October and are advertised on the [DNA website](#) and circulated in the club newsletter and social media channels.

CLUB COMMITTEE

The committee consists entirely of volunteers and all positions are vacated and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting each December. We encourage all interested families to get involved - there are several roles or general committee positions available. Contact Club President Carly to discuss if you are interested.

Our current committee can be viewed [here](#).

We hope you enjoy your time with Parkside Netball Club and please do not hesitate to contact the club should you have any questions or need any further assistance: info@parksidenetballclub.org.au