



Boroondara Netball Association Inc.

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Incorporating

Boroondara **EXPRESS** Victorian Netball League Teams

Boroondara **POWER** Association Representative Teams

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2026 SEASON 1 COMPETITION INFORMATION

COMPETITIONS:

Venue: Boroondara Netball Centre, Macleay Park, 101 Belmore Rd, North Balwyn - 8 outdoor synpave courts

1) BNA Saturday Competition = Year 5 - Open

Saturdays: 8.00am – 5.00pm, commencing with Year 5

2) BNA Friday Year 4 JuniorNet = Year 4

Fridays: 4.15, 5.00 +/- 5.45 (if needed)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TEAM ENTRIES DUE: Spreadsheet & Netball Connect (see separate instructions)	No later than MARCH 1 st (gives us 3 wks to do grading + fixtures)
PRE-SEASON MEETING / AGM	Thursday, March 12, 6.30 – 7.15pm via Zoom
FIXTURES available	Saturday, March 14
“Back to Netball” Superclinic	Sunday, March 15
FEES DUE	Wednesday, March 18
Boroondara EXPRESS VNL home game	Monday, March 30, BSC
TEAM LISTS FINALISED on Netball Connect	Wednesday, April 22
Semi-finals	Saturday August 29
JuniorNet Final Round Robin	Friday September 4
Grand Finals	Saturday, September 5

COSTS per team (does not include Spring Fling)

DIVISION		ENTRY FEE	COURT FEES
YEAR 4	Provide own umpire for own match every week	\$110	\$475
YEARS 5 - 9	Nominate an umpire per team for the panel.	\$110	\$635
	No umpire nominated for the panel – must pay the umpire incentive levy of \$250	\$110	\$885 (635 + 250)
YEAR 10 +	Provide an accredited umpire for the panel to cover 8 SENIOR games (includes seni-finals)	\$110	\$575

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

GAME TIMES:	4 x 10 min quarters; 2 min half time break; straight changeover at ¼ & ¾ time (no siren) - No injury time due to central timing
DIVISIONS:	- Divisions are based on school year level, not age - Teams with players from more than 1 year level must enter in the higher level
GRADING:	- Grading is based on school year, previous results, team lists and information provided by clubs - The Association will re-grade only where considered necessary by the grading committee. Re-grading will not occur until at least 4 rounds have been played
FINALS <i>See by-laws</i>	- All Year 5 and 6 teams play off in the semi finals - Top 4 teams play finals in Year 7 – Open (1v4, 3v2 Knockout) - All year 4 teams will play in a final Round Robin
	- Players must play at least 5 games in a team to qualify for finals - If the team has less than 7 eligible players, a player from a lower section may fill in - Players may only play in one finals match per day
FORFEITS: <i>See page 8 Bylaws</i>	- In fairness to the opposition team, forfeiting is strongly discouraged. - A “scratch match” using players from other teams will avoid a fine to the offending team. - A significant forfeit fine of \$100 will be imposed, UNLESS the Association admin@bna.org.au is advised no later than 2pm on the day before the game, in which case the team will be fined \$30.
BYES:	- We aim for a maximum of only 2 byes during the season. - Teams receive 4 points for a bye.
BY-LAWS:	Click link: https://bna.org.au/competitions/by-laws

COMPULSORY PRE-REQUISITES

SUPERVISOR:	Every team / club must appoint a Supervisor to be responsible for the behaviour of their own players, personnel and parents.
CONDUCT:	All PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS must abide by our Codes of Behaviour
WWCC:	All team personnel aged 18 yrs & over must have a current Working With Children Check - umpires, coaches, team managers, volunteers, officials - click here for more information
NETBALL VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP: (Netball Connect)	Every player, coach & umpire must hold a NV State Membership before taking the court. - Ensures that players, clubs/ teams & the Association are legally protected & have personal accident insurance. This fee is payable once a year only and provides cover for 12 months in ANY Netball Victoria affiliated competition. 100% of this fee is paid to Netball Victoria. - Clubs will send all players & officials a link to their specific Netball Connect registration form. - Players & officials must register to every competition in which they participate ie) Winter / Spring / Power - but they will only pay once a year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLUBS:	- All Clubs must enter ON-LINE via Netball Connect - All Independent Teams must register via the BNA website link - Clubs may only submit team entries with a <u>minimum of 7</u> confirmed players. - Clubs may NOT have more than 3 teams in the same year level unless each team has a minimum of 10 confirmed players - If your team is short of players, we have a waiting list of players keen to join.
PLAYERS:	Players may only be a member of ONE team / club. They can fill in for other teams but once they have played 3 games with a higher team, they cannot play with the lower again > <i>see by-law 15 (a)</i>
GENDER:	- No restrictions based on gender in primary school teams (as per legislation). - From Yr 7, all BNA competitions are classified as "MODIFIED MIXED" ❖ Maximum 0 - 3 males on the weekly team list with position restrictions <i>see by-laws.</i> <i>Sections are based on skill level, not gender > please communicate this to your members / parents!</i>
UNIFORM:	All players must wear their club uniform unless specific exemptions are obtained.
FIRST AID:	- ALL clubs are required to carry their own first aid kits - The Association employs a registered nurse > available in the first aid room - The Association does NOT provide free tape / bandaids for earrings.

UMPIRING

Year 4	- Each team must provide an umpire for their own game each week. - These umpires must have completed the on-line Netball Victoria Theory test. - As this section is non-competitive and the emphasis is on participation, skill development, learning the rules and fun, umpires may be trainees / coaches / parents and are encouraged to coach / teach the players whilst umpiring. - Guidelines for umpiring this level are available on our website here.
Year 5 - 9	- Each team is encouraged to nominate one separate umpire per team to umpire every week for the panel. This includes new trainee umpires ie) 5 teams = 5 panel umpires each week - There is an option to instead pay an UMPIRE INCENTIVE PAYMENT of \$250; however our aim is to encourage ongoing umpire development, not financial gain. If a team does not nominate an umpire, the team will pay the Umpire Levy - The Association <u>will roster and pay</u> all umpires according to their availability form.
Year 10 +	ALL senior teams are required to provide one accredited umpire (badged or badge trainee) for senior matches for half the number of rounds = 8 <u>Clubs</u> will provide umpires as such: <i>number <u>senior</u> teams x ½. [ie. 10 senior teams = 5 umpires per week]</i> - Clubs will pay umpires for these games at a rate negotiated between the team / club and umpire. - There is NO OPTION to pay the Umpire Incentive Payment in lieu of providing an umpire. - The Association will provide (and pay) all other umpires including umpires for grand finals.
ALL	- All nominated team umpires must submit the on-line Umpire Registration and Availability form. - The Association will roster all umpires according to their Availability form (<i>Exception = JNYr 4 umpires as above.</i>) - All umpires must be accredited or be participating in our Umpire Training Program. - All umpires must have 2026 Netball Vic State Membership.

COMPETITION DATES

	FRIDAY COMPETITION		SATURDAY COMPETITION	
“Back to Netball” Superclinic			Sunday March 15	
AUTUMN / WINTER	1	March 20	1	March 21
	2	March 27	2	March 28
Easter		April 3		April 4
School Holidays		April 10, 17		April 11, 18
Anzac Day	3	April 24		April 25
	4	May 1	3	May 2
	5	May 8	4	May 9
	6	May 15	5	May 16
	7	May 22	6	May 23
	8	May 29	7	May 30
King’s Birthday weekend		June 5		June 6
	9	June 12	8	June 13
	10	June 19	9	June 20
School Holidays		June 26, July 3 /10		June 27, July 4 / 11
	11	July 17	10	July 18
	12	July 24	11	July 25
	13	July 31	12	August 1
	14	August 7	13	August 8
	15	August 14	14	August 15
	16	August 21	15	August 22
SEMI FINALS	17	August 28	Semi Final	August 29
GRAND FINALS	Round Robin	September 5	Grand Final	September 6
SPRING FLING	1	October 9	1	October 10
	2	October 16	2	October 17
	3	October 23	3	October 24
Melbourne Cup W/E		October 30		October 31
	4	November 6	4	November 7
	5	November 13	5	November 14
	6	November 20	6	November 21
CHRISTMAS FINALE	Round Robin	November 27	Grand Final	November 28