

# SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

## INFORMATION BOOKLET

### WELCOME

Welcome to Surrey Park Netball Club, more commonly known as SPNC. Please take time to read this and keep it handy as it contains important information that may be of assistance to you during your time with the club. If you have any queries during the season please do not hesitate to contact your coach, team manager or SPNC committee at [surreyparknc@gmail.com](mailto:surreyparknc@gmail.com).

### INTRODUCTION

Our club was previously known as Blackburn Uniting Netball Club (BUNC), formed through a church in Blackburn, and games were first played on a court behind the church more than 20 years ago. The club played in an association based at Koonung High School and in 1998, with three teams, joined the Waverley District Netball Association (WDNA) Inc, playing at the Ashwood courts where we currently compete.

We continue to grow each year and currently have 17 teams that form our club. As the club has grown there have been a number of changes to the club – this included changing our club name from BUNC to SPNC in July 2008. The decision to make the change after all those years was not taken lightly but thought to be more relevant to the area from which we draw our players.

### PHILOSOPHY

SPNC provides a program designed for beginners to advanced players. SPNC is affiliated with Netball Victoria (NV) and therefore follows their rules and regulations. These can be found at <http://vic.netball.com.au/support/assoc/rules-regulations/>

SPNC philosophy –

To provide an environment where members can:

- Learn and develop the skills and ethics of netball.
- Have fun and create friendships with peers that share a common sporting interest.
- Accept coaching from experienced netball players.
- Be supported and encouraged by the club, peers, coaches, team managers & parents.
- Be guided by the club to reach their potential.

The club aims to do this through:

- Offering fair and equitable experiences for all girls through effective team selection.
- Ensuring equal court time to all players.
- Encouraging and teaching players to play in all positions in their formative years.

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- Providing a climate that encourages positive character development through opportunities for growth as a player, support to learn to coach and umpire if desired, and be part of an active and affirmative community group.

## **ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

Surrey Park Netball Club plays in a competition run by WDNA at the Ashwood netball courts, Cassinia Street, Ashwood – Melway map 60 ref: K10.

WDNA runs two seasons of netball competition per year. Winter season generally begins on the Saturday following the Labour Day weekend in March and ends with finals in mid August. Spring season, generally begins end of August and is completed with finals in early December. It should be noted that games are usually played on the first Saturday of the Victorian Government school holidays.

## **PROGRAMS & COMPETITIONS**

SPNC registration is held at the commencement of each season and the date, time and venue is advised via email. Team managers will follow up the email with contact to ensure you have received the relevant information. All players must complete a SPNC registration form with their season payment and Victorian Netball Association (VNA) annual payment.

Once teams are finalised by the committee they are then forwarded to WDNA who will then notify the club of the sections allocated for each team and their playing times. Coaches, team managers and players will then be notified. Please be aware that team changes will be made from season to season based on team numbers, ability, age grouping and team balance.

After grading games have been played (approx. 3-4 games at the start of each season) your final grade will be advised and your team will play their weekly games in the same time slot.

Teams are formed each season according to age, skill level and team balance. Teams will generally have a maximum of 9 players unless it is deemed impossible. Once formed, it is important that all members of the team are treated fairly and able to participate fully in the success of the team.

### **Net Set Go (NSG)**

The Club runs an annual program which is specifically designed for 9-10 year old children and is highly recommended as an entry point into netball. Children participate in skill development activities, fun team-oriented games, modified game playing and confidence building. This prepares them for their introduction to formal competition the following year should they be ready to enter the Saturday competition. The club deems

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when players are ready for Under 11 modified competition. It is a NV philosophy based on an understanding of children's development, that players not be exposed to competitive netball until they are at least 9 years of age.

## **Under 11**

Modified netball provides an entry level experience to formal competition. Children are guided during games with tolerances in the rules that are applicable to their age, maturity level and also their skill level. No ladders are kept and no finals matches are played. Netball rules are fully explained and good sportsmanship is encouraged and expected.

All players should receive equal court time during this season and be encouraged to rotate in all the different court positions. SPNC fully supports this approach to junior age netball. Games are fixtured in the same way as the older sections and are 4 x 9 minute quarters.

## **13 & under, 15 & under, 17 & under, 19 & under and Open sections**

The above sections of netball are competitive and played according to NV rules. A ladder is kept and finals are played at the end of each season. Through the experience gained in the 13 & under section, it is intended that players will increase and expand their skills, develop a sense of team co-operation, further develop friendships and enjoy exercising in a safe, harassment free environment. Although it is exciting to qualify for finals, it is still very important at this age to give all players the opportunity to continue with their skill development and experience in different positions on the court. The best mix of skills and rotations needs to be determined to keep the team balanced but offer the players the opportunity to play in different positions. This is also important to develop team depth so that player absences or rotating players on and off the court won't affect the overall team performance.

As the players progress to 15 & under, game positioning usually becomes more defined for each player and although experience in all positions is encouraged, by this level players have become more specialised to positions, due to many factors particularly physical development, speed, height etc. It is hoped that the experience gained from earlier netball gives players the base to be able fill a role in any position on court.

Games are 4 x 10 minute quarters.

For all age groups, participation, enjoyment and skill development for the benefit of the player and the team are very important. Whilst it is great to win, performing to the best of their ability should always be encouraged. A win should never be at the expense of fair participation for all players in the team. It is for this reason that SPNC espouses a philosophy of equal playing time to every member of every team in keeping with policies of equity and fairness.

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## FEES

Fees must be paid before a player is able to play in a team. If by week 3, a player's registration has not been paid, they MAY NOT take the court until payment has been finalised.

### Netball Victoria (NV) Registration Fee

This fee is paid once a year, and covers most netball competition regardless of the number of venues or games a player plays during a week. A player is given a NV number which remains your registration number for your netball life.

Without NV registration **PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE COURT.**

The fee structure is as follows (correct for 2014 netball year):

Senior 18+ (born 1996 & earlier)	\$65.00
Junior 11-17 (born 1997-2003)	\$45.00
Net Set Go (born 2004 & later)	\$45.00

### Surrey Park Netball Club Fee

Club fees cover team entry fees, player fees, umpire and court fees, clinics, coaches, administration, season newsletter, equipment, first aid supplies and trophies. SPNC will always endeavour to be one of the most affordable clubs in relation to playing fees.

The club fee for 2014 Winter season is \$85 per player.

Payment by direct debit into the club's bank account, cash or cheque is acceptable. Please make cheques payable to Surrey Park Netball Club.

### Skirt fee & Policy

The club, for a **fee of \$25**, provides the "Lake" coloured skirt to all players up until U/15. The skirt is owned by the club and must be returned upon a player leaving the club. A reimbursement of \$10 will be provided when the skirt is returned washed and ironed.

Should the skirt be lost you will be responsible for the purchase of a replacement at a cost of approximately \$25. The skirts are available from the netball shop at Jells Park. Please let your team manager know when a player requires their skirt to be upsized. This is done free of cost provided the skirt is returned **clean, ironed (retaining pleats) and in good condition**. Failure to do so may incur a dry cleaning/repair fee.

### Uniform & Dress Code

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The decision to move from the junior skirt to a dress is made on a team-by-team basis but usually occurs around U/15. The official uniform of SPNC is:

- U/11-U/15 - a "lake" coloured pleated skirt, a SPNC black club top trimmed with white & lake, navy or black sports briefs and white socks. Bike shorts can be worn, under the skirt, provided they are short and cannot be seen.
- U/15-Open – a lake, black and white coloured dress with black sports briefs and white socks.

In addition:

- No jewellery to be worn. This includes watches, earrings, bracelets etc. Earrings CANNOT be taped in this association.
- Fingernails must be cut short and smooth.
- Sunscreen should be applied before the game.
- Hair must be tied back if long.
- Any medications required to engage in physical activity
- A water filled drink bottle must be provided by EACH player.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

### **Blood Policy**

When the umpire notices a player bleeding, play is stopped and the player will be asked to leave the court to be attended. The stoppage is treated as an injury/illness with no time allowance but all rules relating to substitution/team changes become operable.

### **Injury/Illness**

For an injured or ill player to leave the court "Time" must be called by a player on court appealing to the umpire. "Time" cannot be called by anyone on the side lines. Once time is called the game will stop and the player must decide if they need to leave the court and be replaced according to the substitution/team changes.

### **Substitution & Team Changes**

If a bleeding, injured or ill player has been replaced by a substitute player during the game the injured/bleeding player cannot return to the court until the next quarter. If a bleeding, injured or ill player has not been replaced by a substitute player during the game they may re-take the court on the permission of the Umpire after they are satisfied that suitable first aid/cleaning procedures have been followed.

### **Pre Existing Medical Conditions**

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Should any player suffer from a pre existing medical condition, injury or illness we trust that parents/guardians have strategies in place to manage the player's condition during physical activity. St. John's Ambulance volunteers are available every week at the courts should you require qualified assistance.

## **CLUB INFORMATION**

### **Presentation Afternoon and AGM**

The SPNC Club Presentation Afternoon is generally held on a Sunday after the main netball season – the winter competition. The Annual General Meeting of SPNC is held prior to the Club Presentation Afternoon. All positions on the committee are vacated and members are encouraged to nominate for those positions

### **Fundraising BBQ**

The club runs a sausage sizzle at the courts on a Saturday to be determined by WDNA. The BBQ is a great fundraiser for the club, earning between \$700-\$1200. Funds raised are usually invested in clinics for all playing members of the club. Volunteers are requested from each team for 45 minute shifts to assist on the BBQ stall.

### **Control Box Duty**

Each club is required to perform one duty given a date by the Association where assistance must be provided in the office for either a morning or afternoon shift. Dates are entered onto the Association website. WDNA prefers one volunteer for the whole shift but where necessary will allow a roster.

### **Matches**

Players must be at the courts at least 30 minutes before the commencement of their fixtured match. This allows players to warm up in order to prevent injury. For some teams this may also replace the weekly training if scheduling this is difficult. Ordinarily, all teams will train midweek at a time suitable to both coach and players.

If a player is unable to play for any reason, they must contact their coach and/or team manager immediately. If a player is aware in advance of a particular date that she/he cannot play it is their responsibility to forward this information onto the team manager or coach so that the team structure can be planned ahead.

### **Weather**

All teams and players MUST report to the venue no matter what the weather conditions. Score cards must be completed in the control box. WDNA will decide if play is to be

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cancelled due to inclement weather. Rain does not necessarily stop play. For further details refer to the WDNA website “Inclement Weather” information page.

## **Fixtures**

WDNA will email the Club Committee. This will then be distributed to coaches, team managers & players via email. The first three games are grading matches therefore times and fixtures may change after that. If so you will be notified. More detailed information can be found on the WDNA website at [www.wdna.com.au](http://www.wdna.com.au)

## **Grievances**

In the event that you have a question or grievance regarding SPNC procedures or policies, please forward this in writing to [surreyparknc@gmail.com](mailto:surreyparknc@gmail.com) This will ensure the matter is dealt with appropriately and confidentially.

## **Newsletter**

A newsletter is published each season providing important dates, a summary of each team’s performance across the season, interesting netball news and miscellaneous information. This can be found on the SPNC website at <http://surreyparknetballclub.com.au/>

## **Netball Victoria e-contact newsletter**

NV produce the e-contact electronic newsletter monthly which provides members with up to date information about programs/courses, state and national events, administration, policy and general netball news. Log on to the NV website to subscribe free of charge.

Further information in regard to match day procedures & by-laws can be found on the following websites:

WDNA website	<a href="http://www.wdna.com.au">www.wdna.com.au</a>
Netball Victoria website	<a href="http://www.netballvic.com.au">www.netballvic.com.au</a>
Netball Australia	<a href="http://www.netball.asn.au">www.netball.asn.au</a>

## **S.P.N.C PERSONNEL**

### **COMMITTEE**

The committee meets approximately 4 times per year. Each year positions on the committee are vacated at the AGM. SPNC encourages new members to nominate for positions on the committee. To contact the committee please email [surreyparknc@gmail.com](mailto:surreyparknc@gmail.com)

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## Committee Positions - 2014

<b>President</b>	Jacqui Peters
<b>Vice President</b>	Rowan Abbott
<b>Secretary</b>	Jane Thomas
<b>Communication Secretary</b>	Martine Klump
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kristin Ternes
<b>Equipment</b>	Robynne Smith
<b>Uniform</b>	Renee Reid & Pam Flynn
<b>Player Representative</b>	Joh Griffin
<b>General Committee</b>	Andrew Toomey
	Vanessa Lovell

## Coaches

The coach plays an important role within the club - to nurture, encourage, build team and individual skills and provide players with as much experience as possible. Sport, and particularly netball, is a fabulous vehicle for developing positive character. SPNC coaches are often parents of players, but as the club grows we are working hard through our mentoring program to encourage players from U/15 and above to take on the role of mentees and eventually, to coach their own junior teams. Positions are also advertised through Deakin University School of Education. Coaches are paid a nominal amount for coaching and an additional fee if they engage their team in mid week training.

Coaches are provided with a comprehensive club handbook to support and guide their work as coaches and that details the club's ethos. Anyone interested in coaching please contact the club through the website.

## Team Managers

Our parent volunteer team managers are responsible for communication between the team, the club and the coach. Duties include:

- complete a team list with contact details and provide each player with a copy.
- make sure netballs are pumped up, bibs are available and first aid kit is stocked.
- being the contact person if a player is ill
- ensuring the score sheet is collected from the control box if first named team.
- Score for the match, if you are first named team and stand beside the opposition scorer, if not.

Team managers are also provided with a comprehensive club handbook which details their duties and provides relevant information that will enable them to work in alignment with the club's ethos.

## Key terms

## SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

SPNC	Surrey Park Netball Club
BUNC	Blackburn Uniting Netball Club
NV	Netball Victoria
WDNA	Waverley District Netball Association
VNA	Victorian Netball Association
NSG	Net Set Go