



# Spring League Rules & General Guidelines

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## Rules

- **Year 1 - Year 4 teams** must rotate positions each week ensuring that over 7 weeks each position is played. This is to ensure that all players have the opportunity to learn all the positions and gain a better understanding of how the positions work together. Players' positions may be swapped at half time.
- **Year 5 and Year 5/6 mix teams** play straight netball with no compulsory rotations of positions. Players may be swapped at half time.
- **Year 6** children may play, but they need to play in a Year 5/6 mix team. In order to be fair, there must be at least four Year 5 players in each Year 5/6 mix team. A maximum of three Year 6 players allowed per team on the court at any given time.
- **NO jewellery** - players are NOT allowed on court wearing earrings (including keepers or taping), watches or other jewellery. Taping of earrings is NOT allowed. No exceptions will be made.
- Players' nails must be short and smooth and long hair must be tied back.
- Suitable sports shoes must be worn by players.
- A maximum of **two boys** allowed per team on the court. Only one boy per team is permitted in the goal circle at any given time and they must play in different thirds of the court.
- Players may play up but cannot play down a Year level.
- Teams may enter combined teams, e.g. Year 1 may play in a Year 2 team, Year 2 in a Year 3 team, etc.
- Teams are required to list their players on the back of the scorecards in their playing positions.
- One person from each team on the scorecard at all times. NO disputes are accepted and cards cannot be changed after the game.
- No coaches or parents are allowed on the court during games - please stay on the sideline.
- Supporters and coaches must respect the umpires' decisions and NO spectator influence will be accepted.
- We expect supporters on the sideline to leave the coaching of the teams to the coaches, umpiring to the umpires and ask that they give only positive support to all.
- We expect teams and their supporters to respect the Kidzplay Netball officials, all umpires, all players and all coaches.
- Games will not be cancelled due to the weather. In the case of extreme weather warnings this decision may be changed. Please refer to our website or Facebook page for updates.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on the school grounds please.
- **HAVE FUN!!**

## General Guidelines

- Goal post heights:
  - Year 1 teams - 1.8m goal posts
  - Year 2 teams - 2.3m goal posts
  - Year 3 & 4 teams - 2.6m goal posts
  - Year 5 teams with new players (lower grades) - 2.6m goal posts (Games on Ct B)
  - Year 5 & Year 5/6 mix teams - 3.05m (Games on Ct A)
- Year 1 children play in two 10 minute halves with a 2 minute half time break.
- Year 2 - Year 5/6 play in two 15 minute halves with a 2 minute half time break.
- Teams swap ends at half time.
- Only 3 minutes between games so please vacate the court quickly so the next game can start on time.
- Teams need to be on the court and ready to start play when the bell commences play.
- Game balls are supplied. These need to be left on court for the following game.
- Uniforms can be matching shorts and T shirts, with bibs being the team colour.
- Bibs are provided for the Year 1 6-a-side games.
- Year 1 7-a-side, Year 2 - Year 5/6 teams provide their own bibs.
- Basic First Aid supplies are available. Every team is responsible for providing their own First Aid kit for band aids and other small necessities.
- The Kidzplay Netball league is a learning experience for players, coaches and umpires.

## Umpiring & Scoring

**Umpiring** - All teams must supply an umpire to control their game, unless advised to the contrary by Kidzplay Netball, or pay \$7.00 per game to use a pool umpire. Two umpires control the game in the Netball NZ format, with some small variance based on age group and ability. Please refer to our website for the Kidzplay Netball Umpiring Guidelines.

Umpires must be over the age of 10 years (Year 6) and must have completed an umpiring course.

### ***Please note***

*Year 5 and Year 5/6 mix teams:* All Year 5 and Year 5/6 games will have qualified umpires.

*Year 1 teams:* If providing your own umpire for this age group they must be an adult willing to work with our mentors.

Complaints regarding umpiring decisions shall not be accepted unless a Kidzplay Netball Official/Umpire Mentor has been called to the court during the game.

**Scoring** - Each team must supply one scorer, who will keep score together on the official scorecard provided. The scorers are placed between the teams on the Team Bench side of the court.

***Please note:*** Failure of a team to supply a scorer means they must accept the score as presented by the opposing team on the official scorecard.

Complaints regarding the official score will not be accepted. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that the correct score is recorded during the game on the official scorecard.

## Court Protocols (Year 3 - Year 5/6 games)

**Team Bench** side of the court is for both teams only (players, reserves, subs, coaches, and managers). Both teams are required to be on the same side of the court which at Kidzplay Netball is the Control Room side of every court.

Supporters are on the opposite side of the court (the Bush Road side of every court), away from the teams and management.

## Safety

- Allow extra time to **park safely**. Please do not park on private property and/or illegally. Auckland Transport (AT) will issue parking tickets to those parking illegally and cars will be towed that are parked on private property and that are blocking other vehicles. Please note: There is no parking on the cycle lanes along Rosedale Road seven days a week.
- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Please advise all supporters of this.
- All Pinehurst School buildings and grounds are Smoke Free. Smoking is forbidden in ALL areas.
- Bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or anything similar are not permitted in the court enclosure.
- Parents are responsible for young siblings at all times. Please ensure children do not climb over the tennis nets.

## Sideline Behaviour

Supporters and parents must show respect for the game, the umpires and the opposition, and your own players. Be supportive and positive in your comments at all times.

No comments or words should be uttered about the standard of umpiring. The umpires can hear these and it only increases their nervousness and makes matters worse. You have to abide by the umpires rules, even if you do not agree with them.

Remember it is the players' game. They are there to enjoy themselves whether they win or lose and to get better at playing and understanding the game.