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NETBALL KAPITI NEWSLETTER



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Pre-Season Newsletter- February 2010

Welcome

Welcome to the new season and a new decade of Netball. Your Netball Kapiti Board have been working hard over the past months on new initiatives for netball in Kapiti for this season. For 2010 there will be various changes which are outlined in this newsletter.

We are holding an Open Forum on Monday 22 February at which we welcome your attendance to discuss any of these changes with the Board. The changes have come about for many reasons, some due to feedback received but also because of the desire to keep improving things as much as possible for our members.

Primary and College Grades Structure

In 2010 our Primary and College grades will play 2 rounds of grading with teams then being placed into grades of 6 wherever possible. (The overall number of teams entered may dictate some grades of 8).

After the first full round of 5 games some teams may then be regraded. Some grades where teams are of a similar standard may not be affected. However for teams which are clearly superior or are struggling this gives us the opportunity to regrade them and hopefully sort out the usual anomalies that simply cannot be overcome after the grading rounds. Our aim is to ensure all teams are placed in a competition grade suitable for their ability and to ensure all our players have a positive netball experience. Points accrued after the first round of competition will not carry over in to the second round of competition.

Senior and Premier Grades

We are trailing a new Premier competition for 2010 where our top 4 Premier teams will play a round robin competition with Kapi Mana Premier Teams during the middle of the season.

These 4 Premier teams will play at Kapi Mana on alternate weeks thus requiring travel on probably 2 or 3 weeks. Our top 4 Premier teams will be determined after one 5 week round of competition commencing on opening day. Our Prem teams will still play semi and finals for our trophies at the end of our season.

The format of the competition for the remainder of the Prem, Prem Reserve and Senior grades competition can only be determined following team registrations. It is likely that we will have grades of 8 teams, with top 4 bottom 4 splits occurring, but numbers may dictate grades of 6 team.

Netball Kapiti will not be entering a Regional Super League team this year.

Future Ferns

In 2010 Future Fern games will be extended to 2 halves of 15 minutes each. Our Future Ferns will now play rounds at 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. with the majority of the graded netball commencing at 10:00 a.m. By changing the starting time of the games these Future Fern teams will not be as rushed to get on and off courts before and after their games.

Primary Grade Umpiring

For 2010 changes have been made to our regulations re Primary Umpires, these are: **"All Primary teams must provide an umpire for their own games.** Umpires of Primary graded netball must have at least an approved centre level umpire qualification or they must have attended at least 2 Netball Kapiti practical umpiring sessions this season. Failure to provide an umpire who meets these criteria will result in the team having to default their game".

Please note this does not relate to Future Fern netball, umpires who are Primary

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School pupils may only umpire Future Fern games.

Therefore each Primary team playing graded netball must supply an umpire who is either a qualified umpire or who has undertaken some training this season. The minimum requirement to be an approved umpire is attendance at at least 2 of our practical umpire training sessions. All participants at these sessions will receive a free Intro to Umpiring Book. We have 2 sessions currently planned these being:

- Saturday 17th April 10-12
- Sunday 25 April 1-3

More sessions will be added. During the season Umpire training takes place every Thursday at Te Atiawa. Teams and Umpires have until 15th May to comply with this regulation.

It is hoped this change will improve the general standard of umpiring and aid to ensuring all our Umpires have a level of competency and understanding of the rules. Our kids deserve that when playing netball at our courts.

Player Umpire Passes

It has been decided that all Player Umpires Passes must be refreshed every 3 years. This means that if you got your Umpire Pass to Play in 2007 it has now expired and must now be redone to be become current. As always our umpires are available to assist with this and tests can be sat at their evening Thursday sessions.

Netball Kapiti will continue with the umpire/player reimbursement fee scheme in 2010.

Registration Fees:

You may be aware that we now face significant increases in fees and levies that have been imposed on us by Netball Wellington Region, Netball New Zealand and the Pulse. Our overall affiliation costs to NWR and NNZ have doubled. We have had various meetings and talks with all of these parties but simply put there is little we can do about them. Unfortunately we have had to increase fees to our teams to cover these increased fees and levies. Our fees for 2010 are:

- Clubs: \$730 per team of twelve.
- Colleges: \$455 per team of twelve.
- Primary School: \$340 per team of ten.

Team Registrations

Team registrations and forms will be available soon, these are to be returned by 01 April 2010, (that's the Thursday before Good Friday). Time extensions can be given for team lists (players names) but we need the number of teams your club/college/school wish to enter by that date so we can plan grades and draws.

Netball Development Officer

Amy Atkinson our Netball Development Officer is leaving us to pursue a career in teaching. Amy leaves us on 19 March and she will be missed. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.

Our Netball Development Officer position is currently being advertised with details appearing on our website very shortly. Applications close on 19 February 2010, if you have any queries about this position please contact Sandra on 296 9003.

Coaching Dates

Our first planned sessions are:

- **15 Feb, Starting Out in Coaching**, Te Atiawa, 7 p.m. \$10, Netball New Zealand coaching course, pre-requisite for further NNZ coaching modules, Te Atiawa 7 p.m. please contact Amy to register 902 1249 or amy@netballkapiti.org.nz, Course to be taken by Lindsay Murdoch from NWR.
- **1 March Player Centered Coaching Module**, NNZ Coaching Module, \$10 please contact Amy to register, course to be taken by Lindsay Murdoch from NWR. Participants must have completed Starting Out in Coaching course prior.

More sessions will be available and listed on our website.

Player Development Days

Development days have been planned for differing year/age groups. These sessions are open to all within the year/age group concerned and are an opportunity to up skill players for the season. An emphasis in the older age groups will be preparing players for Representatives trials. Sessions will be taken by a great range of very knowledgeable presenters. Please register with Amy for these sessions.

Our dates for these development sessions are:

- March 7, Year 7 Development Day
- March 14, Year 8 Development Day
- March 21, U15 Development Day
- March 28, U17 Development Day

Representative Teams:

Dates for our Rep Team Trials are:

- April 18, U15/U17 Rep Trials
- April 24, U15/U17 Rep Trials
- May 2, U15/U17 Rep Trials
- May 16, Primary Trials
- May 23, Primary Trials
- May 30, Primary Trials

We are still seeking representative coaches for some of our teams, if you are interested in coaching a representative team please contact Amy.

Primary Pre-Season Training

Added to the above, Pre-Season training sessions for Year 7 and Year 8 Primary children will be taking place at Te Atiawa on Monday evenings, 5:30 to 7 p.m., commencing on 22 February. All Year 7 and Year 8 children are welcome to these sessions. Sessions will also take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30 to 7 p.m. commencing 23 March for all 2009 Year 7 reps, training partners and those from the Yr 5 and Yr6 training group. A big thank you to Andrea Hadfield for her running of these.

Season Dates

Our season commences for all grades on May 1. There is no play on Queens Birthday weekend, 5 June. The season concludes on August 21, with August 29 being a Reserve Day. The Future Ferns season finishes on 7 August. All dates, draws, results and training sessions will be on our calendar on our website:

www.netballkapiti.org.nz

AGM:

Our AGM is on 29 March, 7 p.m. We require one delegate from each club/school to be present at our AGM. We are also seeking additional Board Members as some of our current Board Members are standing down. We also have a vacancy at President with Rob Hutson not re-standing for this position. Being a Board Member is a great way to be involved in netball and your community and we urge you to consider standing for Board membership this season.

Open Forum

We welcome your attendance at an open forum to be held on Monday 20 February at Te Atiawa. The purpose of this Forum is to give you an opportunity to discuss the upcoming season and any of the changes outlined. Whilst not strictly necessary please RSVP your attendance to Sandra, netball@sportkapiti.org.nz along with any items you would like to discuss.

Netball Wellington Region Review

Netball Wellington Region has undertaken an independent review of netball in our Region. The Report of Review has just been made available (5 Feb) and this extensive document is available on our website for reading.

It is a wide ranging report with various recommendations. One recommendation is the complete restructuring of netball in the Wellington Region and the abolition of the 5 Centres within NWR. The Board are presenting reading and considering the findings of the review and have been asked to meet with other NWR parties within the next month to discuss their feedback and preferred options. This could have wide reaching implications on the way netball is delivered on the Kapiti Coast and we urge you to read the document and give us your feedback.

U19/U21 Representative Team

Netball Kapiti are investigating interest in entering a U19/U21 representative team to play in a one off regional centre tournament on the 11th April. We would enter a combined age group team, please contact Amy if you are interested in this.

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