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NETBALL NEWSLETTER



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Pre-Season Newsletter- April 2008

Welcome

Welcome to the new season, the purpose of this newsletter is to keep everyone up to date with plans for Netball Kapiti for 2008 and inform about new regulations changes.

From the President:

We have a huge year of netball ahead on the Kapiti Coast. We've already commenced with our Super League team putting together some encouraging performances in the regional club competition. Be sure to get along and support them in their games, all of which are at Walter Nash Stadium in the Hutt.

Planning has commenced for the long-awaited pavilion extensions and a copy of the plan is on the notice board in the pavilion. The next step is to hold a Sponsors Evening on 10 May, after our first round of games, at the Community Centre.

We have a new addition to the Netball Kapiti Board in Wayne Meres. With the resignation of Ann Rose after six years service, this tips the scales in the favour of males over females on the Board for the first time in our history! My how times have changed.....

Our Saturday competition starts straight after the school holidays so good luck to all teams for the season ahead.

*Don Owen
President, Netball Kapiti*

Season Dates

Our season commences for all grades on May 10. There is no play on Queens Birthday weekend, 31 May, nor the 12 and 19 of July. The season concludes on August 30, with 6 September being a Reserve Day. The Future Ferns season finishes on 16 August. All dates, draws, results will be on our website:

www.netballkapiti.org.nz

Team Registrations

These are currently being received; the last date to get them in is Friday 18 April.

Our processes for registering a team on a Saturday have changed. It is now no longer necessary for a team to come to the Control Room and register each player every week. Instead a team will be given a Team Sheet, this contains all the players registered in the team for the season, only players on this Team Sheet can play for the team. This Team Sheet must be present at every game a team plays.

Players can be added to the Team Sheet as a new registration prior to 12 noon on any Friday, no late registrations will be taken at the courts at any time.

Players who are not on the Team Sheet but who are required to play on a Saturday can only play as a Casual Player or a Reserve. A form for this must be filled in prior to the player taking the court. They will be added to the Team Sheet for that day only.

Playing someone not on the Team Sheet will result in an instant default the default fine of \$20 will be charged. No discussion for a team default due to player registration will be entered into.

Sport Kapiti First Aid Training

Sunday 4 May, 9 to 5 pm, the absolute cheapest way to get first aid training at \$15 per person, contact Peter Ellis, 04 296 9024.

Umpiring Rule Changes

Changes to the International Rule Book have occurred, the bulk of these relate to stoppages and injury breaks. It has been determined that these changes will only apply to the Premier Grade for 2008. The changes are attached. These changes do not require a player to undertake a new pass to umpire.

Timing of Games

To clarify the timing of games at Netball Kapiti, all games, except Premier, Premier Reserve and Senior A grades, are run off the Control Room time and will be played to the buzzer. There is no provision to make up time in case of injury at any stage of the game. It is therefore important to assess injuries quickly and remove the injured player from the court as soon as possible, should any blood be involved the player must leave the court immediately. In the unfortunate instance of a serious injury common sense and a high element of care should always be applied.

Representative Programme

In an exciting new initiative Otaki College players have been invited to trial for our Representative teams this year. These players are in a situation where they have no representative team to play for and their joining with us will strength our rep teams and our links to the Otaki community.

Our Age Group Representative programme commences with trials for U15 and U17 players taking place on 13 and 20 April. The first tournament for these teams, and our U15 Development team, will be the Wellington Combined Centres Tournament at Hataitai over Queens Birthday weekend.

The Year 7 and Year 8 representative Programme is currently being re-evaluated by all Centres in the Wellington Region. Our traditional Cook Osborne tournament will be delayed to later in the season with a likely date now being 27 July. Trial dates for the Year 7 and Year 8 Rep Team will be announced shortly.



Townscape Construction Superleague Team

Our Superleague team are performing well in the re-vamped 8 team 2008 Wellington Region competition. It is coached by a Netball Kapiti Old/Young Girl, Lauren Archer, and has three Wellington Centre based players within it. These initiatives have aided the team immensely and this was evident with the teams first up win 2 weeks ago. The team play the very strong Naenae Collegians in their next game on Thursday 10 April. Their full draw in on our website.

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Coaching Development

Amy Atkinson, our Netball Development Officer, has some coaching sessions coming up, the first being a Skills and Drills session on 15 April, 7 pm at Te Atiawa. This session is aimed at helping coaches run a practice and will be practical orientated.

On 13 May we are offering a "Starting Out in Coaching" session. This is a NNZ course which is the prerequisite to any other NNZ coaching courses. Participants on this course receive an in-depth manual which normally retails for \$45 but is only \$10 for course participants. Please register your interest in these courses with Amy on 902 1249 or amy@netballkapiti.org.nz.

Amy has also offered sessions directly to schools and clubs. It has been great to see these being taken up by schools in particular. Please do not hesitate to contact her about any coaching requirements.

Holiday Programme

Netball Kapiti will again be running a holiday programme, it will be 21-24 April, Monday to Thursday of the first week of school holidays. Contact Amy to register, 902 1249, amy@netballkapiti.org.nz.

Umpiring Sessions

A general all round Umpires session is scheduled for Sunday 4 May at Te Atiawa, 10 to 12 noon. Umpires of all abilities are welcome to this session, as with all umpiring sessions please come ready to umpire, bring a whistle, drink bottle and wear suitable attire.

Our Umpires Group meets every week on a Thursday at 7 pm at Te Atiawa. They welcome anyone attending, if you are a novice umpire they will tailor their session to accommodate you and help you with any of your queries.

Additionally the group is visiting schools to assist coaches and players with umpiring training. Contact Amy to get involved with this at your school.

Stirling Sports Rebate System

Buying netball equipment, shoes etc? Go to Stirling Sports in Coastlands, state that you play at Netball Kapiti and your purchase will go towards the rebate system we have with Stirling Sports. They give us a percentage of all netball sales involving Netball Kapiti, this is then spent on further equipment for our Centre. Buy local, support Stirling Sports and Netball Kapiti at the same time.