



# NET NEWS

## NETBALL NEWSLETTER



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### Newsletter- July 2008

#### **From the President:**

Now that we're well in to winter we're bound to get the odd day of inclement weather. The decision to play on days that are wet and windy is a collective one involving Board members, umpires and control room staff. The safety of players is always our top priority, regardless of the age of players. We received two written complaints after a recent day when it rained during the first two rounds before clearing for the rest of the day. It was unfortunate that it rained when younger players are competing, but I can assure you the decision to play on was a considered one and we had no reported player injuries on the day.

On a brighter note I'd like to take the opportunity to wish our rep teams all the best in their tournaments over the next few weeks. We've already seen some pleasing results against teams from much bigger Centre's than ours, and this reflects well on our players, coaches, and overall netball development programme. A special mention goes to the Under 15 Development team who have competed strongly against other development teams in competitions to date. This includes wins over development teams from Wellington, Hutt Valley, Hastings and Wairarapa. Well done to all involved.

*Don Owen  
President, Netball Kapiti*

#### **Parking:**

You may have noticed parking immediately in front of the pavilion is now reserved for officials and disabled parking only. This is to ensure Board members, umpires and control room, most of whom are at the courts all day every Saturday, are able to find and keep a car park near the courts. We realise parking is at premium, as do KCDC.

#### **Pavilion Extension**

We hope you have had a look at our displayed plans for our proposed Pavilion Extension. We intend to build a second storey onto the western end of the Pavilion within which an Officials Lounge and Control Room will be situated. Our current umpires' room is too small and cramped for our hard working officials and the new elevated Control room will serve much better to control games at the Centre.

We are in the process of seeking funding for the extension and welcome any contribution. We will have a fixed Sponsor's Board in the extension and all donations will be noted on that. Please speak to Ross Windle or Don Owen if you can help in any way to bring this extension to fruition.

#### **Season Structure**

This Saturday (5 July) is the start of round two of competition for grades with 6 teams, the 8 team grades have 2 more weeks of play prior to being split into top 4 - bottom 4.

After Saturday we will take a break for the school holidays, with normal Saturday netball resuming on 26 July. The next few weeks are however busy times for our Representative teams (see below).

#### **Representative Season**

The school holidays see our U17 team travel to their tournament in Dunedin, to be held indoors 18-20 July. Our U15s are attending the national tournament in New Plymouth starting on Sunday 6 July and the Year 7 and Year 8 Rep teams will be attending a two day tournament Primary tournament on 10-11 July in Palmerston North. We wish all our teams well and are of course very thankful to the coaches and managers and also umpires who give of their time and expertise to enable these teams to travel away.

We are also very grateful to Pub Charity for their support of our Representative programme; they have provided funds for travel and accommodation for our teams to all their overnight stay tournaments.



Over June our Rep teams also attended:

- the Wellington Combined Centres U15 and U17 tournament in Hataitai
- the Betty Steffenson tournament in Palmerston attended by our U15 teams
- the Molly Dorne tournament in Levin in which our U17, U15 Dev, Year 8 and Year 8 Dev teams all took part.

The Molly Dorne tournament played last Sunday 28 June was the start of the Rep season for some of our Primary teams. We are trialling a new Regional season structure which sees our Primary teams selected later in the season, playing fewer tournaments but hopefully having more development opportunities. For this reason our traditional tournament after Queen Birthday has been shifted to 27 July and this year it will be the first day of a 2 venue Primary Regional tournament, the second day of which will be held in Hataitai on 17 August.

Congratulations to the following who have been selected for Netball Kapiti for 2008:

**Year 7:** Chelsea Manclark, Janey Taylor, Gemma Kelly, Kaupapa Hika, Jess Geraghty, Olivia Duffy, Hayley Neilson, Alana Fraser, Mackenzie Baird, Chanelle Lucas, with the following named as Year 7 training partners:  
Maggie Regnault, Tayla May, Rhiannon May, Eleni Timoteo, Madeleine Bell

**Year 8 Rep Team:** Jacinta Beckley, Victoria Brice, Kiriana Kendrick, Hannah Kelly, Rachel Levy, Jasmine McGeedy, Gemma Rattenbury, Te Ani Saunders, Sophie Taylor, Nicola Trott.

**Year 8 Development Team:** Danielle Blackford, Kirsten Fowler, Gabriella Giacon, Shaienne Kiel, Brooke Mason, Sonya Murray, Naykita Shelford-Hinds, Laura Te Ono, Mikaela Wiejers

### 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. With games being run off the control room 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.

### Holiday Programme

Netball Kapiti will again be running a holiday programme; it will be 7 to 11 July, Monday to Friday of the first week of school holidays. Contact Amy to register, 902 1249, [amy@netballkapiti.org.nz](mailto:amy@netballkapiti.org.nz). Or use the form on our web site. All participants are required to fill in our information form prior to taking part in the holiday programme.

### Umpiring

From the Umpires' corner:

New centre test banks are available from the NNZ website:

<http://www.netballnz.co.nz/>

Also included are the new 2008 revised rules. Those player umpires who are required to sit the test banks can sit either the 2006 or 2008 test banks. Next year all players will be required to resit for the altered rules.

Anyone who would like a senior umpire to visit their practices please get in touch with Mary ([manderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:manderson@xtra.co.nz) or by phone on 0274880266 or 2986836). This is can be particularly useful for explaining the practical aspects of the games or just for question and answer times which may take 10-15 minutes.

One of the most common rules that needs to be practiced from beginner players to experienced players is the judgment of 0.9 m. If you are practicing at our courts there are 0.9m rulers available in the umpire room to assist with this. Most players and coaches are genuinely surprised how far it is. If more players got it correct there would be much less whistle in the game.

Remember that umpires are there to control the game for fairness and give the players the best game possible.