



RULES AND GUIDELINES

Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Secondary School Tournament 2023

- Date:** Sunday 13th August 2023
- Venue:** Rotorua Netball Centre, Malfroy Road, Pomare, Rotorua
- Time:** Times confirmed after entries received. Games will begin no earlier than 8.30am
- Grades:** Premier: A, B, C, D (based on UNISS seeding and number of entries)
Premier Development: A, B
Mixed and Males Grade
- Cost:** **\$80 per team (Non-Refundable). Teams will be invoiced on entry.**
- Registration:** Entries close Friday 4th August 2023
Registration Link: [Zone SS Registration form](#)

Purpose

1. This tournament provides Secondary Schools within the Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone with a tournament prior to UNISS. It provides opportunities:
 - a. for teams to play against schools from across the Zone in preparation for UNISS.
 - b. for schools to develop players for future UNISS tournaments.
 - c. for mixed and male school teams from across the Zone to play each other.

Administration

1. Administration of the Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone (Zone) Secondary School Tournament in 2023 will be provided by Rotorua Netball Centre

Guidelines:

1. For a grade to proceed, a minimum of 4 teams will be required to enter. Grades may be combined at the discretion of the host Centre.
2. For the tournament to proceed, a minimum of 12 teams will be required to have entered. If this does not happen, the host Centre reserves the right to cancel the tournament, with notification to the teams who have applied to enter and a refund of their entry fees.
3. Where not specifically stated NZSSSC Constitution, rules and regulations will be followed.
4. Where not stated specifically World Netball rules shall be followed.
5. If there are disputes on rules that are ambiguous, decisions will be made by the host Centre and will be made in the best interest of the competition.

Eligibility

1. The Zone Secondary School tournament is open to all Secondary Schools within the Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone.
 - i. The top Senior/Premier team from each school is eligible to play in the Premier grade.
 - i i. Schools can enter a second team who will play in the Premier Development grade. This may include 2nd tier Premier teams or Junior A teams.
 - i i i. Schools can enter a mixed or males team in the Mixed and Males grade. These teams will play together and therefore there is no restriction upon how many males may take the court.
 - i v. It is recommended that teams are made up of predominantly Year 10 to Year 13 players. However, Year 9 players may participate if they are regular members of their school Senior/Premier team, or if their participation is necessary for their school to be able to field a team.
2. All players who are enrolled as a bona fide student at a secondary school in New Zealand will be eligible to compete.
3. Home schooled students may enter teams or combine with other teams if signed off by the school principal and they are affiliated NNZ members.
4. School Team Eligibility – refer to the NZSSSC Constitution.
5. All players in the Premier and Premier Development grades must be female.
6. All players in the Premier and Premier Development grades must be affiliated members of Netball New Zealand through the Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone and affiliated Centre's. This must be done through their respective Centre's and be in accordance with the Netball New Zealand Constitution.
7. All players must be aged Under 19 as of **1 January 2023** and studying at least 80% of a programme timetabled at the school of representation for at least four weeks prior to the event.
8. Schools whose roll is less than 150 students may form a combined team. Principals of the schools involved must agree and sign the entry form. One principal must take responsibility for the team. The team must be called by a name that indicates more than one school. Entry of a combined team must be approved by the organising committee.
9. Where a school has a roll of less than 50 students, up to two students can play for a neighbouring school, with the approval of both principals and the organising committee. For Premier and Premier Development grades, the neighboring school must have a female roll of less than 300 students.
10. All participating teams must be accompanied by two adult officials who must assume responsibility throughout the tournament and be accountable to the school principal. One of these adults must act as the Primary Care Person (If there is an injury is the only official who can enter the court)

Draw

1. Draw format is designed to allow competition against as many opposing teams as possible.
2. Timing is: 10 min / 2 min break / 10 min
3. Teams will play a minimum of 4 games
4. Draw will be published on the Centres website – <https://www.sporty.co.nz/rotoruanetball>

Game Ball

1. Each team will need to provide a NNZ approved netball prior to the game.

Player Welfare

1. Player welfare is paramount – therefore all teams are urged to play all players during this one-day tournament to avoid overloading individuals.

Umpires

1. Schools are responsible for providing their own umpires.
 - a. Umpires with a minimum of a current Zone Award are encouraged to officiate for the Premier grade teams.
 - b. Umpires with a minimum of a current Centre Award are encouraged to officiate for the Premier Development and Mixed and Males Grade teams.
 - c. Umpires who are travelling with your school team to UNISS should be encouraged to umpire on this day.
2. Umpires will be required to umpire their own school teams up until the finals where umpires will be appointed by the Umpire Coaching Panel.
3. Umpires will be supported throughout the day by the Umpire Coaching Panel.
4. Umpire details will be required to be completed on each team entry. No Umpire no entry.
5. Umpires will be responsible to pick up scorecards before games. Umpires will bring scorecards to tower room (upstairs) at the end of games.

Scoring

1. Teams are to supply an official scorer up until the finals, where two independent scorers will be appointed.
2. The official score is that which is on the scorecard. To eliminate any discrepancies a team official from each team shall score the game seated/standing together mid-court for the duration of the game.
3. Points are allocated as such:
 - a. Four points for a win
 - b. Two points for a draw
 - c. One point for a loss by three goals or less
4. If teams are equal on points at the end of the round robin play, the team that won the game involving the two teams on extra points shall take the higher placing. In the case of that game being a draw, the result will be based on goals for/against.
5. In play-offs, semi-finals, or finals, if there is a draw at fulltime, there will be a break of one minute and then play continues until one team has a two-goal advantage.

First Aid

1. First Aid will be onsite (*name to be confirmed*)
 - (a) taping/strapping available – \$10 shoulders, \$5 all other joints
 - (b) Ice available

Managers Meeting

1. A representative from each team is required to sign in at the Managers Meeting and stay for the briefing. Time to be advised when the draw is confirmed.

Game Rules

1. All games will start and stop on the central bell.
2. Injury or illness: Play may be stopped; the injured or ill player must leave the court and has up to 30 seconds to do so. Extra time will not be added.
3. If a team does not take the court at the required time, the umpires will give a one-minute warning. At least five players must be on the court at the end of the one-minute warning, if not the game will be awarded to the opposing team.
4. No disputes shall be entered into. Scoring processes are outlined above, and a Duty Umpire is available each round to support umpires and address misconduct.

Netball Smart Support

1. Teams are encouraged to utilise Netball Smart warmup protocols.
2. NetballSmart Development Officers will be in attendance and will be offering support for warmups and injury prevention initiatives. *(name to be confirmed)*

Player Identification for WBOP Pathway Programmes

1. WBOP Player Pathways Lead, and Zone Tier 1 selectors, will be in attendance to observe and identify female players from Year 10 and older as part of the wider WBOP player pathway programme.
2. Teams will receive a numbered team list prior to tournament day. All players must have their corresponding number from their team list clearly written in black marker on the side of both legs for the duration of the tournament day.

Coach Support

1. WBOP Coach Lead will be in attendance to support coaches as desired. Team coaches can request coach observations with during games, or connect informally on the day.

Prizes

1. Results will be published on the Centre website Results will be published on the Centre website – <https://www.sporty.co.nz/rotoruanetball>
2. Time and details for prizegiving will be communicated when the draw is confirmed.
3. The following prizes will be awarded:
 - (a) Winner – All grades
 - (b) MVP for each finals game
 - (c) Umpires of each finals game