

Wakatipu Netball Centre - Primary School Netball Policy

Year 3 & 4 Teams

- All games are played with 5 players on 2/3 of a normal court, with a goal height of 2.6m with 4 x 8 minute games using a size 4 ball.
- Subs are rolling ie changes can be made at any time during a game. Court time is to be divided evenly amongst the players to be as fair as possible
- 8 players maximum is recommended in each team if possible to ensure adequate time on the court.
- Coaches will hold a 15 minute skills session before each game for their team.
- Coaching clinics have been held, outlining the drills to be run before each game, and which can be used in practices also.
- Coaches do not “umpire” the game, but can move through the court and encourage players.
- All games will be scored but no points tables will be kept.
- The emphasis is very much on participation and fun in these year groups.
- All draws will be on our website www.wakatipunetball.co.nz

Year 5 & 6 Teams

- All games are played with 6 players on a full court, with a goal height of 2.6m with 4 x 8 minute quarters using a size 4 ball.
- Court time is to be divided evenly amongst the players to be as fair as possible.
- Games will have 2 umpires, using modified futureFERNs rules listed in resources and websites provided.
- All games will be scored but no points tables will be kept.
- All draws will be on our website www.wakatipunetball.co.nz

Yr 7 & 8 Teams

- All games are structured netball using a size 5 ball and big goals 3.05 metres in height.
- Games are 10 minute quarters with intervals of 2, 3 & 2 minutes
- Court time is to be divided evenly amongst the players to be as fair as possible.
- Score cards are to be filled out with player names on the reverse side.
- The grading day is to place teams into the appropriate grade. The number of grades will depend on the number of teams. The make up of the grades will be at the discretion of the Centre.
- Coaches may be required to umpire their own team, but our Centre does run a junior umpire training programme and these umpires may be allocated to these games. These umpires are learning to umpire as well as children and should be treated as such. Coaches and spectators may not remove an allocated umpire from any game.
- All umpires should respect their co-umpire. Always umpire to your right (splitting the court in half through the centre circle). **DO NOT MAKE CALLS IN YOUR CO-UMPIRES HALF!!!!**
- All games will be scored but no points tables will be kept
- All draws will be on our website www.wakatipunetball.co.nz

In relation to Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 games at Wakatipu Netball Centre in 2017, **it is a Netball New Zealand rule that coaches must coach their team from one position on the courtside.** They may not move along the sideline to instruct their team at any time (unless they are an official umpire of the game) . This does not apply to coaches in our Year 3 & 4 grades as coaches are encouraged to move through the court with the game and help and encourage players whilst not umpiring. There should be no coaching by anyone (parent or coach) from the baseline.

Last but not least - please ask parents to stay back from the sidelines where possible – even sit in the seats if playing inside. Parents yelling instructions from the sidelines only confuses players and is also a hindrance when players are trying to listen to an umpire. Parents should be encouraging and supporting of fair play of all players!!!!

NETBALL IS ALL ABOUT FUN!!