

Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre (PVRSC) is calling for nominations in the New Spring 2009 Netball Competitions.

Overview

The PVRSC conducts various Netball Competitions that cater for all abilities, genders and standards. Teams will be graded to allow teams with similar abilities / standards to compete against each other over the duration of the competition.

Format

The competitions are played indoors at the PVRSC in Herbert Street Cambridge Park, using the six full size, "sprung" wooden floor courts.

Competition Duration

The Mixed Spring 2009 Competitions will commence on the Monday 27th July 2009 with the last round being played on the 26th October 2009. **Note: 12th October no games due to World Masters Games.** Finals will be conducted on 2nd & 9th November. The Grand Final will be held on 16th November. New Summer Competition starts on 23rd November.

The Women's Spring 2009 will commence on the Thursday 30th July 2009 with the last round being played on the 29th October 2009. **Note: 15th October no games due to World Masters Games.** Finals will be conducted on 5th & 12th November. The Grand Final will be held on 19th November. New Summer Competition starts on 26th November.

Evening Game Times

The starting time for games will be either 6:45 pm, 7:30 pm, 8:15 pm, 9:00 pm or 9:45 pm (dependant on number of teams entering the competition).

Competition Fee Structure

Team nomination fee of \$60:00 to accompany completed nomination form, non refundable once competition has commenced. The team game fee of \$60:00 is payable prior to commencement of play. Forfeits attract penalties including a \$99:00 fine and loss of competition points.

Competition Regulations

Insurance. PVRSC shall insure all players that have completed a PVRSC individual registration form and are registered on their respective teams nomination form (i.e. full name and signature). All players must be registered prior to taking part in any matches at PVRSC.

Number of Players

Each team must register a minimum of 7 players when nominating a team to enter into a competition. New players being added to a team must have their details entered onto the particular teams nomination form prior to taking the court of play.

A team may use up to 12 players per game, with a minimum of 5 players taking their positions on the court to commence a game. Failure to achieve this will result in your team forfeiting the game.

Teams fielding fewer than 5 registered members will forfeit that game.

A team may make unlimited substitutions during each game.

Mixed teams must field a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 male players on the court at any one time. Only 1 male from each team is allowed in each goal circle.

Loan Players. Players from other teams form your division or lower may be utilised when your team is short of players.

Loan players must play in Wing Defence or Wing Attack positions only.

Teams utilizing Loan Players are not to have more players than their opposition.

Loan players must be marked on the score sheet with an asterisk (*) next to their name.

If a loan player plays for your team on 3 or more occasions, then prior to the third occasion they must register as a player for your team.

Qualification for Finals To qualify for finals players must have played a minimum of 50% of the round games. The sign in / score sheet will be used as the official record on adjudicating if a player has played; ie sheet not signed player will not be registered as participating in that game.

Game Fees. Team game fees are \$60.00. These must be paid in full at the stadium reception prior to commencement of play.

Forfeits. A forfeit will penalize the team in question with a loss of 2 competition points and a fine of \$99.00 (i.e. both teams game fees). The following scenarios will incur a forfeit;

- ❖ Less than 5 players are ready to take to the court no later than 5 minutes after the scheduled game time. However, in the event of this, a social game may be played provided the opposition is agreeable to this. In this instance the opposing team is awarded the win. (Although, should mitigating circumstances prevail then the Netball Coordinator and General Manager shall review these circumstances and use their discretion in applying forfeits).
- ❖ Playing a suspended player, or a player playing under a pseudonym, or a player not listed on the game sheet prior to the scheduled game time.
- ❖ Violation of any PVRSC netball regulations.

Failure to pay all forfeit fines will result in all team members being excluded from all PVRSC netball competitions until all monies are paid.

However, should a team give a minimum of 7 days notice to the Netball Coordinator & PVRSC General Manager indicating that their team will be unable to field a team on a given day, then the opposing team will be awarded the win with no penalty points. Forfeit fine of \$99:00 will still apply.

Social games, if both teams agree to play a "social game" in which both teams have paid court fees no forfeit fine will be charged to the "forfeiting team" but competition points will be awarded as if it was a forfeit and both teams will pay normal court fees the following week.

Game Timing Games will consist of four 9-minute quarters. Half time will last 2 minutes, with quarter-time lasting 1 minute. Teams will be penalised by 1 point for each minute they are late, providing the opposing team has taken to the court

Uniforms Teams are asked to nominate their team colours, and all team members must play in these designated colours for each game. Teams not playing in the correct colours will incur a team penalty of 2 goals per player for incorrect attire.

Jewellery All jewellery including watches, rings, earrings must not be worn. Small eyebrow and nose studs must be taped.

Fingernails Fingernails longer than finger length must be taped or gloves must be worn. Should the tape be removed during a game, the player will be asked to re-tape or cut the offending nails before being permitted to resume their position on the court.

Game Ball These are to be supplied by the teams in each game. The game umpire will make selection of the game ball.

Game Scoring Each team is to supply one scorer for their own game. Teams failing to do so will lose competition points.

Umpires Each team must nominate a minimum of one umpire to be rostered to umpire games as a spare if required. PVRSC will provide training if required for these nominated people. Teams failing to meet umpire requirements will lose competition points. All umpires must attend training night to receive PVRSC licence. Only PVRSC licensed umpires will receive payment. PVRSC will endeavour to provide 2 umpires per game.

Recording of Injuries. All injuries incurred whilst playing must be recorded on the reverse of the score sheet, giving the injured players name, a brief description of how the injury occurred and the extent of the injury. Either the Netball Coordinator must then sign this.

Player Conduct Violations in acceptable behaviour or breaches in the code of conduct (see attached), may result in team(s) and or individuals being sited to appear before a judiciary panel which may result in suspension and or expulsion from the PVRSC Netball Competitions.

Consumption of Intoxicating Substances These are to be avoided prior to your games as consuming these may have detrimental effects on your vision, balance and reaction times, therefore increasing the likelihood of injury to the individual and fellow players. Players found to be playing under the influence of intoxicating substances will be suspended from playing at PVRSC.

Failure to Complete Competitions. Any team that withdraws from the competition prematurely will attract a penalty of \$200:00. If this is not paid then it will be divided between all players nominated on team nomination form. Players will become un-financial members until arrears are payed and unable to participate in PVRSC competitions.

Competition Fixtures. Each team will be given a fixture list at the commencement of each competition. Should any fixture lists have to be altered, then the teams affected will be presented with an up to date fixture list. A team member must sign for these. All results and fixtures will be posted on the PVRSC website www.penrithsportsstadium.com.au

Competition Grading. Points will commence from the first night of competition. However, during the first three weeks of competition should it become apparent that team has been incorrectly graded, the Netball Coordinator and or General Manager will move team(s) into appropriate division. All games and competition points involving the "moved team(s)" gained prior to the move will become void. Double point games will be used to ensure an accurate points ladder in affected divisions.

Competition Regulations

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager, approach the umpire during a break or after the game in an appropriate manner.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in netball.
- Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they be your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates, opponents and umpires. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for the "FUN OF IT"ENJOY!
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a humble winner and good loser.

NOTE: A player who breaches this Code can be expected to be put on a Player Behaviour Agreement, irrespective of the outcome of any outcome of any other disciplinary action.

