



Mixed and Pink Ladies Competitions By-Laws

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Thank you for entering a team at Geelong Sports Hub!

Here in this document, we have outlined all the important information that you may need to know across the season. If at any stage you need clarification or assistance for anything, please call us on the contact details below.

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Team Responsibilities

Each week every team is responsible for the following:

- Providing a scorer every week
- Checking the players' names on the log in screens
- Paying the game fee before the start of the game (Cashless)
- Ensuring all players have a valid Geelong Sports Hub registration
- Wear the same uniform and position bibs

Failure to complete any of these tasks result may result in consequences. Please refer to the bylaws for more details.

Before the day of your first game of netball:

- Ensure all players have been added to the team list in SportsFix
- Ensure all players have a valid registration
- Look up the fixtures online to see when you are playing
- Let your team know when you are playing
- Arrange a uniform to wear
- Arrange a way for everyone to contribute to the game fee
- Familiarise yourself with the by-laws
- Familiarise yourself with the team responsibilities
- Obtain a copy of the rule book
- Provide Working with Children Check to Geelong Sports Hub

On the day of the game

- ♦ Bring drink bottle, bibs, uniform and running shoes
- ♦ Arrive 10 mins or more before game is due to start
- ♦ Pay game fee of \$70 to front counter via cashless payment
- ♦ Sign in team via log in screens and ensure all players are selected
- ♦ Remove all jewellery, etc.
- ♦ Ensure team scorer knows how to score on the tablet
- ♦ Warm up

After the game

- ♦ Collect all belongings
- ♦ Check score is correct
- ♦ If you have any questions, complaints or concerns approach the front counter.
- ♦ Drive home safely!

Fees

Team Entry

Each team pays a fee as they register to enter the competition. This fee covers fixturing and administration costs associated with your team over the season and medals for finals.

Game Fees

Each week there is a \$70 per team game fee. This pays for the umpires and the competition staff on the day/night. This fee is to be paid as a group effort. I.e. all seven players pay \$10 each to pay the game fee of \$70. The game fee is to be paid via a cashless option to Geelong Sports Hub in full.

Player registration

Each player is required to hold Geelong Sports Hub player registrations to take the court. This is a \$20 once a season fee, that allows you to play as many games of netball a week as you wish in mixed or pink ladies competitions. This registration is only for players that participate in a mixed netball competition or in a pink ladies competition. For Monday night and junior netball competitions you will be required to hold a VNA. Please see the "How to register as a player" section for instructions.

Walkovers/Forfeits and Withdrawals fines

If at some point during the season you cannot play a game or need to withdraw from the competition you are more than welcome to do so. Please contact your relevant competition manager with your request.

Withdrawing from the competition - \$80

Notified Walkover (more than 24 hours' notice) - \$102

Unnotified walkover – (less than 48 hours notice) \$140

How to register as a player

Player registrations occur when you register yourself to a team. Your team manager will either email you a link to register with the team via SportsFix. At the end of this process you will pay your \$20. Please note this \$20 is only paid once, if you are on multiple teams then register with one team and email info@geelongsportshub.com.au to request to be added to the other team/s.

Fill-Ins:

If your fill in already has registration with another team then email info@geelongsportshub.com.au to request the fill in be added to the team list.

If your fill in does not have current registration, then they will need to purchase a \$5 Social Game Pass. This can be purchased on our website under “Competitions” > “Memberships” > Social Game Pass or the link below:

<https://www.geelongsportshub.com.au/memberships/#1606803632125-a36ef83a-cd92>

Fill ins will need to be written on the log in receipt if they are only filling in for one game.

Uniforms

Each team is required to wear appropriate netball attire when playing.

Teams are required to wear the same colour top and the same colour bottoms.

Players are permitted to wear sports pants (leggings) and shorts, so long as they do not have pockets.

All jewellery must be removed. If you cannot take off specific items (medical alert bracelet or wedding band) you are permitted to tape over them with sports tape (no band-aids).

Gloves are permitted but nails must be kept short, players are allowed to tape over nails with sports tape (no band-aids). We ask for a gold coin donation if you only want a single piece of sports tape.

Independent teams are required to supply their own uniform and bibs. Spare bibs are available to hire for \$5 if needed. There are many online places that will allow you to design your own set of bibs. Otherwise, you can also purchase some from a sporting store such as Degrandi or Rebel.

Fixturing and Grading

When a team enters a competition they are put into one pool with all other teams that have entered into the same competition, disregarding all skill levels. Over the grading period, the first 5 weeks of the season, the competition manager will fixture teams to play against each other so they can see how the skill level of each team compares to one another. The fixtures are released two weeks at a time so that the competition manager can manipulate them as they see accordingly. This enables the competition manager to grade the competition with more accuracy. By the end of 5 weeks, all the teams in the competition will be placed into a division that the competition manager believes is the best fitting.

If you believe that you have been placed in the wrong grade please email us to discuss options. Please note that the choice that the competition manager makes is final and not subject to change on appeal without valid reason.

Please go to the Geelong Sports Hub website to find your fixtures. Fixtures after the grading period are released for the entire season. We recommend looking at them no more than 3 weeks in advance as they often change due to teams entering the competition late or teams withdrawing. If fixtures are modified they will change no later than 4 days prior to the match and you will be notified.

Time Requests

Teams can be fixtured onto games starting anytime between 6 pm and 10:10 pm. Some members of your team may find it hard to make certain times. If this happens the team contact can put in a written request to the competition manager, asking to avoid or have most games on certain time slot/s. The competition manager, if feasible, will attempt to fixture the team as best and fairly as possible over the season. All written requests need to be sent to the competition manager before the end of grading, otherwise, the competition manager has the right to refuse to request. In some cases, it isn't possible to get all weeks with the time requests guidelines, please take this into consideration when applying and planning your season.

Finals

The last two weeks of each season is dedicated to finals. For all senior teams, finals are done in a traditional format, where the top four teams make it to the semi-finals. The winners of these two games will then play against one another for the grand finale.

All players must be eligible to play in finals. Eligibility is determined by the number of games that person has validly participated in across the season. A player needs to have played 5 or more games with that team to be eligible to play in finals. Please note that if

a player plays whilst unregistered this game is not counted towards their finals eligibility. Byes and walkovers are also not counted towards eligibility unless the player has played before and after the bye or walkover.

If you do not have enough qualified players to play in finals please submit a written request for a finals clearance to the appropriate competition manager. Common reasons for this include players becoming ill, going on holidays etc.

Walkovers

At any point during the season, a team can forfeit a game or give a walkover for any number of reasons. This usually occurs due to a team not being able to find enough players for that week's game. When a team needs to give a walkover they need to call the centre on 03 5223 1992 so we can notify the umpires and the other team or submit and pay for the walkover on Teammo.

There is a fine associated with a walkover. This fine covers the cost of a game fee/s and administration. If the team provides 48 hours of notice for a walkover the fine is \$102 and is considered a notified walkover. If the team provides less than 48 hours of notice then the fine is \$140 and is considered un-notified walkover. All walkover fines must be paid within 14 days of issue otherwise teams will forfeit their premiership points for every game played until the fine is paid in full.

Withdrawals

A team may, if they wish to, for any reason withdraw from the competition before the season finishes. This will incur a fine of \$80 that pays for the administration of removing your team from the fixtures and for re-fixturing the competition. This fee is due within 14 days of issue. If this is not paid, no member of the withdrawn team may participate in any competition until the fine is paid.

Complaints

If a team has a complaint, they can either approach the counter before or after their game and talk to the appropriate competition manager or alternatively, the team contact can put in a written complaint via email. If the complaint is in regard to an on-court incident we ask that you speak to the competition manager straightaway, so the issue can be sorted out immediately where deemed appropriate.

We ask that patrons wait 24 hours before putting in a written complaint, but wait no longer than 5 days to submit it. A written complaint can only be submitted by the primary team contact.

When emailing in a complaint, if it's in regard to an on-court incident, we ask that you describe the incident in an objective manner, with as much detail as possible. We take complaints seriously and endeavour to amend issues as quickly as possible, however please note that any complaint with distasteful language or inappropriate comments, except for when explaining a situation, will be disregarded and further actions may be taken.

The appropriate staff member will contact you within two working days (before the close of business) following the submission of the complaint. If this does not happen please call us on 03 5223 1992.

Injuries

If you or a member of your team become injured during a game.

- Alert staff
- Remove yourself from the court if possible. If not, ask a team member to help. If no team member is able to help the game will stop until a solution is found.
- Tell staff and umpires if you are bleeding or if you have seriously injured yourself. Our staff recommend that you go to hospital for injuries that involves your head/spinal cord, excessive bleeding, asthma, breaks or fractures or dislocations. In other situations they will help you make necessary arrangements to get home or to the hospital.

For an insurance form please send an email to info@geelongsportshub.com.au who will send the appropriate form.

You will require

- The form to be signed by the Business Manager at Geelong Sports Hub. Please come in during our open hours.
- A physicians report and signature
- Details of health care you would like to claim
- A signature from your employee (if claiming loss of income)
- Bank details

Please call Sports underwriting for more information on what is required for your insurance form.

Tel: 1300 363 413

Email: paclaims@sportsunderwriting.com.au

Other Items

A copy of the Current rules of Netball can be found here:

https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/INF_NETBALL%20RULE%20BOOK%20MANUAL%202020.pdf

The Current Netball Fixtures can be found here:

<https://www.geelongsportshub.com.au/fixtures/>

Purchase VNA:

<https://www.geelongsportshub.com.au/memberships/>

Geelong Sports Hub Website:

<https://www.geelongsportshub.com.au/>