

West Ivanhoe Netball Club Guidelines

Philosophy

Our vision is to provide all local children and adults the opportunity to participate in the sport of netball.

Our mission is to promote, encourage and foster unity in our community netball club that allows its members to play netball and develop their netball skills in a fun, safe and fair environment, with the necessary equipment, facilities and personnel.

Our future is a club that embraces diversity and equality. A club that encourages and welcomes all children in the community to participate in the sport of netball. A club that creates an environment where children feel they belong to the greater community, to play with familiar friends and meet new friends. A safe environment to have fun!

Our Beliefs are:

- Equality
- Respect and Tolerance
- Fair Play
- Resilience
- Inclusion
- Fun
- Friendship
- Good sportsmanship

The West Ivanhoe Netball Club is committed to providing a means for young people to meet their recreational needs and develop their physical and social skills through netball.

All people are welcome to participate in the life of the club and are encouraged to do so with an attitude of serving and selflessness. *"The club is not there for us, but rather we are there for the club."*

Junior Netball Registration

All registrations are managed by the club Registrar. The Registrar can be contacted by emailing west.ivanhoe.netball@gmail.com.

Club registration periods

There are two registration periods each year, prior to the BDNA seasons.

Registration is completed through MyNetball which is accessible via our website www.westivanhoesportingclub.com.au and is open during our registration periods.

Due to the large number of junior players, the club registration dates and requirements **must** be adhered to.

For a player to be considered for a team in the following season, the player's parent/guardian is required to either:

- Register via MyNetball during the registration period or,
- Contact the club **during** the registration period via email to express an interest to play next season.

Failure to register, or contact the club during the registration period, could lower a player's likelihood of playing the following season. The club is under no obligation to accept players after registration closes.

During registration the parents/guardians of existing West Ivanhoe Junior players will be contacted several times via email to publicize the registration period. If by the last week of registration the club has not heard from a player, the Registrar or Team Manager will contact the parent/guardian by phone to ensure we understand their child's intent to continue, or not.

Selection to play in the following season is not guaranteed even if a player does meet the registration requirements. There may be circumstances (e.g. insufficient players to form a team) where the club cannot place players into a team. In such circumstances the club will do its best to find an alternative. If however no such alternative is found, or agreed upon, any paid up players will be offered a full season refund.

Registration enquires

Outside club registration periods, parents/guardians can email the club Registrar to express their child's interest in registering with our club. The club may be able to accommodate new players outside of registration based on vacancies and player experience. If however no vacancies exist, we will explore other options for either the current or following season.

Player Fees

Please contact the club Registrar for current registration and uniform prices. The club will maintain a policy of No Pay, No Play! However, payment options are available. Please contact the club registrar for more information. All information will be kept confidential.

New Players

The club encourages new U9 and U11 players to have completed the NetSetGo program prior to joining a team. If this is not possible, or the player is U13 or older, the club will do its best to find the correct team for the player's ability and skill level. This may require the player to participate in training only for a period of time until the Club is comfortable that the player is conversant with the rules of the game, netball positions and is confident to take the court. Club registration fees are not required for training only, but once a player commences playing matches registration fees will be calculated pro rata.

All players whether in a team or training only must hold a current VNA membership as this provides participant/player insurance.

The Club runs 1-2 NetSetGo training seasons each year which covers netball rules & basics and is a great preparation for joining a team.

We welcome any expression of interest from new players and the club will endeavor to ensure that every child has the opportunity to play netball.

Our club welcomes both girls & boys to play netball.

If you have any queries regarding registration, please contact the club Registrar.

Player Assessment and Team Selection

West Ivanhoe Netball Club acknowledges that correct team selection is very important in providing positive experiences for children when playing competitive sports. If done properly, children will develop a lifelong love of sport. Player Assessment is the means by which we aim to achieve this objective for our junior players.

The aim of the Player Assessment process is to ensure all players are placed in a team that will:

- Best represent their level of skill and ability
- Maximize opportunities to develop and improve their skills
- Maximize their enjoyment and love of the game

The outcome of each pre-season Player Assessment (along with player numbers and player positions) will be a major contributor in Team Selection for the following season.

Placement in a team one season does not ensure the player will remain in that team the following season.

Due to changes in the number of players registered with the club, player age group changes from year to year, experienced players coming from other teams/clubs and the rates of development of players from season to season, player movements in and out of teams will occur.

We encourage parents and players to be reasonable in their expectations and encourage positive feedback from parents and coaches to players so that children will be happy in the teams in which they are ultimately placed.

Player Assessment

All players will be asked to attend assessment sessions in their respective age groups for the following season. Some players may be invited to attend an assessment session in an older group.

Player Assessment will be performed during specific club training sessions. Assessment may also be made during BDNA matches. Assessment will be made by the West Ivanhoe Coaching group and external experienced coaches. Players and parents will be notified when player assessment is being undertaken. If a player is unable to make some/all sessions, assessment will be based on past observations from the coaching group.

Assessment will consider the following skills and attributes; footwork, speed and agility, ball handling skills, attacking skills, defending skills, fitness, versatility, perception and cognition skills, sportsmanship and attitude.

Under 9

Players in U9 teams are not skills assessed. A request to play with friends will be accommodated if numbers allow. Teams will be loosely ranked by the coaching committee based on the age of the players and their previous experience.

Under 11 and older

Individual player assessment will take place where there is more than one team in an age group. Assessment is compulsory for all junior players who will be playing in U11 and older age groups in the next season.

Team selection

Players are selected by age (as at 1st January of competition year) into appropriate age groups. Within each age group, players are placed into teams, based on pre-season Player Assessment. Team allocation will also be based on team positions.

It is the club's belief that players should play in their natural age group. There are however some exceptional circumstances when a player may be selected for a higher age group.

Player expectations

Uniform: All girls are expected to wear West Ivanhoe Netball dresses. New members can order & pay for uniforms online via MyNetball website. Alternatively, please contact the Uniform Coordinator directly (Lauren Davis at laurenannedavis01@gmail.com). Players will be

responsible for wearing appropriate sporting shoes and bringing a water bottle to training sessions and competitions. Players are to ensure that their nails are short and that they do not wear any jewelry.

Training: It is expected that players train with the club once per week at the allocated training time to develop skills.

Code of Conduct: All players must sign and abide by the Code of Conduct. Refer below.

Coaching

Our coaching group is managed by the Head Coach. If Team Managers receive feedback from parents or players regarding coaching, please forward this feedback to the Committee using west.ivanhoe.netball@gmail.com. The Head Coach and Committee will review all feedback and take any necessary action.

The club has a Fair Play approach that will allow all players to have equal court time during the regular season. Where a team makes finals, the coach may use their discretion with the court time given to players, but all team members must play at least one quarter.

Substituting players

Coaches, Team Managers and parents are reminded that there are strict rules regarding substituting players between teams. All substitutes **must** be requested via the Junior Netball Coordinator. If a team is short on players for any given week, please contact the Junior Netball Coordinator and they will find you a suitable substitute player. You can request what position you would like filled, e.g. shooter, mid-court, defender.

This process also applies on match day. There are to be no last minute player changes without consulting the Junior Coordinator first. Failure to follow this process could have a permanent impact on a player & team for the rest of the season.

Code of Conduct

All West Ivanhoe Netball Club members have a responsibility to practice good sporting behavior. Without good sportsmanship from Club members and spectators, the game of netball loses the enjoyment for all concerned. As a result West Ivanhoe Netball Club expects all **players, parents, coaches, Team Managers, Committee** and **club volunteers** to abide by the Code of Conduct at all times. All players wishing to become a member of West Ivanhoe Netball Club must sign that they have read and understood the Code of Conduct. This is to ensure everyone is aware of this policy and understands what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior at training, during games and when attending Club events.

The code of conduct can be found at the Junior Netball page, West Ivanhoe Sporting Club website. www.westivanhoesportingclub.com.au

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

It is a requirement of Netball Victoria for all netball Committee members, coaches, team managers and any parent or adult who will have contact with the players on game day or at training are to have a valid working with children check (or valid exemption).

If you currently have a valid WWCC, please email the club the WWCC number and expiry date and bring your card to the next training session to be sighted, or

If you are exempt from requiring a WWCC e.g. teacher, Victorian police officer (please check exemption list), please email the club and state the exemption. or

If neither of the above, please apply for WWCC. It takes about 10 minutes online and then a visit to the post office. www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Some details you need for the online form are: Address of club: PO Box 381, Ivanhoe, 3079

Grievances

If a parent, player, coach or spectator has any issues that they would like to discuss about anything related to netball or the club please contact the club president via email to help resolve any issues.

Confidentiality

The West Ivanhoe Netball Club will ensure that any sensitive information will be kept confidential.

Your personal information will only be used in accordance with the purposes of West Ivanhoe Netball Club.

Photography

From time to time, photographs may be taken of players/ training participants and used in on the Club's website or Facebook page, email newsletters to promote team achievements (e.g. finals wins) or the Club's activities.

A parental consent for use of photographs of players/participants is included on the Code of Conduct form.