



Your 2022 Guide

Dear Team Managers, Coaches, Parents and Players

Welcome to the Minties Netball Club for the 2022 season, with over 240 girls registered for the season it's sure to be a busy year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteer Coaches, Team Managers and Committee Members.

This guide has been put together to assist you in guiding you through the season. We've packed it full of common questions and answers, tips and information to make being part of the Minties Community an enjoyable experience.

Please take a moment, make a cuppa and read through the guide. For Team Managers we recommend printing a copy and having it at hand at training and game day. You will have now received an email with all of your coaches and players contact details.

NETBALL CONNECT

Netball Connect is the App being used by Netball Victoria to manage registration, game day play, scores/ladder information and a multitude of other things, netball related. This App is new for everyone involved in netball across Victoria including Associations (Sandringham District Netball Association), Clubs (Minties), Coaches and Players and has only come into use this season. It is anticipated that the App will be used for everything on game day including player attendance, team position and live scoring.

It is important that you download, log into the App and link your child and team to your profile. Netball Connect will be the best place to view team results and also the competition ladder as the season progresses.



Guidance on how to register and log into the App is available on our website [Minties Netball Club](https://www.minties.netball.club).

WEBSITES

The Minties Website contains useful information about the Club, Minties Community, how you can get involved and other details around Parent and Player conduct, participation and responsibilities. [Minties Netball Club](https://www.minties.netball.club)

The Sandringham District Netball Association (SDNA) has recently updated their website where you can find out everything you need to know about netball played at the Thomas Street Courts. The website hosts a very detailed Resource Section which covers everything for Game Day. [Sandringham District Netball Association](https://www.sdna.net.au)

MINTIES FACEBOOK PAGE

It is strongly recommended that you join the Minties Private Facebook Group. The club uses the Private Group as a platform to communicate information quickly and keep you up to date with what is on without cluttering your inbox. All Club events, sponsorship offers and what is happening in the world of Netball are posted here.

All current parents/guardians and players are invited to join the group and will be approved by the Facebook Group Administrator. [Minties Netball Club | Facebook](#)

TRAINING DAYS

Minties Training is held at the Thomas St Courts every Wednesday. The Courts will be supervised from 4pm.

It is however very important that a Team Manager or a parent be at each training session to assist your Coach if a child is injured or sick. If you are a supervising parent and unable to attend training please ensure you organize for another team parent to be in attendance to assist in supervision of the players.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MINTIES TRAINING TOP

These are provided free by the Club. If you require a training top please contact our Uniforms Committee Member mintiesuniforms@gmail.com

All other Uniforms needs can be purchased through our website [Minties Netball Club](#)

WEATHER

Training will be canceled if the temperature is over 32 degrees at 4pm or in the event of rain. Your Team Manager will advise your team if training is canceled.

On Game Day SDNA will post advice on their website, time slot by time slot, if a match has been canceled. On heavy rain days please visit their website to keep yourself informed on whether your match has been canceled. If your time slot has not been canceled you must go to courts. Each team must be seen to have 5 players present and registered in order to get a draw.

UNIFORMS

All players are required to wear a Minties uniform on game day.

DRESS. New dresses are available for \$60 from the Uniform Rep. Optional Minties Club Hoodies are also available at \$60.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DAUGHTER'S DRESS FITS BEFORE FIRST GAME

UNDERWEAR

Black bike shorts are to be worn under the dress but should not be visible. A black-sleeved top (no hood) may be worn under the dress on cold days.

FOOTWEAR

Appropriate runners/footwear for netballers is recommended to prevent injuries.

Nike free runs, Volleys, slip on or school shoes are not recommended footwear for netballers and must not be worn to training or games.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK RUNNERS IN YOUR BAG BEFORE SCHOOL on Wednesdays

HAIR - must be tied up and off the face (no big clips, or beads from Bali), and all jewelry removed.

FINGER NAILS - will be checked by the Umpires before each game and must be kept short.

Please check your nails and cut them before you get to the courts.

NO EARRINGS - Earrings must be removed before the game as they can cause injury to players if caught up on clothing. If you **recently** (only within 4 weeks) had your ears pierced you must register with SDNA desk, they will allow you to place the appropriate tape provided by yourself over them for those first few weeks. We would recommend leaving piercing until the end of the season to avoid issues.

GAME DAY

There is a link to the fixture, which is now maintained in Netball Connect, on the SDNA Website however it is recommended that you download the Netball Connect App as it is easier to view your team's fixture, scores and ladder using the App. We recommend Team Managers communicate to their team each week - via email/text or through use of a communication App, the game time and court number along with a reminder of who is scoring and on fruit duty. Game times can vary weekly, so please ensure you check the fixture regularly.

Fixtures are subject to change with Grading over the first few weeks of the season. After Grading, teams may change divisions, even if your team does not move divisions other teams in your grade may, please ensure you check the fixture on a regular basis. SDNA do usually notify the Club of a fixture change and this will be communicated down to Coaches and Team Managers to then notify players.

We encourage you to arrive at least 15 minutes before scheduled game time. You must be on time for your game at the courts. This allows players to warm up and reduces the risk of injury. It ensures that the coaches can implement their game plan and substitutions and it allows players to be game ready. SDNA has asked that 1/4 and 3/4 time changes are to be performed quickly, no parents or coaches are allowed on court at this time. Coaching issues should happen at 1/2 time only. The umpires can and will start the game without you.

PLAYER ABSENCES

Netball is a team sport and attending training is compulsory for all players from U11 to U15 teams. If you do not attend regular training, there may be penalties to the time a player is on court during a game.

If your child is unable to train or play please notify your team manager and coach ASAP. This is vital as if there are insufficient players (less than 4) at the time of play then your team must forfeit the match with a loss of points and the team may incur a fine. **Remember you can always borrow from a team lower in division to you.**

If your team is unable to field a team and play any game then you are to advise the Minties President who will advise SDNA, there are forfeit rules and a fee could be incurred for late notice. We have many teams to find subs from, please read "How to Sub a Player" later in this guide.

UMPIRES

SDNA trains and provides umpires for Game Days. Most are young girls and boys that are local players and are developing their umpiring skills.

IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR PARENTS TO APPROACH UMPIRES AT ANY TIME!

If you have an issue or concern with umpiring on Game Day DO NOT approach the umpire directly. Umpire supervisors wear Hi Viz vests and can assist you should there be any issues. The Team Manager should approach the supervisor or office staff on behalf of the team.

SCORING AND FRUIT DUTY

On game day parents are required to assist with scoring and bringing fruit for the team. Your Team Manager will organize a roster early so everyone knows when it is their turn.

CANTEEN & BBQ DUTY

Every team will have to do either Canteen Duty (2 adults required) or BBQ Duty (4 adults required), the Minties BBQ/Canteen Rep will be in contact with you to advise you when your day has been allocated by SDNA. Please volunteer to help when the Club is on Duty.

Team Managers please refer to example email communication below to send out to parents/guardians regarding setting up scoring roster and request for volunteers.

TEAM NOTIFICATIONS

The Minties Committee will forward all formal communications to your Team Manager, who will then forward all information to you via email. Please ensure you read your emails to stay up to date on everything Minties. As mentioned above please also join the Club Facebook page - we post a lot of information on our Facebook Page, it is a great forum for quick notifications, training and development opportunities, free events and giveaways. [Minties Netball Club | Facebook](#)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

New members are always welcome and appreciated. Each year positions become vacant and need to be filled. Please consider a position on the committee as without the wonderful help of these volunteers this club would not run as smoothly.

We encourage Team Managers and Parents to come along to our committee meetings. We hold 5 a year and your contribution to the club is highly valued. Contact mintiescommunication@gmail.com

CODE OF CONDUCT

SDNA follows the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community sport and can be found on their website, every player, team manager, coach, and spectator should abide by these rules. [Netball Victoria - Code of Conduct](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or any other member of the Minties Committee, if you have any queries. Have a great 2022 season.

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Minties Netball Club President

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Minties Netball Club - Participation Policy 2022

Player Rotation and Positions

Teams are formed each season according to age, skill level, team balance and where possible, player preference, using the team formation policy for Minties Netball Club.

Teams will generally have a maximum of 10 players.

Once formed, it is important that all members of the team are treated fairly and able to participate fully in the success of the team. These guidelines are provided to assist coaches in managing team participation throughout the season.

Time on Court

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Season

Where there are more than seven players available for a match, it is necessary to rotate the players on court so that each team member has the opportunity to participate in the match. .

It is expected that each team member will play at least three quarters and that all team members will rotate off to allow this to happen. If you do not attend regular training, there may be penalties to the time a player is on court during a game.

Coaches plan rotations ahead of the game and record them. This avoids negotiating with players just before the game, allows you to set up positions to keep the team balanced and also allows you to review previous games to ensure all players are being rotated fairly and receiving fair court time.

Finals

Where there are more than seven players available for a finals match, it is also necessary to rotate the players. It is understood that finals can be very different in intensity and atmosphere to season games and that team stability is an important factor. However, it is still very important that all of the players who have contributed to the team's success are able to participate at this time and it is expected that each team member will play at least a half of a finals game.

Playing Positions - Under 11's

Minties Netball Club participates in the Saturday competition run by Sandringham District Netball Association. For the Under 11 sections there are no season finals and no ladders are kept for the season matches.

This is done for a number of reasons:

- * Children starting out with netball have the opportunity to develop their skills without the pressure of finals
- * It encourages clubs and coaches to rotate players around all court positions to allow for solid skill development in each area
- * It allows the players to experience the range of positions on court and understand how the game flows and the rules that apply in different situations
- * It allows for the differing pace of skill development that occurs at this age without "pigeonholing" players into positions.

Children that show some strength at the beginning of the season may develop very different strengths as they and their game mature.

Minties Netball Club fully supports this approach to junior age netball. It is expected that players in all sections of the Under 11 competition have the opportunity throughout the season to rotate in all court positions.

It is best to have your position rotations worked out for each game beforehand, including rotating additional players on and off the court. You should discuss this with your team at training so that they expect to be rotated. As the coach, you will need to work out the most effective way to rotate your players.

Under 11 players should play no more than 2 positions per game and they should be kept in the same area ie. Defence, Attack or Mid Court. Changing position every quarter can be very confusing for young team members.

Playing Positions - Under 13's

The players in the Under 13 teams will experience finals for the first time. This places additional pressure on coaches to play a "winning" team combination to qualify for finals participation.

Although it is exciting to qualify for finals, it is still very important at this age to give all players the opportunity to continue with their skill development and experience in different positions on the court. You need to determine the best mix of skills and rotations to keep the team balanced but offer players the opportunity to play in different positions. This is also important to develop team depth so that player absences or rotating players on and off court won't affect the overall balance of the team. As the season progresses in first year Under 13's, it is expected that players will be consolidating into "preferred" court positions that match their skills and abilities and no need for rotation of positions, they will mostly only have 2/3 preferred netball positions.

Older Age Groupings

The teams for the older age sections (Top Age U13's, U15's, U17's and Open) are chosen at the start of each season with skill level and team balance in mind. By this stage, the players and coaches have a much better understanding of strengths on court and players tend to settle into more defined positions or position rotations e.g. defence, attack, mid-court.

It is still important to encourage a breadth of skills across the team and the ability to move between positions so that player absences and rotating on and off court do not impact on the balance of the team.

Fair Participation

For all age groups, participation, enjoyment and skill development for the benefit of the player and the team are very important. While it is great to win and performing to the best of their ability should always be encouraged, a win should never be at the expense of fair participation for all players in the team.

EXAMPLE EMAIL TO SEND TO TEAM

DUTY ROSTER & REQUIREMENTS

Dear Team

I have drafted the following duty roster for scoring and supply of fruit/lollies for game day. If you are unable to attend your duty please swap with another parent/guardian and please let me know.

20 April Round 1 Smith

27 April Round 2 Jones

4 May Round 3 Brown

(you can of course put all this in your own words and nicely)

When you are on duty you are required to:

- be at the courts at least 15 minutes before the start of the game;
- collect score sheet from office and fill in positions (supplied by your Coach),
- score if team named first or assist (observe) if team named second on score sheet,
- sign and return score sheet to office after game

Provide fruit snacks/lollies for the team, either at half/full time.

CANTEEN & BBQ DUTY

Every parent is required to assist the club by volunteering a small amount of time in the Canteen or BBQ. You will be notified when SDNA allocates these duties

I look forward to your company, support and wish our team all the best for a happy and fun netball season

Regards

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TEAM MANAGER

HOW TO SUB A PLAYER - BASIC GUIDELINES

You can only use a sub when you have less than 7 team members but you must have 4 original members and you can only make up a team of 7 and no more, this means you cannot have a spare.

SDNA are very strict with rules so please be very careful to read their BYLAWS, (see copied section below – subject to change). They can be very tricky and if you do not do this properly your team can lose points and the game.

The Bottom Under 11 team can only use subs from outside our club, i.e. a similar aged friend from school but they will have to pay a guest NVM Insurance at the window (approx. \$10) before they take to the court or an aged appropriate NetSetGo team member, and please follow SDNA's guidelines, write name on front of score sheet and say "SUB" and complete back of score sheet with sub's full details (each sub can only do this no more than 3 times for the whole season).

All teams can use a sub from another Association like Kingston/Caulfield, they must be of similar age/birth date and must have a current NVM – best if you ask the sub to bring their NVM card or provide NVM number.

Any Minties team member can play in any Minties team higher in division or age group but each team member can only play up 3 times in any Minties team for the whole season, on the 4th game you must stay up in that higher team, this can help if your current team is not going to get to finals and a team higher up in either division or age group needs you to qualify for finals, and only do this when close to end of season.

If there are 2 Minties teams in same division you cannot sub from each other, you can only use a sub from a lower division team - same for older teams.

No Minties team can use a sub from another club that plays at Sandringham

Score Sheets for every game must be completed correctly and every player in each game must be listed on the score sheet by the scorer, each player's position for each quarter must also be noted, leave an ---- if they are off that quarter – Failure to correctly fill in score sheets can result in your team losing points and can also result in a fine – there is a sample score sheet in each scoring folder that SDNA provides for each game.

SDNA BYLAWS

15. BORROWING PLAYERS

15.1 Players shall only be permitted to play in a higher section or age group (refer to bylaw 7.8) provided that:

- (a) The second team has less than seven of its registered players available to play. If a member of the registered team arrives late then a player filling in must leave the court at the next interval and not take the court again (other than for an injury). The name and registered team of any player filling in must be noted on the reverse side of the score sheet.
- (b) The borrowing team must have a minimum of 4 original team listed players available to play unless there are extenuating circumstances for which permission has been sought from the Executive Committee.
- (c) The player may only play in the second team if the team is in the same club in which the player is registered.
- (d) The player plays in no more than 2 matches on the same day
- (e) If a player plays in 2 matches on the same day, one of those matches is with the team in which the player is registered

15.2 Where there are two or more teams from the same Club graded in the same section, players can only play with their registered Club team in that section

15.3 Players may transfer between teams until the player takes the court for their fourth game with the one team. Once this occurs the player must remain with the team they played their fourth game with for the remainder of the competition.

15.4 Players may play a maximum of three (3) games in a team.

Penalty: On the fourth (4th) game played in a team, the player will be considered to be part of that team.