

TCNAI competition changes from 2023 to 2024 – Set Go, Juniors, Junior Boys & Seniors

Set Go

- One (1) additional week of fixtures (19 up from 18 in 2023).
- Final game moved to Saturday from regular club night to align with Seniors and Juniors Grand Finals.
- Please ensure clubs have read the competitions manual and nominate teams into the correct division.

Juniors

- All Scoring done on Netball Connect only.
- Removal of split round to accommodate Grammar and Cathedral.
- Addition of a bye round for all teams in the week following the McDonalds Carnival.
- Grading of Junior teams will be determined by TCNAI Competitions team.
- Rolling subs added for League and Division 1 competitions.
- Duty of Care form for playing up a division placed on Netball Connect as part of registration process (in the Terms & Conditions).
- When filling in for a higher team, players need to sign in at the Competitions Desk prior to taking the court. Playing without doing so will result in penalties given to that team.
- Removal of becoming a permanent member of a team if you play four (4) games or more as a fill in player.
- Must play a minimum of three (3) games for a team to be eligible to play for that team in finals (although can only play for one (1) team in each week of finals).
- Grand Final night moved to a Saturday night, alongside Seniors and Set Go.

Junior Boys

- U15's & U18's boys competition running for 9 weeks plus a grand final, starting June 5th running alongside the Wednesday night Junior competition.
- The boys will play their grand final on Wednesday 28th August (alongside Junior prelim finals).
- Boys GF will not be played on the Saturday alongside the Juniors and Seniors due to number of courts available in each time slot, and because of the number of boys who will likely also play sport on a Saturday (e.g rugby league, rugby union).
- No U12's comp as boys under the age of 12 can play in the regular competition.
- In the case of U12's boys, Netball Queensland don't recognise gender until after the age of 12. Therefore, a team can technically be made up of majority boys in the regular Junior season competition. However, based on feedback from clubs at the competitions meeting, TCNAI have opted to implement the below rule:
 - Teams are permitted to have a maximum of 4 boys on the court at one time – maximum of 1 in each goal third (GA/GS, GD/GK) and maximum of 2 in the centre third (WA/C/WD)
- This rule is an introductory rule for 2024, as we have not previously encountered teams registering with majority boys. TCNAI feel it is necessary to implement this rule, as a majority of clubs expressed that U10-11 girls would not be comfortable playing a team of majority 12-year-old boys in the 2024 season, and TCNAI want to mitigate the risk of teams with majority boys being forfeited against or having a negative experience in our competition. Whilst inclusion in our game and increasing participation of boys is of the utmost importance to TCNAI, we also recognise that change often isn't accepted overnight, and we feel it

necessary to implement a rule capping the amount of boys on the court at a time as a courtesy to clubs and to maintain the integrity of the competition.

Seniors

- Only four (4) divisions offered in the Seniors competition (plus mixed).
- An additional round of fixtures (16 instead of 15 in 2023).
- Teams nominate in which division they would like to play/are suited for, eliminating the need for grading.
- All clubs with a Premier League team must have their top Seniors team in Division 1.
- No restrictions on how many Premier League players can play Seniors.
- Rolling subs introduced for all Senior Divisions.
- Junior players can fill in for up to three (3) regular season games for free. Once they play a fourth regular season game, they must pay the full Senior fee.
- Junior Players from Junior League or Division 1 teams can only fill in for Senior Division 1 and Division 2 teams.
- Juniors need to be turning 15 in 2024 to play Seniors.
- All Scoring done on Netball Connect only.
- When filling in for a higher team, players need to sign in at the Competitions Desk prior to taking the court. Playing without doing so will result in penalties given to that team.
- Removal of becoming a permanent member of a team if you play four (4) games or more as a fill in player.
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Mixed

- Mixed teams will be accepted into the regular Senior competition.
- No longer 2 social mixed seasons running alongside the regular season, players who are wanting to play mixed will now need to sign up with a club and play the full regular season.
- This will allow TCNAI to allocate umpires as with all other regular season games (as opposed to teams supplying their own umpires – which often did not happen).

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- If a team believes that a player on the opposition's team is an ineligible player, please see the Competitions Desk to report this during the game and a TCNAI official will come to the court to investigate. It is difficult for TCNAI to investigate after players have left the court.

REQUESTS FOR TEAMS NOT TO PLAY IN THE SAME TIMESLOTS

- Please email competitions@townsvillecitynetball.com.au if you would like to make a request for certain teams not to play at the same time as other teams. For example, if you have a coach coaching 2 teams and would like to avoid them playing at the same time.
- TCNAI cannot guarantee that accommodations will definitely be made, but we will do our best where we can. No requests will be accepted regarding timeslot requests (e.g. 'can we please play at 6:30pm every week').
- Because there are only 2 timeslots in the Senior competitions, we can only consider 1 request per club (i.e. for 2 teams not to clash).
- For Junior requests, we ask that clubs keep requests to a minimum and send requests through in order of their priority.
- Requests need to be emailed in by February 28th at the latest.