



INFORMATION BOOKLET

WELCOME

Welcome to the Surrey Park Netball Club, more commonly known as S.P.N.C.

Please take time to read this and keep it handy as it contains important information that may be of assistance to you during your time with the club.

If you have any queries during the season please do not hesitate to contact your Team Coach, Team Manager or a S.P.N.C. committee member.

INTRODUCTION

Our club formerly Blackburn Uniting Netball Club (BUNC) was formed through a Blackburn church and games were first played on a court behind the church more than 20 years ago. The club played in an association based at Koonung High School and in 1998 with three teams joined the Waverley District Netball Association Inc, playing at the Ashwood courts.

We have grown each year and currently have 13 teams that form our club. As the club has grown there have been a number of changes to team lists and team names. Our club name was changed from Blackburn Uniting Netball Club to Surrey Park Netball Club in July 2008. The decision to make the change after all the years was not taken lightly but thought to be more relevant to the area from which we draw our players rather than a specific suburb.

The following is the Spring 2011 team list along with the Coaches and Team Managers.

TAIPANS

20 – 22 year old players

Many of the players in this team began with the club in 1998

Coach – Tracey Lethbridge

Team Manager – Lisa Clarke-Smith

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ROCKETS	Years 11 – 12 age players – formed 2003 Coach - Laura Linossier Team Manager - Karli Stewart
DIAMONDS	Year 10 age players – formed 2005 Coach - Kelsey Lethbridge Team Manager - Pam Flynn
METEORS	Years 9 - 10 age players – formed 2006 Coach - Tracey Lethbridge Team Manager - Rhonda Miller
HORNETS	Year 7 - 9 age players – formed 2011 Coach - Georgia Hanna Team Manager - Karen Taverner
JETS	Year 8 - 9 age players formed 2007 Coach - Jacqui Peters Team Manager - Noeleen Gracie
STARS	Year 7 age players formed 2010 Coach - Pauline Holloway / Kara White Team Manager - Josie Collins
COMETS	Year 6 age players formed 2008 Coach - Julie Toomey / Emily Flynn Team Manager - Robynne Smith
ASTEROIDS	Year 5 - 6 age players formed 2009 Coach - Priscilla Ryles-Smtih Team Manager - Jane Thomas

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GALAXIES Year 5 - 6 age players formed 2011
Coach – Katherine Lethbridge / Taylah Miller
Team Manager - Marianne Ward

CYLCONES Year 4 age players formed 2010
Coach - Shelley O'Donnell
Team Manager - Trish Scott

SATELLITES Year 3 age players formed 2011
Coach - Lucy Mason
Team Manager - Kath de Groen

PHILOSOPHY

S.P.N.C. provides a program designed for beginners to advanced players.

S.P.N.C. is affiliated with Netball Victoria and therefore follows their policies and guidelines.

Surrey Park Netball Club Philosophy –

To provide an environment where members can:

- Learn and develop the skills and ethics of netball.
- Have fun and create friendships with peers that share a common sporting interest.
- Accept coaching from experienced netball players.
- Be supported and encouraged by the club, peers, coaches, team managers & Parents.
- Be guided by the club to reach their potential.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Surrey Park Netball Club play in a competition run by Waverley District Netball Association (WDNA) at the Ashwood netball courts, Cassinia Street, Ashwood–Melway map 60 ref: K10



WDNA runs two seasons of netball competition per year. Winter season generally begins on the Saturday following the Labour Day weekend in March and ends with finals in mid August.

Spring season, generally begins end of August and is completed with finals in early December.

It should be noted that games are usually played on the first Saturday of the State school holidays.

PROGRAMS & COMPETITIONS

S.P.N.C registration is held at the commencement of each season and the date, time and venue advised via email. Team Managers will follow up the email with contact to ensure you have received the relevant information.

All players must complete a S.P.N.C. registration form with their season payment and Victorian Netball Association annual payment.

Once teams are finalised by the committee they are then forwarded to Waverley District Netball Association (WDNA) who will then notify the club of the sections allocated for each team and their playing times. Coaches, team managers and players will then be notified. Please be aware that team changes can be made from season to season based on team numbers, ability, age grouping and team balance.

After grading games have been played (approx. 3-4 games at the start of each season) your final grade will be advised and your team will play their weekly games in the same time slot.

Teams are formed each season according to age, skill level and team balance. Teams will generally have a maximum of 9 players unless it is deemed impossible. 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

The Association in Spring 2011 has moved to age groupings for the competition. In the first season the range of age application to the competition is broad to allow clubs time to make changes.



Net Set Go

The Club runs a program annually which is specifically designed for 9 - 10 year old children and is highly recommended. It is a program where the children participate in skill development activities, fun team playing activities, short modified game playing and confidence building. This prepares them for the competitive experience the following year should they wish to enter the Saturday competition.

NSG can also be attended at the sessions offered by Waverley District Netball Association at the Ashwood Courts on Saturday mornings at the beginning of both netball seasons. It is a Netball Victoria philosophy based on an understanding of children's development, that players not be exposed to competitive netball until they are at least 9 years of age. WDNA does not accept teams until the year the players are turning 10.

It is a Netball Victoria guideline that children under this age should continue with development through the Netta program.

In this section they are guided during games with tolerances in the rules that are applicable to their age, maturity level and also their skill level. No ladders are kept and no finals matches are played. Netball rules are fully explained and good sportsmanship is encouraged and expected.

All players should receive equal court time during this season and be encouraged to rotate in all the different court positions. S.P.N.C. fully supports this approach to junior age netball.

Games are fixtured in the same way as the older sections and are 4 x 9 minute quarters.

Under 11 - Players born 2000 or later

13 & under – players born in 1998 – 2000 inclusive

15 & under – players born 1994 & 1999

17 & under – players born between 1994 & 1997

19 & under – players born between 1992 & 1996

Open – players born before 1992



The above age sections of netball are diverse whilst the system is being implemented in Spring '11. The sections are competitive and played according to Netball Victoria rules.

A ladder is kept and finals are played at the end of each season. In the 13 & under section, it is a time to use the matches as a learning experience, to increase and expand their skills, to develop a sense of team co-operation, to further develop friendships and to continue enjoying exercise in a safe, harassment free environment. 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. The best mix of skills and rotations needs to be determined to keep the team balanced but offer the players the opportunity to play in different positions. This is also important to develop team depth so that the player absences or rotating players on and off the court won't affect the overall team performance.

As the players progress to 15 & under game positioning usually becomes more defined for each player and although experience in all positions is encouraged, by this level players have become more specialised to positions, due to many factors particularly physical development, speed, height etc. It is hoped that the experienced gained from earlier netball gives players the base to be able fill a role in any position on court.

Games are 4 x 10 minute quarters.

FAIR PARTICIPATION

For all age groups, participation, enjoyment and skill development for the benefit of the player and the team are very important. Whilst 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.



FEES

Fees must be paid before a player is able to play in a team.

Netball Victoria (NV) Registration Fee

- is paid once a year, and covers most netball competition regardless of the number of venues or games a player plays during a week.
- A player is given a NV number which remains your registration number for your netball life.

The fee structure is as follows:

- \$58 per player over 18 born on or before 31.12.1993
- \$40 per player 17 & under born between 1994 - 1999
- \$30 per player 11 & under born on or after 1.1.2000

Surrey Park Netball Club Fee

Fees cover team entry fees, player fees, umpire and court fees, clinics, coaches, administration, season newsletter, equipment, first aid supplies and trophies.

The club fee for 2011 has remained at \$70 per player per season.

Payment by direct debit into the club's bank account, cash or cheque is acceptable. Make cheques payable to Surrey Park Netball Club.

Skirt fee & Policy

The club, for a **fee of \$15** (plus a \$10 refundable deposit on the return of a washed, ironed skirt in good condition) provides the "Lake" coloured skirt to teams in under 11 & 13. The skirt is owned by the club and must be returned upon a player leaving the club.

This skirt is only to be worn for Surrey Park Netball Club games and **must not** be worn for any other netball competitions.

Should the skirt be lost you will be responsible for the purchase of a replacement at a cost of approximately \$25. The skirts are available from the netball shop at Jells Park. When your initial skirt no longer fits you, please let your team manager know the size you require and it will be changed over. Change-over and/or returned skirts **must be returned clean, ironed (retaining pleats) and in good condition.** Failure to do so may incur a dry cleaning fee



Uniform & Dress Code

The official uniform of S.P.N.C Under 11 & Under 13 teams is a "Lake" coloured pleated skirt, a purchased black club top trimmed with white & lake (purchased from the club), along with compulsory club black 'boy leg' sports briefs and white socks. Teams playing in Under 15 & above are required to purchase the club dress which is to be worn with compulsory club black 'boy leg' briefs & white socks.

In some instances with Committee permission – particularly for new teams allowances will be made for teams to wear an alternative uniform until players commit to the sport.

- No jewellery to be worn. This includes watches, earrings, bracelets etc.
- Fingernails must be cut short and smooth.
- Sunscreen should be applied before the game.
- Hair must be tied back if long.
- Any medications required to engage in physical activity
- A water filled drink bottle must be provided by EACH player.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Blood Policy

When the umpire notices a player bleeding, play is stopped and the player will be asked to leave the court to be attended.

The stoppage is treated as an injury/illness with no time allowance but all rules relating to substitution/team changes become operable.

Injury / Illness

For an injured or ill player to leave the court "Time" must be called by a player on court appealing to the umpire. "Time" cannot be called by anyone on the side lines.

Once time is called the game will stop and the player must decide if they need to leave the court and be replaced according to the substitution/team changes.



Substitution & Team Changes

If a bleeding, injured or ill player has been replaced by a substitute player during the game the injured/bleeding player cannot return to the court until the next quarter.

If a bleeding, injured or ill player has not been replaced by a substitute player during the game they may re-take the court on the permission of the Umpire after they are satisfied that suitable first aid/cleaning procedures have been followed.

Pre Existing Medical Conditions

Should any player suffer from a pre existing medical condition, injury or illness we trust that parents/guardians have strategies in place to manage the player's condition during physical activity.

St. John's Ambulance volunteers are available every week at the courts should you require qualified assistance.

CLUB INFORMATION

Presentation Afternoon

The S.P.N.C Club Presentation is generally held on a Sunday after the main netball season – the winter competition. The 2011 presentation date is Sunday 11th September at the Surrey Park Football & Cricket Club rooms in September from 4.00pm.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of SPNC is held prior to the Presentation Afternoon. For 2011 the meeting is on Sunday 11th September at 3.30pm. All positions of the committee will be up for election.



Fundraising BBQ

The club runs a sausage sizzle at the courts on a Saturday to be determined. The BBQ's are a great fundraiser for the club, earning between \$700-\$900. It is also an opportunity to raise funds without relying on the funds provided by club members. Volunteers are requested from each team for 45-minute shifts to assist on the stall.

Control Box Duty

Each season, our club is given a date by the Association where assistance must be provided in the office for either a morning or afternoon shift. Dates are entered onto the Association website. WDNA prefers one volunteer for the whole shift but if necessary will allow one shift change.

From Spring 2011 the Association has added an additional shift at the completion of the day's play to collect rubbish around the area. SPNC have the 4-5pm shift on 15th October for this role. It would be much appreciated if everyone could dispose of rubbish in the bins provided around the area. The most common problem appears to be polystyrene coffee cups!

Media Permission

The Association request a form to be signed by all clubs agreeing to the use of photographs of any members of the club taken at the courts. This enables the Association to take photos on match days, special fundraising days, uniform requirements etc. Some of these photos may appear on their website. It also gives permission for our team or opposing team spectators to be able to take photos of games for their personal use, rather than in previous seasons applying & signing agreements at each game. Please be aware if you do not wish your child to be included in any photos that notice denying permission is to be written to the Association via our club.



Matches

Players must be at the courts at least 30 minutes before the commencement of their fixtured match.

This is the official training session for each team and it also allows players to warm up as a prevention of injury. Alternatively some teams will elect to train midweek, in which case players are still required at the court 20 minutes before the game to warm up

If a player is unable to play for any reason, they must contact their Coach and/or Team Manager immediately.

If a player is aware in advance of a particular date that she/he cannot play it is their responsibility to forward this information onto the team manager or coach so that the team structure can be planned ahead.

Weather

All teams and players **MUST** report to the venue no matter what the weather conditions. Score cards must be completed in the control box.

WDNA will decide if play is to be cancelled or abandoned due to inclement weather. Rain does not necessarily stop play. For further details refer to the WDNA website “Inclement Weather” information page.

Fixtures

WDNA will email the Club Committee. This will then be distributed to Coaches, Team Managers & players via email.

The first three games are grading matches therefore times and fixtures may change after that. If so you will be notified. More detailed information can be found on the WDNA website at www.wdna.com.au



Grievances

In the event that you have a question or grievance regarding S.P.N.C. procedures or policies, please forward this to the President, Andrew Toomey via email at surreyparknc@gmail.com.

This will ensure the matter is dealt with appropriately and confidentially.

Newsletter

A newsletter is generally published each season providing important dates, player profile, team lists, interesting netball news and miscellaneous information. If anyone has skills that could be shared in this regard please contact a committee member or your team manager.

Netball Victoria e-contact newsletter

Netball Victoria produce the e-contact electronic newsletter monthly which provides members with up to date information about programs/courses, state and national events, administration, policy and general netball news. Log on to the Netball Victoria website to subscribe free of charge.

Further information in regard to match day procedures & by-laws can be found on the following websites:

WDNA website	www.wdna.com.au
Netball Victoria website	www.netballvic.com.au
Netball Australia	www.netball.asn.au



S.P.N.C PERSONNEL

Coaches

The coach plays a very important role within the club - to nurture, encourage, strive to improve, build team skills and individual skills and provide players with as much experience as possible.

S.P.N.C coaches are mostly parent volunteers, but as the club grows we are encouraging our older club members to take on the role of coaching junior teams. Positions are also advertised through Deakin University teaching faculty. Student coaches are paid a nominal amount for coaching & an additional fee if the team they coach trains during the week.

Anyone interested in coaching please contact a committee member.

Team Managers

Our parent volunteer team managers are responsible for communication between the team, the club and the coach. Duties include:

- be the contact person if a player is ill
- ensure, if your team is first named, that you collect the score sheet from the control box and fill it in.
- Score for the match, if you are first named team.
- complete a team list with contact details and provide each player with a copy.
- make sure netballs are pumped up, bibs are available and first aid kit is stocked.