

Kensington Junior Netball News

Spring Season 2024 – September



Kensington Junior Netball Club
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Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club Inc
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Which Team? Where Your Child Can Play in 2025

Age brackets are determined by a child's age at the *end of the calendar year*.

In 2025:

Birth year	2016 or later	2014-15	2012-13	2010-11	2008-09
Bracket	NetSetGO	11 & Under	13 & Under	15 & Under	17 & Under

In the past, when the club was smaller and some teams were short on numbers, kids often played up in an older bracket. Today, everyone goes into age-appropriate brackets, and we permit 'playing up' only in special circumstances.

What about a 2nd weekly game?

More and more kids are taking the opportunity to pick up a second weekly netball game in addition to their regular Saturday match!

- No additional training
- Low cost – the second game is cheaper than the first, because Netball Victoria membership and training venue hire are already covered
- Turbo-charges netball development!

We hear a lot of positive feedback from parents and coaches.

Our current non-Saturday options:



11 & Under: This season, ten of our keenest 11&Us formed the *Kensington Firebirds* with Coach Pilar. They play Thursday evenings at Riverside (Ascot Vale) in the Essendon District Netball Association (EDNA).

13 & Under: We have two Thursday evening teams, the *Kensington Falcons* and *Kensington Foxes*, who play Thursday evenings at Riverside (Ascot Vale) in EDNA.

15 & Under: We have four Thursday evening teams (playing at Riverside) in addition to six Saturday teams (playing at Parkville). Players can choose one or both. Most commonly, players who only want one game per week play Saturdays, while those who prefer two games a week pick up Thursdays as well, but there are exceptions. The Thursday comp has a higher top-end, and is very competitive even at the lowest division.

17 & Under: All teams play Tuesday evenings at Riverside.

You'll have the opportunity to nominate your preferred days during 2025 registrations.

Key Dates – Registrations 2025

- **Player & Parent Survey:** November – indicate your 2025 preferences
- **Grading Day:** Sunday November 24th between 9am and 4pm
- **2025 Registrations:** December. Current players are offered priority registration – after this, places will be offered to our waitlist
- **2025 Autumn Season:** February to June

If you require financial assistance in 2025, please contact the club to discuss options.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) • [Registrations FAQ](#)

Registrar

Pilar Abou Haila
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2025 Waitlist – Don't Miss Out!

We have an extensive waitlist, with about 20 kids waiting for a netball spot at KJNC right now.

This is new! Previously we've usually been able to accommodate inquiries as they arrive.

Current KJNC players are guaranteed a place next season, provided they use priority registration in December. But if you have a potential future Kensington netballer, it's important to get on the waitlist! Places are offered in order of inquiry (subject to capacity on a suitable team):

<https://www.kfjnc.com.au/netball/netball-contact/>

Trivia Night



We're excited to be holding our first ever Trivia Night. As well as raising funds for the club, it will be a FUN night out for parents and friends – so block out the



date and book your babysitters!

Tickets will go on sale soon, so start polishing up on your trivia knowledge...

Do you have anything you can donate – personally or through a workplace or contact?

This is a great opportunity for businesses to gain exposure. Donors will be acknowledged in the lead up and on the night. We would love to receive vouchers, tickets, food, wine, sporting memorabilia and retail items – anything that can be raffled on the night!

Can you spare an hour or two?

If you can spare a little time between now and October 12th, please reach out. We promise there will be no meetings! We just need some help with tasks like approaching local businesses and getting creative with ideas for theming and decorating the bowls club. Sounds fun? It will be, and many hands make light work!

Please drop a line to Katherine: 0404 223 225 ksheedy@waybackwhen.com.au

Super Netball Grand Final Screening



On Saturday 3rd August, approximately 145 netball fans gathered at the Flemington Bowls Club to watch the Super Netball Grand Final, featuring our very own Melbourne Vixens against the reigning champions Adelaide



Thunderbirds.

It was terrific to see so many players and their families enjoy a social evening together. As well as watching the game on the big screen, the night included games and prizes. At half time, kids (and parents) used some of their netball skills in the coin toss for their chance to win a jar of chocolates (or a bottle of Pear Rakia in the case of the adults). Guests also had the chance to guess the half time and final score.

Unfortunately for the Melbourne Vixens fans, we didn't get the win, but they fought to the end, only going down by 2 points. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a fun night. A special thanks to Michelle Foster for hosting and Katherine Sheedy, Nicole Anderson, Kate Leihy and Pilar Abou Haila for organising the event. Last but not least, a big thank you to the following businesses for their support:

- Flemington Bowls Club
- Nelson Alexander
- BRM Constructions
- Nubilum Distilling
- Not Plain Jane



Return to Kensington Rec Centre

The long-awaited completion of the Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre is expected in early 2025.

The Centre will have three indoor netball courts, and we're hoping to secure access during the important 4-6pm weekday timeslots, so we can train as many teams in one place as possible.

The Centre managers, the YMCA, haven't yet been able to tell us which timeslots we can book. But we hope parents can look forward to a more centralized operation in 2025...



Snapchat Danger!

Parents should be aware of Snapchat’s particular potential to cause social problems for kids.

Snapchat invites users to post ‘risky’ or thoughtless messages, with the promise they’ll disappear a few seconds later.

This can lead to a toxic dynamic where tweens and teens are spurred to say hurtful or offensive things. And such messages can be permanent, if they are photographed using a second device, then further distributed.



The app also connects new users to their contacts, which means young people can wind up in groups with their classmates or friends from community activities, such as sport.

KJNC prohibits netball-specific social media groups among our junior players, and we recommend all parents seriously consider their children’s use of Snapchat and other social media.

Spectator Conduct

As always, families should be aware that Codes of Conduct apply to everyone in netball – coaches, players and spectators.

A few essentials:

- Cheer for your team, but don’t criticize them
- Never publicly criticize umpires (who are usually children)
- If you have an issue during a game, approach your Team Manager – not the coach nor the umpires

[Parkville Netball Codes of Behaviour](#)

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Teams & Grading 2025

It's tough, but KJNC aims to strike a healthy balance between many competing factors that can guide who goes on which team:

- grouping kids of similar skill, experience, and developmental levels (starting at 11&U – we don't grade in NetSetGO)
- promoting social bonding – which usually (but not always) means keeping kids with their friends
- team dynamics – i.e. not winding up with a team full of defenders
- logistics – who can train/play when & where
- matching players to coaches

We have a preference for keeping kids together, but the practical reality of player movement and developmental changes means everyone should expect to see new faces on next year's team, especially at 13&Under and older.

In NetSetGO, we aim to keep teams together as much as possible, and do not grade.

To form teams, our subcommittee draws information from:

1. **Grading Day** – all players will be invited to our All-Club Grading Day on **Sunday November 24th** sometime between 9am and 4pm.
2. **Coaches' Player Reports** – every coach will submit a written report on each of their players
3. **Player & Family survey** – we will ask for your preferences on positions, logistics and any special needs
4. **Observation** – we watch teams throughout the season
5. **Logistics** – such as coach and venue availability

It's a massive juggling act, and consumes enormous amounts of our volunteers' time! We greatly appreciate families' patience and understanding.



Volunteers – We Want You!

We're especially seeking an *Assistant Uniforms Co-ordinator* (or two) to help out Sue Williams, and hopefully replace her in the future.

If you think you can help match netballers with uniforms, please get in touch!

Uniforms Co-ordinator

Sue Williams

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President

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Child Safety

It's important that everyone know who they can talk to if they have an issue or concern. We're committed to running a safe, inclusive club for everyone.

Child Safety Officer

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Sponsors

Know a business that wants to show off its community connections to hundreds of local families? Maybe they'd like to become a sponsor! Let us know.

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Help Wanted!

We need parents to check out our...

Club Task List

Currently Especially Seeking:

Events Helpers



Help organise our Trivia Night!

Assistant Uniforms Co-ordinator
Help Sue match netballers to uniforms!

Secretary (KFJSC)

The Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club Incorporated has five sports, including netball. It currently needs a Secretary. You will attend four meetings per year.

Contact kjnc.president@gmail.com



Key Dates – Spring



NETBALL KEY DATES SPRING 2024

SATURDAYS @ PARKVILLE

REGULAR ROUNDS: JUL 20 – NOV 23
FINALS (13&U, 15&U): NOV 30, DEC 7
EXTRA 2 ROUNDS (11&U, NSG)

BREAKS: 21/9, 28/9, 5/10, 2/11

TUESDAYS 17&U @ RIVERSIDE

REGULAR ROUNDS: JUL 16 – NOV 26
FINALS: DEC 3, 10
BREAKS: 24/9, 1/10, 5/11



THURSDAYS 15&U @ RIVERSIDE

REGULAR ROUNDS:
JUL 18 – NOV 21
FINALS: NOV 28, DEC 5
BREAKS: 26/9, 3/10

THURSDAYS (EDNA) 13&U, 11&U @ RIVERSIDE

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KENSINGTON JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

We're run by parents who volunteer their time.

We follow a code of conduct, extending respect and positivity to every player, umpire, opponent and official.

RESPECT INCLUSION

FAIR PLAY POSITIVITY

IMPROVEMENT

Nelson
Alexander



KJNC Committee & Operations

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Kensington Junior Netball Club is part of the **Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club Inc**, a not-for-profit incorporated sports association that exists in order to:

- be a community based junior sports club run primarily by parents for the development and enjoyment of young people;
- provide an environment that is safe, friendly and inclusive for all;
- create a culture that:
 - seeks to positively develop all players' self-esteem;
 - emphasises the primacy of learning co-operative skills within a team environment;
 - promotes a sense of good sportsmanship and respect for others;
 - ensures that participation in the Club is accessible to all regardless of gender, ability or background;
 - encourages all players to develop their sporting skills to their fullest potential;
 - promotes active, healthy living amongst young people;

- facilitates the fielding of teams that are competitive, disciplined and well drilled.

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