Monte Netball

Information Note

The Sports Department encourages the enthusiastic participation of all Monte students in sport. Due to the large number of girls who play netball, we often have to field teams in most grades of each age group. (Eg. We may need to field one and sometimes two teams in each grade 13A to 13H).

The efficient implementation of such a large program is reliant upon a large number of volunteer and paid coaches and umpires. We are also reliant upon families and parents who support the program by assisting in managing teams and scoring.

The following staff are employed to manage the netball program:

- **Netball Co-Coordinator:** Katie Barton
- **Head Netball Coach:** Tania Dorahy
- **Netball Captain:** Annie Miller & Rachelle Meagher
- **Umpires Convenor:** Eileen Hukins
- **Netball Umpires Captain:** Isabella Woods & Kate Robertson

**Competition details:**

- **Competition:** Northern Suburbs Netball Association
- **Venue:** Bicentennial Reserve, Small St, Willoughby
Season Dates 2018:

Term 1:
- Practice Matches*: 17th March
- Round 1: 6th / 7th April
- Round 2: 13th / 14th April

Term 2:
- Round 3: 3rd / 4th May
- Round 4: 11th / 12th May
- Round 5: 18th / 19th May
- Round 6: 25th / 26th May
- Round 7: 1st / 2nd June
- Round 8: 15th / 16th June
- Round 9: 22nd / 23rd June
- Round 10: 29th / 30th June

Term 3:
- Round 11: 27th / 28th July
- Round 12: 3rd / 4th August
- Round 13: 10th / 11th August
- Round 14: 17th / 18th August
- Semi finals: 24th / 25th August
- Finals: 31st August / 1st September
- Grand Finals: 7th / 8th September

* Practice matches will be confirmed closer to the date.

Game Times:
- 12 Years B – E Grade: Friday Nights between 4:30pm to 8:00pm
- 12 A & 13 – 15 years: Saturdays between 7:45am to 12:45pm
- Seniors & Cadets: Saturdays between 11:45 to 4:15pm

NETBALL GRADING DAYS

Attendance at Grading is Compulsory. **Grading dates and times can be found on the Netball Grading Calendar on MonteConnect.**

- There are three / four sessions for each age group. If there are two sessions on the same day you will be advised which session to attend.
- Grading may be a combination of skills and match play.
- Grading is final and more detailed information regarding the College grading procedures and selection guidelines can be accessed on the College website.
- Students must wear the Monte PE or sports uniform for grading.
- All grading will be held at the school. Students are to meet at the McQuoin Centre.
- Depending on bookings, trials may be held outside or inside. As such girls should bring sunscreen and hats.
- Times provided are approximate only, girls may finish earlier or later.
- All girls will trial in their preferred position, however may not necessarily play the whole time in this position.
- The reality of grading up to 14 teams per age group often means that some girls may not be the first player in their chosen position in their team. All players need to be flexible with regard to their preferred position once teams have been established.

Parents are welcome to attend and observe grading sessions.

**Other Information:**

**Age:**
Playing age is the age you are turning by 31st December 2018.

**Association Grading:**
Once teams are graded by Monte, Northern Suburbs Netball Association allocates the teams to specific grades. Teams can be spread from A to H grade.

**Coaches:**
Include: Senior students*, sport and teaching staff and employed coaches (often ex-students). Coaches are allocated based on their preference, availability and suitability.

*Student coaches need to apply for this position. They are selected based on a number of factors. They must attend coaching courses during the season and are monitored regularly. The Head Netball Coach is employed to enhance this process.

**Cost:**
The levy to play netball for Monte in 2017 is **$275.00**. Please do not send any money. Your school account will be billed.

**Insurance:**
All players are insured through the College policy as well as through the policy offered by Netball NSW.
Positions:
At grading, players will trial in their preferred position. During the season, they will need to be adaptable.

Potential Clashes:
Based on previous years and coaching availability please take note of the following points:

- **Majority** of Year 7 teams will train on a MONDAY AFTERNOON at Willoughby Netball Courts. For new students, please NOTE there will be a clash with band on a Monday afternoons. It is advised that students select one activity to avoid missing out on elements in both.

- **Students who are in Year 7 and 8 (2018) playing in the 13 Years and 14 Years age group, are NOT permitted to register for IGSSA Basketball AND NSNA Netball.** Unfortunately previous clashes have made this too problematic as both game times are at a similar.

Practice Games:
All Monte teams may play practice games at Willoughby Courts on Saturday 17th March, 2018. A schedule and confirmation will be sent out closer to the date. All players are expected to play in the practice games if they go ahead.

Recreational Teams:
These are for Year 11 and 12 students only and a list of players, with permission notes attached must be received by the Sports Department by Wednesday 7th February 2017. Please email Katie Barton the completed template which can be found on MonteConnect. All teams must have a minimum of 10 players and a parent must be nominated to be eligible to be registered as a manager. There will be **ONE COMPULSORY** trial for teams, so that a grade can be allocated. This will be held on MONDAY 19th February, 2018. If a team fails to attend this afternoon, they will not be registered to play.

Representative teams:
Trials will be held for Monte representative teams towards the end of Term 2. All Monte students are eligible to try out for the representative teams. All students will be emailed information regarding representative trials.

Training:
Training is compulsory for every girl that is attending school that day. If your daughter is injured she is still expected to attend training in accordance with the college sports code of conduct.

1. Unexplained absence from training will result in the student being issued with a notification and possible limited court time.
2. The training schedule will be available on Monte Connect once finalised. Please ensure your daughter is available to train and play at the appropriate
time, before she registers. “A” grade teams may train twice/week. All other teams will train once a week - players need to be available in at least one of their scheduled training times to register to play.

3. **DO NOT** make appointments during your team training time.

4. If your daughter misses a training due to injury, she is required to be referred to a sports practitioner and produce a medical clearance. She is also required to participate in a FULL training session before returning to play.

**Venue for training:**

- Due to the number of teams and the limited space at school the following external venues will be used in conjunction with the school facilities:
  - St Leonards Park, Ridge Street (short walk from the College)
  - Willoughby Netball Courts (a bus will be provided for the girls)

**Umpires:**

Each year, Monte develops many new umpires who are levelled. Girls who want to learn how to umpire are encouraged to join the program. Umpires undertake regular training sessions and need to be supported on game day by players and parents. Regular umpires are paid but must do the Red Robin course, attend seminars, complete the AANA exam and help younger umpires. Any girls who wish to take up umpiring should visit the Netball Umpires page on Monte Connect.