

Junior Netball Update – March 2014



Can you believe it's Autumn already? In the past four weeks we've been busy printing resources, delivering workshops and developing the promotional material ahead of the exciting new Junior Netball season.

More Passes, More Shots and More FUN - the focus of Junior Netball.

THE NEW JUNIOR NETBALL PROGRAMME

As announced in last month's newsletter, the new Junior Netball programme will replace Fun Ferns and Future Ferns and will be phased in over the next three years. We are keen to reiterate that the new Junior Netball programme is to be used exclusively by those Netball Centres seeking and wishing to retain endorsement. The new Junior Netball programme has been developed to ensure consistency of play, coaching and player welfare and provide a great introduction to Netball.

There has been considerable research, discussion and thought put into the development of the new Junior Netball programme which includes skill development and game time. The Junior Netball review reminded us that children are not mini adults and the new programme development considers the physical, cognitive and social ability of our junior players.

JUNIOR NETBALL CLIP

To support the roll out of the new Junior Netball programme, a promotional video clip has been filmed to provide the wider Netball community with a consistent message about why Junior Netball is changing. Working with the young players was gorgeous. When asked to shoot in the adult sized Netball goal a young player replied, "I can't, that is way too big!" reinforcing why the changes are being made.

The video clip can be viewed now at
www.mynetball.co.nz/juniornetball.

Please encourage your Netball community to view this clip.



BECOME AN ENDORSED PROVIDER

Netball Centres wishing to run the new Junior Netball programme appear to be exceeding our predictions for this year which is fantastic. That is fantastic. If your Netball Centre is keen to offer this programme during 2014, NNZ require the programme to be delivered in its entirety to ensure consistency throughout NZ. The 'Junior Netball Operational Manual 2014' provides full details about the expectations of an endorsed Netball Centre (page 4). To apply for endorsement you are required to send the Registration of Interest to your Zone Community Netball Managers by 28 March 2014. Don't miss out – send it today.

JUNIOR NETBALL IS CHANGING POSTER



To help your Netball Centre promote the change to Junior Netball, NNZ has developed an editable poster for Centres to use in a variety of locations, e.g. clubrooms, website, newsletter, cafes, to advise your community of the change and promote the new programme to interested persons. Simply, type in your Netball Centres name and preferred contact for further information, save and circulate or print.

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

Hawkes Bay Netball Centre last week delivered week one of the new Junior Netball programme to 324 Year 1 & 2 players. Based at two venues, the programme is being delivered by the 15 trained Junior Co-ordinators and supported by the 69 trained Star Helpers. A wonderful success story and this is an extremely encouraging outcome for Hawkes Bay. Well Done.



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THE NEW JUNIOR NETBALL MODEL

Alongside the development of a programme that meets the needs of our junior players, NNZ has developed workshops for the Junior Co-ordinators, Coaches and Star Helpers to ensure everyone enjoys the programme. NNZ has taken on board the feedback from the community in the Junior Netball National Survey (2012) and has developed workshops and resources to help the coaches at this level whether they are experienced or just getting back into Netball through their children and just want to help out.

Overview of the new Junior Netball Model

		PLAYER	COACH	COMPETITION	UMPIRE
JUNIOR NETBALL	PARTICIPATE	YEAR 7 & 8	My Team and Me	Standard 7 v 7	Umpire
	LEARN	YEAR 5 & 6	Year 5 & 6 Workshop	Modified 7 v 7	Beginner umpire
		YEAR 3 & 4	Year 3 & 4 Workshop and/or Junior Co-ordinator	Skills sessions and modified game 5 v 5	Year 3 & 4 Coach
	EXPLORE	YEAR 1 & 2	Star Helpers and/or Junior Co-ordinator	Skills session and modified game 4 v 4	Star Helper / Junior Co-ordinator

Other modules and workshops will be offered for Coaches wishing to attain the Foundation Coach Award.

NO UMPIRES????

How can you have a game with no umpires? During game time for Year 1 - 4 players, support and assistance is achieved by having a person on court to help the players out. This keeps the game moving and limits the number of stoppages. A Year 3 coach from the Junior Netball Pilot said "I had watched Rippa Rugby and liked the way the coaches were on the field and involved – I was going to ask to allow this to happen in our Centre if this change hadn't been implemented". Other comments from the pilot highlighted that more assistance was needed at the start of the season but as the players improved and learnt more skills less support was necessary. By allowing the Junior Co-ordinators or Star Helpers and Year 3 & 4 coaches to support the game, means Centres do not need to find umpires for these grades.

CONTACT OR QUESTIONS

The Community Netball section of the NNZ website has been updated with all relevant information about changes to Junior Netball, so check the link for regular updates www.mynetball.co.nz/juniornetball

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact your Zone Community Netball Manager.

