

2024 NBNA PATHWAYS PROGRAM





Introduction

From 2025 we are expanding Nelson Bay Netball Association. We will be adding Nelson Bay Netball CLUB under our association umbrella. This will allow us to compete in other associations including Newcastle Netball Association. This will be a whole new adventure for every player within NBNA. This will provide another playing avenue for our intermediate and senior players to be able to keep playing netball, grow their skills and play in a more diverse environment.

Bec Keating our president has worked with Newcastle Netball Association for the past 12 months, and this year took a trial team to NNA. Both players from NBNA, and NNA committee' feedback has been positive. This is the start of something that could be achieved over many more age groups and divisions.

Ashlee Hall our new pathways officer will be working with all players, coaches and umpires interested to get it all going for the 2025 season with our new club within the Newcastle Netball Association.

The Idea behind this?

Over the years we have noticed our intermediate and senior players drop off, in turn the competition become smaller. The last few years we have been able to grow our Wednesday Night seniors competition, but we want to bring back Saturday Netball for our Intermediate and Senior Players.

Players within NBNA over the years have moved to other associations to play more netball especially with it being on a Saturday, in stronger competitions, develop their skills and also due to changes within their life. We are hoping to capture this and provide this pathway for our players to be able to keeping playing and enjoying netball.

Feedback: The feedback we have received over the years has been players are getting bored, competition isn't strong enough, players enjoy playing on a Saturday and frustration from players who are playing teams not at their level or skill.



What does this mean?

- ✓ Players will have the option to play Saturdays in Newcastle but also still play at Nelson Bay Netball on a Wednesday night or for intermediates Saturday morning
- ✓ Improve their skills and have a growth in their game
- ✓ Play a more competitive and diverse game, playing against players they have never played before, and not the same teams every few weeks
- ✓ Being able to play in a division that suits the players skill level
- ✓ Bringing back the 'fun' of netball and growing our association for the future



2024 Results

This year we trialed a team in Newcastle Netball Association. They had a team on 12 players due to injury and pre commitments we took a larger team over. This was to see how much interest would generate, also if we could pull this together, and branch out to this competition. The team was placed in Division 6, we originally asked for Division 4. The girls wore the old NBNA rep dress, but we have rebranded for the 2025 season.

Results: Grand Final Winners - Division 6 - 2024

Unfortunately there were 4 wet weather games, which they weren't made up. The girls played 7 games, 2 byes and were undefeated this season.

Feedback: The girls all expressed how much they enjoyed playing in a new competition, back playing on a Saturday afternoon, playing with a different group of people, playing different teams, and most of all having fun!



Our 2025 Season at NBNA

Juniors: 14 Years and under will stay and play at Nelson Bay Netball

Intermediates: 15 Years - 17 Years can still play of a Saturday morning at Nelson Bay Netball

Seniors: 15 years and up will have 3 options

- Play for Nelson Bay Netball at Newcastle Netball Association within our own club. This involves players attending a grading day to be placed in a team with the same level of skills aligning with Newcastle's grading systems
- Play in our local Seniors Competition - Wednesday Night with friends in a competitive or social competition
- Play BOTH - Our winter competition and within our new club in at Newcastle



Player Duties within Nelson Bay Club

By playing with Nelson Bay Netball Club players will be expected to:

- Umpire
- Canteen Duty
- Possibly training - Up to the coach



The reason we are taking from 15 years and up as it aligns Netball NSW senior state titles ages. But also is the age that start to drop off at netball. This will also allow our younger players to keep playing a local competition and for parents to not have to travel.



2025 New Branding and Uniform

Over the last few years, a new logo and branding has been in the works. It was time to keep up with the evolving netball world and give our players a more inclusive brand.

2 local NBNA players Scarlett Lei and Zahli Read met with local aboriginal artist Hayley Cruickshank from Nangamay Designs where they learnt about the meanings of symbols and help collaborate with the design of the new logo.

This will be our new club uniform and branding.

We will offer:

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| Dress | Training Shirt |
| Committee Shirt | Umpires Shirt |
| Coaches Shirt | Ball |



We hope to grow our uniform in the future and include a wide range of optional options.

2025 Nelson Bay Club Dress

SIZE:10



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- White
- Pantone 143 C
- Pantone 7688 C
- Pantone 289 C

2025 Nelson Bay Club Uniform

Coaches/Training Shirt



Game Ball

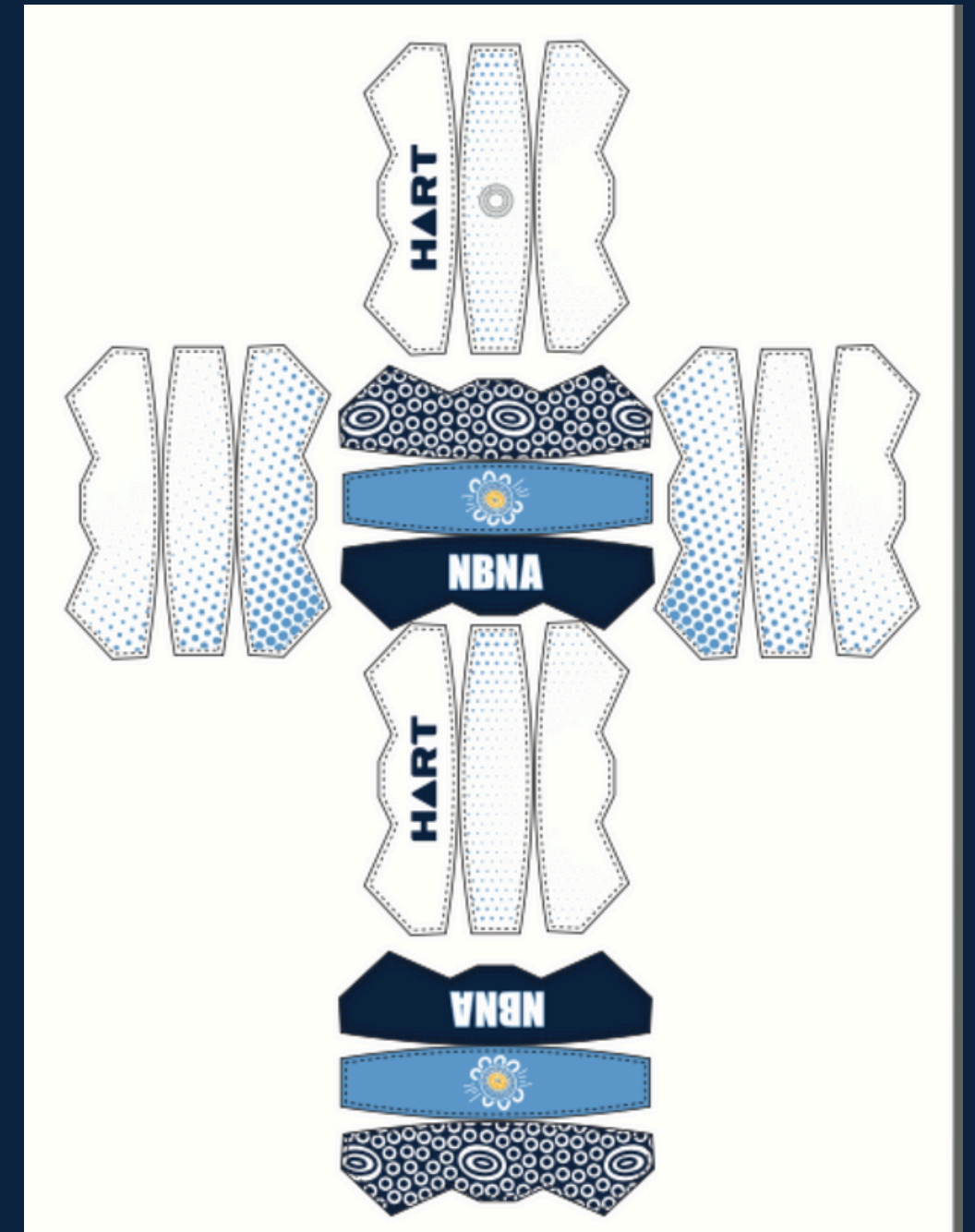


2025 Nelson Bay Club Uniform

Umpire's Shirt



Game Ball



Expression of Interest Form

There will be an Expression of Interest form for players, coaches and umpires who wish to participate in the 2025 season.

This will gauge numbers and how many teams we'll have for the 2025 season. Also to get members details for communication about necessary information for the new competition.

Teams that will play in the Nelson Bay Club will be:

- 15 Years
- 17 Years
- 21's - depending on numbers
- Seniors Divisions



We'll also be looking for coaches. Unfortunately the girls can not play unless we have coaching staff, able to guide and support them through this new transition. These coaches will need to obtain their Foundational Coaching Qualification, which is partially reimbursed through the club with funding. Ash is there to support all coaches in any way she can.

Umpires will be given opportunities to develop their skills by umpiring in at Newcastle, which can be a different calibre of netball.

Key Information

- This is open to ALL players, - 15 years and older
- Coaches - are needed, if we have no coaches we can't take teams. Support will be provided by Ash and everyone on the committee
- Umpires - are needed as each team has to supply umpires most weeks, and why not earn some money
- Season start date - is estimated to start 5th April 2025 and will run for 12 -14 rounds (excluding school holidays)
- Grading Day - TBA, to make sure all players are in the correct division within Newcastle's requirements
- Uniform try on day -TBA (hopefully same as trial day)

**Any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to
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Thank you for attending!