



# FOREST NETBALL

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## REGISTRATION 2025

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN & CLOSE ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 for players 7yrs+**

*NetSetGo Skills Program 6/7yrs - See note\*\* below*

### **KEY CONTACTS FOR REGISTRATION**

President	Conal McCullough	<a href="mailto:forestpresident@gmail.com">forestpresident@gmail.com</a> M: 0418 615 521
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NetSetGo Convenor (7-9yrs)	Louise Ambler	<a href="mailto:forestncnetsetgo@gmail.com">forestncnetsetgo@gmail.com</a>
NetSetGo Skills (6/7yrs)	Laurel Fisher	<a href="mailto:Lfisher1@bigpond.net.au">Lfisher1@bigpond.net.au</a> M: 0414 357 370

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

*Seniors 18yrs +	\$283
Juniors 10-17yrs	\$258
NetSetGo 7-9yrs	\$219
**NetSetGo - Skills Program 6 & 7yrs	\$105

The registration fees for Juniors and Seniors includes a cost to support our umpiring and mentoring program. The overall fee is combined portions for Netball Australia, Netball NSW, MWNA and Forest Netball Club.

\* Note that all players turning 18 (or older) in 2025 must register as a Senior. Players who are turning 18 in 2025 may elect to play in the Cadets competition or the Seniors competition, however the registration process is all listed as Senior.

\*\* Note registrations for NetSetGo - Skills Program for 6 & 7yrs open **1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**. This year, 7yrs can play in the Saturday competition, AND/OR they can attend our Skills Program which runs on a Sunday. Please see separate document titled "Forest Netball NetSetGo Programs 2025" or contact our NetSetGo Convenor or Laurel Fisher for more information.

To use an Active Kids Voucher when registering your child, please contact Service NSW and follow the links for the voucher prior to registering with Forest Netball. The voucher must be applied at the time of registration – it cannot be applied afterwards.

**All registrations must be completed ONLINE following [www.forestnetball.com.au](http://www.forestnetball.com.au) under the Registrations tab**, this will link you with Play HQ and the online form. **ALL PLAYERS** (or their family) must complete the online form. Registration payments are also made online (credit card only). Note that an additional credit card fee will be incurred.

**Registrations will close 10:00pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. Applications after this date will only be accepted if there is space available.**



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When a player registers, their registration and payment will take immediate effect. **No Refunds are available except under exceptional circumstances**; this includes approval by Forest Netball Club. Note that payment via Play HQ includes payment for Netball Australia, Netball NSW, MWNA and Forest Netball Club, so if a refund is approved it requires all of these parties to agree to the refund before any funds are able to be returned.

**NEW PLAYERS** – if a player is **new to Forest in 2025**, a birth certificate must be sighted by the Registrar (10-18yrs) or the Net Set Go Convenor (7-9 years). Once registration is complete for the new player, please:

- 7-9yrs - Email birth certificate to [forestncnetsetgo@gmail.com](mailto:forestncnetsetgo@gmail.com)
- 10-18yrs – Email birth certificate to [forestnetballregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:forestnetballregistrar@gmail.com)

Note that certificates are not retained, they will be deleted once sighted.

**SENIOR TEAMS** – *Please do not register until you know you are part of a confirmed team in 2025.*

- If you know you are part of a team, nominate a captain and have the captain email team names to: [forestnetballregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:forestnetballregistrar@gmail.com) by **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**. **Teams of 7+ players will only be accepted.** Once notification to the Registrar, the nominated team members must all register individually.
- If any senior players are looking for a team to join, please email our Registrar Karen Willetts [forestnetballregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:forestnetballregistrar@gmail.com) (as early as possible) who may be able to assist in finding you a team, but do **not** register on Play HQ until confirmed by the Registrar.

## **GRADING DATES & VENUES FOR 2025**

Participation in grading assumes an understanding and acceptance of the Grading Guidelines. The guidelines can be found at [www.forestnetball.com.au](http://www.forestnetball.com.au) under the Policies tab. **Attendance at all grading sessions is compulsory for all players 10yrs – Cadets.**

Grading will take place at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood. Parents will be asked to please drop off at the requested start time and pick up afterwards (usually approx. 2 hours).

Actual times for grading will be finalised in early January - for now, we can confirm the following age groups will be required on these dates:

**Sunday 9th Feb – All Juniors i.e., 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs and 15yrs**

**Sunday 16th Feb – 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs and 13yrs (second grading session) PLUS Cadets**

There is no need for Senior teams to attend grading. If you are unable to attend grading sessions please email our Grading Convenor (Karen Wilson) at [fncgrading@gmail.com](mailto:fncgrading@gmail.com)

## **MEET THE COACHES**

All Junior teams 10yrs+ will be notified of their team and coach via email no later than **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

All NetSetGo (7-9yrs) will meet their coach in person on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 4pm** at the Margaret Cliff Netball Courts, Melwood Avenue, Forestville.

## **INFORMATION DAY**

If you have any questions or want to try on/buy new uniforms come see some members of our committee on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 10am - 12pm** at Forestville, The Centre Shops.



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## **FOREST'S APPROACH TO UMPIRING**

Forest has a strong umpiring program – both in developing the capability of the umpires and in support via a mentoring program.

All players aged 12-15yrs are strongly encouraged to undertake umpiring (and will be provided mentoring support). For most players this will be 1-3 games per season. As part of the registration process this year you will have an opportunity to indicate the level of confidence and the preferred number of umpiring games (non-paid). This is an indication only and further information will be requested as the season draws closer.

While we have introduced an element in the Forest registration fee to cover umpire/mentor payments, there is a strong chance the amount we are collecting is not sufficient to cover the number of paid umpiring and mentoring games if a high number of players opt-out of unpaid umpiring. The intent of introducing this cost into our registration was to cover the cost of umpiring of seniors matches and to fund mentoring and development of our juniors, with the ability to provide umpire payment of juniors if absolutely necessary.

In the 2024 winter season, our umpiring / mentoring budget was completely utilised, despite there being a significant number of weeks that we did not play (and therefore did not need to make payments). Had the games been played over the full number of weeks, we would have been well over the budget.

In the interest of keeping our fees manageable, we ask that all players opt INTO umpiring and work with our club to utilise the support we have in place to complete at least one unpaid umpiring in the season. Your netball skills will improve as part of umpiring!

For those that are super keen on umpiring – you will have the opportunity for additional support and become part of our Talent program (and potentially the MWNA Umpire Talent program). Further information after registrations.

Thank you for your understanding and support.