



LYVNA NIGHT COMPETITIONS - RULES

The Lilydale & Yarra Valley Netball Association (“LYVNA”) Night Competition provides women’s and mixed teams of various ages the opportunity to participate socially with friends, family, and peers in a division suited to their playing level. This is an open age competition for players aged 14 years and over.

FEES

- A team entry fee is payable each term via Netball Connect to secure your place in the competition.
- A weekly game fee is payable at the competition office before your match (EFT or cash).
- All fees are reviewed annually.
- Forfeit fees may be payable

All team fees and forfeit fees must be paid before taking the court.

Player Insurance

- \$15 per player (if you do not have a current Netball Victoria membership)
- \$0 (if you already hold a current Netball Victoria membership through another competition)
- *Single Game Vouchers are not accepted for night competitions.*

REGISTRATION

- Team Managers register their team using the link provided by LYVNA.
- Team Managers send registration invitations to all players.
- All players must be registered to a team to participate and to be covered by insurance.
- Players may register to more than one team, however game times cannot be guaranteed to avoid clashes.
- Fill-ins must be registered to at least one team.
- All umpires must be registered to the competition they are officiating in.

UNIFORM

Players

- Uniforms must be appropriate and not revealing.
- Shorts must be sporting style, with no zips or pockets.
- Nails must be short and smooth; if long, they must be taped with *soft* tape (no rigid or paper tape).
- All jewellery must be removed or securely taped.
- Approved netball gloves may be worn, but nails must still be taped underneath.
- Teams must wear matching tops and matching bottoms (most choose black; bib colours differ).
- Acceptable items: singlets, T-shirts, long sleeves, skirts, shorts, tights, leggings.
 - Hoodies may be worn in cooler weather, but hoods must be tucked in.

- Not allowed: loose-strap singlets, muscle tops, sports bras as tops, shorts with loose pockets.
- Correct sports footwear must be worn.
- Bibs are provided, but teams may bring their own (inform the coordinator).
- Players must not wear anything that could endanger themselves or others.
- Medical alert bracelets may be worn if taped.
- Hair must be tied back.
- Repeated breaches of uniform rules may result in a player being unable to take the court.

Umpires

- Umpires must wear comfortable attire with a white top.
- No revealing clothing.

GRADING

- Competitions are graded into Divisions/Sections 1–5 based on team numbers and performance.
- Regrading may occur after Rounds 1, 2, or 3.
- Teams will be emailed if regraded; however, checking the fixture weekly is the team's responsibility.
- Concerns may be emailed to nightnetball@lyvna.com.au (include your team name).

BYES

Due to uneven section numbers, some fixtures may require byes to fulfil the draw.

FORFEITS

- Forfeits should be a last resort.
- A team may take the court with a minimum of 5 players.
 - The opposition will receive 1 goal per minute until your team takes the court.
 - A forfeit will be declared if a team cannot take the court by the start of the second quarter.
- The non-forfeiting team receives 4 points.
- Forfeit Fees:
 - \$80 (first forfeit)
 - \$130 (second and subsequent forfeits)
- Notify the competition organiser as early as possible so umpires and opponents can be informed.

WITHDRAWALS

- Teams withdrawing during the term may incur a charge.
- No refunds are available on any fees paid.
- Player refunds are managed internally by the Team Manager.
- Draws and ladders will be adjusted at LYVNA's discretion for withdrawn teams.

TEAM MANAGERS

Each team must appoint a Team Manager aged 14+. Responsibilities include:

- Registering the team.
- Ensuring all fees are paid on time.

- Ensuring all players are registered prior to playing.
- Ensuring players meet age requirements.
- Ensuring all players understand and follow all competition rules and the Netball Victoria Code of Behaviour.
- Informing players of game times and changes.

Pre-game requirements

The Team Manager must visit the office 10–15 minutes before the game to:

- Pay the team's weekly fee.
- Check off players on the team sheet and add fill-ins if needed.
- Add new players to Netball Connect and the office sheet (have their details ready).
- Collect bibs.
- Collect scoresheet (if the home team).

TEAM NAMES

LYVNA may reject any team name that is offensive, implies inappropriate language, or breaches accepted standards.

UMPIRES

- Umpires are provided by the competition.
- Umpires provide a game ball.
- An umpire convenor is on-site both nights.
- Umpires' decisions regarding uniform, nails, taping, etc., are final.
- Arguing with umpires is unacceptable.
 - For serious concerns, call for the umpire convenor immediately.
- Players may respectfully ask an umpire for a rule clarification at half time or after the game.
- Disputing decisions will not be tolerated.

COMPETITION COORDINATORS

- Communicate with Team Managers via email or phone.
- May adjust rules to ensure competition quality; all changes will be communicated.
- Players sent off may face further disciplinary action.
- Repeated foul language or aggressive behaviour may result in removal from the competition.

CHILD SAFETY

- LYVNA is a Child Safe Organisation and follows Netball Victoria's child protection standards.
- Resources: <https://www.lyvna.com.au/child-safety>

CODES OF CONDUCT

- All participants and spectators must follow Netball Victoria's Codes of Conduct: <https://www.lyvna.com.au/codes-of-conduct>
- Team Managers are responsible for team and spectator behaviour.
- Unacceptable behaviour—including disrespect, foul language, or poor sportsmanship—may result in removal of players or spectators.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Our policy outlines the conditions under which photography and filming may occur at Pinks Reserve Regional Netball Facility, ensuring the safety, privacy, and respect of all participants while recognising the public nature of the venue.
- LYVNA policy:
<https://www.lyvna.com.au/photography>

FIRST AID

- No qualified first aid officer is present at night competitions.
- Coordinators and the umpire convenor can provide basic first aid supplies.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players must be 14 years old before taking the court.
- All players must be registered in Netball Connect.
- No Single Game Vouchers are permitted.
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- Players may play multiple games per night but only one game per timeslot.

FILL INS

- Requests may be posted on the LYVNA NIGHT COMP Facebook group.
- Fill ins must be registered to at least one team.
- Fill ins must record their name and registered team on the scoresheet.

MATCH RULES

- Four × 10-minute quarters.
- 2-minute half time, 1-minute quarter breaks.
- Central timing system.
- Match lengths may be adjusted if required (e.g., weather, injuries).

SCORING

- Each team must supply a scorer aged 14+.
- Home team collects the scoresheet.
- Home scorer marks the official sheet; away scorer must sit with them.
- First Named team returns the scoresheet immediately after the game.

FINALS

- Finals are held in the last week of term.
- Top two teams in each division compete for medals.
- All other teams also play in finals week.
- If teams are tied for competitions points, the finals positions will be determined by the team with highest goal percentage during the term
- Each finals match includes a Best on Court award.

Finals Extra Time Procedure

If scores are tied:

1. 1-minute break.
2. Teams change ends.

3. Two × 5-minute halves are played with no break between halves.
4. If still drawn, play continues until a team leads by two goals.

LYVNA may modify finals formats as needed.

ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS

- One substitution at a time.
- Can occur during play, stoppages, or intervals.
- No need to notify umpires.
- Incoming player may only enter once the exiting player has fully left the court and tagged hands.
- Incoming player must already be wearing the correct bib.
- Substitutions occur at the yellow markers near each team bench.

FIXTURES & LADDERS

- Available on www.lyvna.com.au and Netball Connect app.
- Check weekly for changes and regrading.
- Full-term draw is released after grading.

VENUE INFORMATION

- **Evacuation diagrams:** <https://www.lyvna.com.au/evacuation-diagrams>
Assembly point: grassed area near playground by courts 10–12.
- **Facility regulations:** <https://www.lyvna.com.au/facility-regulations>
No animals, no wheels, no football boots, no kicking balls under covers.
- **Parking restrictions:** <https://www.lyvna.com.au/parking-behind-the-pavilion>
No parking or drop-offs behind pavilion; reserved for officials/emergency.
- **Venue map:** <https://www.lyvna.com.au/venue-map>
Court locations and the location of such things as: toilets, water stations, entry and exit points.