



SA UNITED CHURCH NETBALL ASSOCIATION

SUMMER NETBALL 2025/2026

Welcome to Summer Netball for 2025/2026

After a very successful 24/25 Summer season marked by further growth in numbers, we are looking forward to this coming summer season.

Information contained in this newsletter is important for clubs and teams.

Most matches are played on the Association's Central Courts (located in the Adelaide parklands in the triangle of Anzac Highway, Greenhill Road and Goodwood Road - Park 22 - Josie Aguis Park - Wikaparntu Wirra) - parking is available in the parklands south of the courts. In 2024/25, an overflow of 13/u and 17/u matches was played at the Flinders Park Courts. Overflow venues are an option SAUCNA may use however the need for this will not be known until after team nominations close. We have a number of options for overflow venues for the coming season.

We acknowledge the lands on which we compete are the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia.

New Secretary for Summer 2025/26

We thank Judith Lukas for her service over the past few years as Summer Secretary and welcome Dominique Lacota as our incoming Summer Secretary. The email address remains the same.

Club Details for Summer 2025/26

Please complete the Contact information form (<https://forms.gle/aeJwE3pBJhsFies2A>) no later than 15th September 2025 so that we have accurate contact information for the coming season.

Registering for Summer 2025/26

Your club has been sent an invitation to join the summer competition through PlayHQ. If your club is not yet set up on PlayHQ, or if you are new to SAUCNA, please contact Sandra Barker at saucnaregistrar@gmail.com for instructions.

Team Nominations on PlayHQ will close Monday 8th September 2025 at 11:30pm. No teams will be accepted from existing clubs after this date.

ALL players MUST be registered with your club/team in PlayHQ.

Please ask players to use the same email they have registered with previously to prevent duplication of player profiles.

Team nominations MUST contain **at least 7 players** on nomination and these players must represent the intended team, as they will be used for grading purposes. Team list MUST be completed by **Monday 15th September 2025**.

Should your teams need to change after grading you must contact the Association Registrar before the program is released.

Grading

Grading will be done on Saturday the 27th of September, and all clubs are invited to provide representatives to this process: <https://forms.gle/7PxPRVCiiStzg7TA8>

We require at least 21 people to undertake the grading process which is then reviewed by the Association's Grading Review Panel.

Affiliation fees

Fees and insurance will be invoiced after the close of Team Nominations. They must be paid by the first match. All fees include GST.

All teams pay the same fee: \$330 per team

Payment to be made via direct credit to SAUCNA's account – BSB 105-083, Account 319213540

Insurance

The Association has compulsory player insurance for all teams. This is **\$70 per team** and can be paid with your affiliation fee. Invoices will be sent to all club contacts after the close of team nominations.

Dates

The summer season is divided into two parts, with a well-earned break over the summer school holidays. The season concludes with two weeks of finals in March.

All dates shown are the Monday night of the week commencing.

Round	Week Beginning	Round	Week Beginning
1	13 Oct Six team grades only	Break for Christmas & holidays	
2	20 Oct All grades play	10	26 Jan
3	27 Oct	11	2 Feb
4	3 Nov followed by regrading	12	9 Feb
5	10 Nov	13	16 Feb
6	17 Nov	14	23 Feb
7	24 Nov	15	2 Mar
8	1 Dec	Semi Final	9 Mar
9	8 Dec	Grand Final	16 Mar

- Regrading will occur on or before Saturday the 8th of November, as grading teams are available to meet and review team progress. Season dates are also on the SAUNCA website: <https://www.saucna.net/dates>

Match Days Times and Breaks

Matches are played over **5 nights** during summer. All matches are **centrally timed (except Overflow venues)**.

Monday - U15s: 6:30pm and 7:40pm, quarters 12mins, 2, 3, 2 minute breaks between quarters.

Tuesday - U13s and U17s: 6pm, 7:10pm, 8:20pm, quarters 12mins, 2, 3, 2 minute breaks between quarters.

Wednesday - Opens: 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, and 9:15pm quarters 12mins, 1, 3, 1 minute breaks between quarters.

Thursday - U11s: 6pm, 7:10pm, quarters 12mins, 2, 3, 2 minute breaks between quarters.

Friday - U8s and U9s: 6pm, 7pm, quarters 10mins, 2, 3, 2 minute breaks between quarters.

- All games must start on time – there is no grace time allowed. Common sense does allow a short delay for an umpire who is still coming from the carpark, or toilets, but is otherwise at the venue. Quarter length and break periods can be altered in very warm conditions on the advice of the Summer Sub Committee.
- A forfeit WILL be called if either team is not ready to begin on time (with a minimum of 5 players); or do not have an umpire present, or if during the match the number of players eligible to be on court falls below 5.
- SAUCNA may make changes to starting times if the number of registered teams warrants such a change.

Scorers

- Each team must supply a scorer 14 years of age or over. The scorers must sit together so there are no disagreements on scores. Spectators are not permitted on the scorer's bench.
- A player will need to leave the court if there is no one else able to score.
- Dogs are not permitted with the scorers on the official's bench.
- Umpires need to be able to move up and down safely without being tripped.

Score Cards

- Each team MUST collect their own scorecard from the clubrooms prior to each game (or court supervisor at the overflow venue).
- The first named (home) team (collects the white card), second named (visitor) team (collect the blue)
- All scorecards must be returned to the clubrooms at the end of the match (fines apply if this is not done)
- **The home team is responsible for entering the scores into PlayHQ within 48 hours of the match start time.** The Away team must not enter match results.
- All teams are responsible for entering the players that play each week into PlayHQ within 48 hours of the match start time.
- This includes entering players for weather related abandoned matches and non offending forfeit teams. Players will not be entered by SAUCNA **BEYOND** the 48hr window for those circumstances if clubs do not do so.
- Scorecards must be completed with the first and last name of ALL players from both teams and the positions played in each quarter.
- A team consists of up to a maximum of 12 players per game.
- Any evidence of players taking the court under another person's name will be dealt with severely.

Failure to enter scores and/or players, and incomplete details on scorecards will result in fines being sent. Teams are responsible for ensuring full details of their team are listed on BOTH scorecards.

Forfeits

- All communication regarding forfeits should come from the club secretary - NOT a team coach or manager.
- All forfeits MUST be emailed to:
 1. The nominated opposition club secretary/contact person (<https://www.saucna.net/clubs>),
 2. The SAUCNA summer secretary summersaucna@gmail.com and,
 3. The SAUCNA registrar: saucnaregistrar@gmail.com.
- Forfeits must be notified no later than 12pm on the day of the match or a late forfeit fee will apply (\$20 admin + \$30 for opposition umpire)
- Confirmation that the forfeit has been received by the opposition MUST be obtained.

Please use a phone call or SMS if you have not heard to give sufficient notice to the club for their players and umpire, please remember people can be at work or not accessing email(driving) and may not see emails.
- Clubs with teams in grades below the one forfeiting should do their utmost to try and fill all teams and avoid forfeiting where possible.
- Teams that forfeit three matches or more throughout the season will be fined \$100 for the third and subsequent matches of the season.

Umpires

- Each team must supply an umpire per match. All umpires must be at least 14 years of age. The only exception is 12 or 13 year old umpires who have undergone screening by SAUCNA and approved to umpire.
- Each umpire will umpire on behalf of their team - known as “home and away umpiring”.
- If your umpire is not available for some reason - one of your players or a parent or another club umpire will need to cover this absence. **SAUCNA provides no umpires.**
- It is expected that all umpires will umpire in an impartial manner and are not a “team member” for the duration of the match.
- All umpires need to be registered with the Association on Refbook to record allocations and for personal insurance purposes. Clubs MUST use Refbook for their umpire allocations. A list of all umpires that will be officiating (with a unique contact email address) should be sent to saucnaumpires@gmail.com to check the registrations and allow invitations for new umpires to join Refbook to be sent. Clubs not using Refbook for allocations will be fined.
- The SAUCNA Umpire subcommittee allocates umpires for finals - you will be asked to supply umpires names and availability for finals.

Remember - no umpire = match forfeited

Pole Covers

- The home team of the first match of each night, needs to collect two pole covers from the storeroom behind the canteen, and put on each pole of the court.
- The home team of the last match of the night needs to put the pole covers away.
- **A fine of \$50 will be imposed if pole covers are not returned to the clubrooms.**

Uniforms

- All uniforms must comply with the Association Playing Conditions as published on the SAUCNA website (<https://www.saucna.net/regulations>) and in accordance with your club supplied uniform description.
- Inclusive uniforms are permitted but must resemble the dress/bodysuit/skirt and shirt being worn.
- No jewellery, piercings or adornments are permitted. **Piercings cannot be covered - they must be removed.**
- Long hair must be tied back. No beads or other adornments are permitted in the hair.
- Short and smooth fingernails are a must - approved gloves are permitted but nails still must be short!!!

Tactical Subs during Play

- Tactical substitutions are NOT permitted in 8/u, 9/u and 11/u matches.
- In all other grades, each team is permitted ONE tactical substitution per quarter.
- If teams do a tactical substitution at the same time that is considered each team's tactical substitution for that quarter.
- During extra time in finals each team is permitted ONE tactical substitution per extra time half.

Equipment

Don't forget the following:

- a set of bibs (playing positions) – where there is a clash of colours the HOME team is responsible for making a distinct change.
- a ball (balls can be inflated using the pump in the Official's room)
- First aid kit. Ice is available from the clubrooms.
- A scorer. A person over 14 years of age. A player will need to be taken off if no scorer supplied
- A timer (if playing at overflow venue and for finals)
- A lot of friendly supporters!!!!

First Aid

A First Aid person will be available in the clubrooms for treatment of injury if required. We do **NOT provide a preventative strapping service**. Please ensure that any existing injury is treated and/or strapped PRIOR to coming to the courts.

Behaviour

- Please note any spectator behaviour which falls outside our expectations is the responsibility of your club or team to address with your members.
- All players, coaches, and managers have agreed to abide by a code of conduct at registration, and abide by the regulations and spirit of good play of our association.
- Make no mistake games will be stopped, and spectators asked to leave, or teams will be barred from future matches in extreme cases.
- You must at all times comply with instructions from Court Officials (Umpires/Umpiring Supervisor/Court Supervisor or SAUCNA Duty Staff in the Office)

Smoking and Vaping

- Smoking or Vaping anywhere within 10m of courts or the clubrooms is forbidden by law:
 - Clearing the Air.
 - From 1 March 2024, smoking and vaping will be banned in all public areas at and within 10 metres of playing and viewing areas during organised under-18 sporting events, including training/practice sessions in preparation for an organised underage sporting event.

Car Park

Car parking is permitted in the car park adjacent to the courts. Enter via Anzac Highway or Goodwood Road, **AND EXIT TO THE LEFT ONLY ON BOTH ROADS.**

Your adherence to this allows for the quickest departure from the carpark for all those wishing to leave.

Parking within the designation areas only. No parking is permitted along the fence adjacent to the court area.

No parking is permitted near the courts or clubrooms unless with an ACC permit. Cars may be driven in to pick up injured players but must follow the gravel path. Do NOT drive on the asphalt footpath.





Extreme Weather Policy

Matches for the night will be cancelled if the temperature is considered too hot, or the weather too severe, for safe play.

It will be announced on Facebook and emailed to clubs,

by no later than 4:30 pm on the day of matches.

Every endeavour will be made to make the earliest decision to give as much notice as possible.

SAUCNA will take surface temperature measurements and monitor the Bureau of Meteorology observations and warnings to make the best decisions in the interests of player and umpire safety.