



Summer Competition 2026/27 Information for Teams

Overview

- All matches will be played according to the International Netball Federation rules.
 - o Please note specifically **Rule 3.12.a,b & g**
- While Summer is a 'social season' the Rules of Netball in their entirety apply to the competition and adherence and adjustment to the rules of the game is expected.
- There is no concept of a club in the summer season. Each team is standalone. Winter clubs are welcome to nominate multiple teams with their club's name, but each team will be treated independently.
- Players can play a maximum of 2 games per round. Junior and Senior competitions are counted together.
- Players can play for multiple teams, regardless of the team names.
- Players must play 4 games in a team to qualify for finals in that team. Each team is considered separately for finals qualification, and matches played in other teams / grades are not considered. Teams are encouraged to consider finals qualification early in the season, and not leave it until the last few rounds.
- If a player qualifies for finals in two teams in the same grade, they must choose which team they play finals in, and cannot change once they have taken the court in finals. "Grade" includes the division in junior age groups. (eg. S3, S10, Inter 2, 13&U div 1 and 13&U div2 are all separate grades).
- Junior players age group is determined by their age as at 31 December 2026.
- 17&U and 15&U grades have been combined to form an Inters competition as per Mid Hills Winter competition. This allows for a combination of both age groups to fill teams across this grading.
- Extra grades (seniors) or divisions (juniors) may be added according to the number of nominations received
- By nominating for the Mid Hills Summer competition, teams are agreeing to be bound by the Mid Hills Netball Association, Policies and Codes of Conduct for Players, Coaches, Umpires, Parents and Spectators.

Season Structure

Season Dates – Juniors – Tuesday Nights

20 October 2026 – 15 December 2026

19 January 2027 – 2 February 2027 – **games will be played on Australia Day 26 January**

Finals

9 & 16 February 2027

- 9's 5.00pm 10 minute quarters breaks 2,3,2
- 11's 6.00pm 10 minute quarters breaks 2,3,2
- 13's 6.00pm 12 minute quarters breaks 2,3,2
- Inters 7.15pm 15 minute quarters breaks 3,5,3

Season Dates – Seniors – Wednesday Nights

21 October 2026 – 16 December 2026

20 January 2027 – 3 February 2027

Finals

10 & 17 February 2027

- 6.30pm & 8.00pm 15 minute quarters breaks 3,5,3

- The season will consist of 12 minor round games and 2 major round games.
- Finals game times will be set at the start of the season for each grade/division and no consideration will be given to changing times due to clash of games for players playing in more than one team

Registration & Fill-Ins

- Refer to the How to Register your Team and Players document

Umpires

- It is the responsibility of the team to provide an umpire of suitable experience and standard to umpire the grade in which they have nominated.
- Your nominated umpire will umpire your own matches in the minor round. Teams will pay their own umpire.
- It is the responsibility of the team to organise a replacement should the nominated umpire be unavailable.
- MHNA will not post Facebook requests for fill in umpires. If you have exhausted all other opportunities, we recommend posting a request on either of these Facebook groups
 - o MHNA Umpires
 - o Netball Umpires South Australia
- **Playing Umpires** – while requests for opposite playing/umpiring games to accommodate playing umpires, will be taken into consideration, there is no guarantee that this is achievable every round.

Uniforms

- All members of the team must be in matching uniform – tops & bibs
- Bottoms can be a combination of skirt/skort/shorts/leggings:
 - o Bottoms must be the same colour throughout the team with no variation in shades of colour – eg. Mixture of bright blue, royal blue and navy blue in the same team is not allowed.
 - o **Shorts** must be equal to a netball dress/skort length (running/training shorts). No open pockets and no booty or basketball length shorts.
 - o **Leggings** need to be unadorned, no zippers

Forfeits

- If your team needs to forfeit, you must advise the opposing team and the MHNA Administration team via email admin@midhillsna.org and text 0404 898 471 by 3 pm on match day. Team contacts are available on the Mid Hills website under Competition > Summer Season or on the list sent to team contacts at the start of the season. Please remember to also advise your umpire. **Penalties apply if you miss this deadline.**
- The team receiving the forfeit can submit a team list for finals qualification within one week of the scheduled match.

Fees

- Mid Hills team fees: Seniors \$460 per team, Juniors \$400 per team, GST inclusive. These fees are in addition to any NetballSA registration fee charged.
- A deposit of \$50 is required with your team nomination.
- **The balance is payable by round 4. Penalties apply for late payment.**