

President's Report 2024

The Winter season saw 145 teams take the court, four more than 2023. Seniors increased by eight and juniors were down by four. Unfortunately, Mt Pleasant were unable to form a team. In the first year of Inters there were 28 teams nominated across the four divisions, but we did have a drop in our 9's with only fourteen teams playing. Congratulations to all clubs and teams that managed success, in whatever form that was. We hope that your players continued to develop and enjoy the game.

Over the Summer season we had 158 teams competing, 6 teams up on the previous season and we continued with a twelve-round season. On court behaviours continue to be an issue throughout the summer season, the BoM will keep working on ways that this can be addressed and improved. Hot weather impacted late in the season, forcing the cancellation of the Semi final round.

With the introduction of the 2024 Rule Book, the Association offered three Rule Discussion workshops for members to learn and understand how the changes effect the game. Our regular Beginner Umpire workshops for those new to umpiring, were hosted by our Umpire's Committee. It is the responsibility of the umpires as well as players and coaches to understand the rules and how changes impact the game. Badged umpires should be working to meet their badge competencies and extending themselves to the next level.

Thank you to all those that committed their time in running these sessions and investing in the future of the game and our Association. Without these knowledgeable volunteers, the Association would not be able to offer this development.

Congratulations to our umpires that attained national badges in 2024, a great achievement. Thanks to those that facilitated badging panels, were involved in mentoring on Saturdays and provided support to our up and coming whistle blowers – without umpires, we cannot play the game.

Our Representative Teams had a successful carnival season with numerous Grand Final successes. Thanks to the committed Coaches, Team Managers, and supporters and their passion for the game and the Rep program. In 2024 we celebrated our 40th Annual Mid Hills Carnival and incorporated the celebrations with our Club gathering to acknowledge those that have been involved in Rep as players, coaches, team managers and umpires across the years. With increased team numbers at the Carnival, it was a great day of competition.

2024 saw changes to our competition – we welcomed back the 13 & U's to Saturday competition. It was great to have everyone back playing on the same day. Inters was introduced in lieu of separate 15's & 17's grades, which changed the dynamics of those age groups, the Association will continue to see how this goes in 2025, with all four divisions playing at the 12.15pm time slot.

We were fortunate to have a SNN Trophy visit after the Thunderbirds back to back premiership's and to host an Adelaide Thunderbirds School Holiday Clinic. We continue to work with Netball SA to provide development opportunities for Coaches, Players and Umpires.

The BoM continues to review policies, procedures and guidelines for the improvement of the game and the Association, this does take time, but all BoM members are committed to best practice and considered change.



2025 will look a little different with Recording Officer Helen Roberts stepping back and BoM member Alison Tanner stepping off the Board. We thank them both immensely for their 15 and 10 years' service respectively, to the Association. If you want to part of the Association's bigger picture, there are always opportunities to get involved.

Thank you to all the current Board members, and the time and effort that you commit to the running of the Association. Without your commitment and passion, the Association wouldn't be what where it is today or where we are headed in the future. Thank you also for your support of me personally in the role of President.

Thanks to all that fulfil club commitments on our sub committees, it is a valued contribution, that is essential for our Association to function effectively.

2025 is another opportunity to improve what we do and how we do, and work together for the betterment of the game and our netball community.

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