

Eastern Districts Netball

Year 1-6 Netball 2026

JUNIOR NETBALL

MORE SPACE, MORE PASSES, MORE GOALS, MORE FUN!

This is the netball programme that is run throughout New Zealand for Year 1 to 6 children. The format sees small-sided games with modified rules, which are run alongside sessions to support fundamental skill development. Both the equipment and the style of game fits the physical, social and cognitive ability of the player to deliver an enhanced Netball experience.

For Year 1 and 2 the aim is to develop fundamental movement and ball skills. The game that follows the preceding skill session is played on one third of a full sized court, by teams of four, with the emphasis on equal participation. Modified equipment is used.

For Year 3 and 4 the focus is learning basic skills in a modified game of 5-a-side, using two-thirds of a Netball court. Year 3 & 4 is designed to be fast and fun, maximising participation. Five players in each team and rotating positions ensures everyone gets an equal chance to develop their skills.

Year 5-6 is a 6 v 6 format. Netball continues to be modified for this age group. Players rotate to prevent early specialisation in positions. The emphasis is on all players getting plenty of touches of the ball and the opportunity to develop a broad skill set.

For more information search **the Netball Taranaki website**.

All teams play on Saturdays starting on 2nd May and finishing on 27th July.

The Year 1 and 2 team needs at least two parents to be 'Star Helpers'. These people are just an extra set of hands to help out the Junior Co-ordinator on the day.

The Year 3 and 4 teams require a coach. There will be no extra practices for these teams, just the Saturday game.

Year 5 and 6 will also require a coach and a practice will be held on Thursdays, after school at Toko School.

Star helpers and Coaches **must** attend a training session. These are for Year 1-6.
There are two options:

TET Stadium Meeting Room

21 March 6-8pm

9 April 10am-12pm

If you would like your child involved in ED netball this year, register your interest by completing the Google Form. [Click here](#) or it will be in the Toko School newsletter and sent to the other Eastern District schools.

This must be done by **Friday 27th February**.

Another link will be sent in due course to register with Netball Taranaki and confirm your commitment to the 2026 season.

The **AGM** of the Eastern Districts Netball Club will be held on **Thursday 5th March at 6.30pm, at Toko School**. This will be followed by a short informative meeting about the upcoming season. Could all parents, coaches and interested parties please come along.

We require at least one person from each school to be at this meeting and to be a part of the committee.

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