

## What are the Competition Fees?

We have three types of fees associated with our GEL netball competition, the registration fee, season fee and forfeiting fee.

Our registration fee is a mandatory upfront payment made when registering. We then offer two payment options for the season fee.

- 1) Upfront Payment – This suits teams who have a regular lineup and dislike the stress of organising weekly payments. As a bonus, teams who pay upfront receive one game free!
- 2) Weekly Payments – This suits teams who don't have a regular lineup and prefer to organise weekly payments.
- 3) Forfeiting Fees - When your team registers, you commit to paying the entire season fee. Therefore, if your team forfeits, you must still pay for the forfeited match. The forfeited fee will be added to the following match fee.

## How do I register my team?

Links to each season's registration page will be on the GESAC website and sent out in communication emails. When registrations open, it is a first come, first served basis. No preference will be given to previously registered teams.

## I am an individual without a team but want to play netball – what can I do?

We have a GEL netball fill-ins page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2133016573647990>) where teams can post if they need a player for a particular game or sometimes where individuals post to create an entirely new team.

We also have a form you can fill out (<https://forms.office.com/r/1dmdwgrewc>) where we will do our best to allocate you to a team looking for a new member or create a totally new team of individual players.

## How do divisions work?

We have divisions for Ladies and Mixed teams. The first 4 weeks of each season are grading games. Grading games help us determine the most suitable divisions for each team based on skill level.

However, during the season, we have the right to move teams into a new division if we feel they would be best suited in another division.

## How long are the seasons?

We deliver two netball seasons each year in line with school terms. Season 1 is delivered during terms 1 & 2 (February to June), and season 2 is delivered during terms 3 & 4 (July to December).

Registrations open 3-4 weeks before the start of each season.

## How long are the games?

Games are 40 minutes long with no overtime. Game times are 6.30 pm, 7.10 pm, 7.50 pm, 8.30 pm, 9.10 pm, and 9.50 pm on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Due to several constraints, we cannot guarantee an even spread of match times. However, we understand the challenges of consecutive early or late games and will always try to allocate games evenly.

## What happens if my team can't make a game?

If your team cannot make a game and you've tried the fill-in page without success, you will need to forfeit. To do this, you must contact the Stadium Team at [stadium@geleisure.com.au](mailto:stadium@geleisure.com.au), or if it's after 4 pm, you must call reception on 9575 7100. If reception is unavailable, you must email [stadium@geleisure.com.au](mailto:stadium@geleisure.com.au) and CC [reception@geleisure.com.au](mailto:reception@geleisure.com.au). Please let us know about your forfeit with as much notice as possible.

As mentioned, if your team forfeits, you must still pay for the forfeited match - this fee will be added to your following match fee.

## Am I covered by insurance?

Yes, GESAC provides insurance for players registered on the scoresheet. The cost is built into the team registration fee per season. For insurance queries and claims, please email [stadium@geleisure.com.au](mailto:stadium@geleisure.com.au).

## Does a fill-in player need to register with the team?

Anyone filling in for a team needs to register online ([registration form here](#)) or write their name on the scoresheet for insurance purposes.

## What happens if my team make the finals?

If your team makes the finals, you will be notified after the last round of the season.

We run an inclusive finals series, allowing every team to play finals. So, whether you are at the top of the table or climbing the ladder, everyone gets a chance to win some gold in front of friends and family!

The first week of the finals are the semi-finals for each division, and the following week are the grand finals, based on the semi-final results.

Finals fees are not part of the upfront payment and must be paid on a weekly basis, unless your team has accumulated credits during the season through byes or forfeits.

## **What do I wear?**

All teams must wear the same colour and shade of tops, shorts, skirts, and one-piece dresses. Skirts below the knee, track pants, multi-coloured shorts, or shorts with pockets, buttons and zips are prohibited. Teams are also required to bring their own bibs. See the GESAC Netball Competition Rules on the GEL [website](#) for more information.

## **Refunds**

If a team that has paid upfront is on the receiving end of a forfeit, they will be credited or refunded at the discretion of GESAC's competition management.

If a team withdraws from the competition for any reason after commencement of the competition and prior to the end of the competition, it will not be entitled to a refund of any part of its registration fee.

If GESAC's competition management suspends or withdraws a team from the competition for any reason, no refund of the registration fee or upfront match fees will be refunded. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of GESAC's competition management.