



BARADENE NETBALL

YEAR 7 & 8 NETBALL

2026



**A GUIDE TO
LEAD YOU
THROUGH THE
DETAILS OF
BARADENE
NETBALL**

This is a brief information booklet for you to familiarise yourself with netball at Baradene.

If you have any questions after reading through the booklet, please contact Dani Reynolds, dreynolds@baradene.school.nz, 524 6019 ext 861.

Values

Enjoyment – Netball should be enjoyable for all players at Baradene, irrespective of age and grade.

Teamwork – Emphasise teamwork as the key foundation of successful teams, irrespective of age and grade.

Cor Unum – Encourages all players, coaches, and supporters to adhere to the Cor Unum values throughout all grades.

Success – We aim to be competitive in all competitions and tournaments.

Baradene Netball Development Plan

With over 50 teams we have a strong emphasis on expectations throughout the age groups / skill levels.

They are as follows:

Year 7 / 8

Development, fun, promoting a team culture, gaining a love of the game, making new friends at Baradene. Fair court time is promoted. A more competitive aspect is placed on our Y7 and Y8 A teams.

Year 9 – Senior

Competitive netball (dependent on grade), students take ownership of their sporting enjoyment and success. Fair court time is promoted as well as encouraging a healthy lifestyle, skill development, and team responsibility.

Premier

Competitive, performance based, leading Baradene netball expectations with a mastering of skills.

Senior Social

Fun, participation.

Note: Students develop at different rates, at different ages. As a result, teams change year after year.

Season Details

- Year 7 and 8 games are played on Tuesday afternoons / early evening at Auckland Netball Centre, Morrin Road, Mt Wellington.
- Game times will vary from week to week from 4.00pm, 5.00pm or 6.00pm.
- The draw will be emailed to the team manager and coach, who will inform team members of their game time each week. The draw is also on the sports notice board in the Baradene Gym each week for students to view.
- Teams who win or come runners up in their grades are required to attend prizegiving in formal school uniform or full school tracksuit and be seated with other Baradene teams.

Season Dates

(All games are played on Tuesday afternoons/evenings)

- 5th May to 25th August (1st September – Saver Day)
- NO PLAY – 7th, 14th and 21st July (School Holidays)
- Prizegiving – TBC

Year 7's New to 7v7

If your daughter is playing netball as a new Year 7 it is likely that she has played the adapted 6-a side version of the game and has not yet played the 7-a side version. Please note that Year 7's will be trialling for 7-a side netball teams, if your daughter is not aware of the rules please revise these so she is prepared to trial. We do not have the ability to run 7-a side netball workshops prior to trials so we appreciate your help in guiding your daughter with the different rulings/positionings.

6 v 6 to 7 v 7 Transition Information

What is 7 v 7 Netball?

It's super easy to get involved in the Mother Earth futureFERNs programme.

Philosophy of Mother Earth futureFERNs

- HAVE FUN!
- Learn new skills, knowledge and understanding
- Be motivated and confident to play
- Develop a life-long love of Netball

C
Centre

WA
Wing Attack

WD
Wing Defence

GA
Goal Attack

GD
Goal Defence

GS
Goal Shoot

GK
Goal Keep

What are the changes between 6 v 6 and 7 v 7?

Mother Earth futureFERNs grows as the players grow

6 v 6		7 v 7	
 6 players per team	 GOAL HEIGHT 2.6M	 7 players per team	 GOAL HEIGHT 3.05M
 SIZE 4 BALL	 8 minute quarters	 SIZE 5 BALL	 10 minute quarters
 Team changes at HALF TIME	 ROLLING SUBS	 Team changes at QUARTER TIME	 Substitutions can only be made at an interval, half time or injury
 Pass with Ball within 5 secs	 DEFEND 1m AWAY	 Pass with Ball within 3 secs	 DEFEND 0.9m AWAY
 CENTRE PASS is by the non-scoring team		 CENTRE PASS is alternated between teams	

Trial Dates

All trials are held at the Baradene netball courts opposite the main office. Whilst every endeavour is made to finish on time, there may be days where trials are extended longer, so please be flexible.

Each of our Y7 and Y8 trials are split into two groups. This is to help run smoother trials with the huge number of students who trial for netball. By having two groups our selectors will be able to concentrate on a smaller group at one time, these groups will change/be adjusted each trial. Your daughter will be advised which group she is in prior to each trial date. It is important that your daughter attends all the trials she is named in.

- Year 7 - Trial #1 – Monday 9th Mar, Group 1 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm **OR** Group 2 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Trial #2 – Thursday 12th Mar, Group 1 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm **OR** Group 2 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Trial #3 – Tuesday 17th Mar, 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Callback Only)
- Year 8 - Trial #1 – Tuesday 3rd Mar, Group 1 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm **OR** Group 2 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Trial #2 – Saturday 7th Mar, Group 1 – 2.00pm – 4.00pm **OR** Group 2 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Trial #3 – Wednesday 11th Mar, 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Callback Only)

Trial Format

It takes around 10 weeks to complete all the netball trials at Baradene from Premier through to Year 7. Within that time, we must finalise teams and register each team and each individual player with Auckland Netball. With over 100 girls per year level playing netball each year, we have a trial process that:

- a) is fair and transparent,
 - b) we can support with selectors, umpires, and bench officials, and
 - c) provides many opportunities for the students to display their skills
- We endeavour to ensure each student has two games per trial, however this is not always possible.
 - C, WA, GA are the most preferred and popular positions, and it is not always possible to have two games per trial if 80% of players request those positions. Please take this into consideration.
 - It is imperative that the girls attend all trials; if there is a legitimate reason for non-attendance this needs to be communicated to the Sport Manager prior to trials.
 - Should the selectors feel they require longer, they may announce a squad and call another trial.

Withdrawing from a team once named is not acceptable at Baradene. If this occurs your daughter will not be permitted to represent Baradene in any other code for the season, so please ensure all commitments are considered prior to committing to trials.

Fees

\$130 – Season Fee (this is required to be paid in full prior to the first competition game). The fee will be loaded to the Parent Portal for your payment, you will be advised once it has been loaded.

\$90 – Bus Fee (if you opt into this for your daughter)

Netball Bus

We supply a netball bus to take the students to the courts every Tuesday. This service is an added cost of **\$90** for the season. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer one-off rides to students. Students are expected to be collected from the netball courts by their parents after the game. Please ensure you complete the bus permission question on the online registration form if you wish to take up this option.

Bus Process

Students meet on the gym floor in their netball uniform, full tracksuit and sport shoes at 3.10pm. Here, they are signed in and then escorted onto the buses.

Girls are to change into their netball uniform, full school tracksuit and sport shoes at lunchtime. If they do not have their full school tracksuit to travel in, they must wear their full school uniform to the netball courts and then get changed into their netball uniform in the court changing rooms.

NOTE: Bus fees are required to be paid in full prior to the first game of the season. Not all games will be 4.00pm, the majority may be from 5.00pm or even 6.00pm so please bear this in mind when registering for the bus as there are no refunds.

Trainings

Trainings are likely to be before or after school – morning trainings are typically 7.00am – 8.15am and afternoon trainings are from 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

Once coaches are appointed, they will propose a training day(s) and time based on their availability. Training days and times must be suitable for the coach and the majority of the team, but ultimately it is the coach's decision.

It is expected that you will take this into consideration when registering for netball.

Uniforms

Our uniform has been registered at the Auckland Netball Centre, and the **correct uniform must be worn at all times**. The registered uniform consists of:

- Skirt and top to be purchased through the uniform shop
- Baradene White Sports Socks
- Appropriate netball shoes
- School tracksuit. **All students must wear full tracksuit to and from the venue.**

If the weather is extremely cold a long-sleeved **black** polyprop may be worn under the top.

No bright coloured tops are to be worn with the tracksuit, and the pants must be zipped up at all times.

The Baradene hoodie available in the uniform shop may be worn underneath the tracksuit jacket.

Absolutely no Jewellery is to be worn

Cultural and Medical Jewellery – if worn, must be taped to the body. Hair should be tied back and off the face.

Tournaments

- Year 7 A and B teams and Year 8 A and B teams will attend the Eastern Zone tournament, and if successful there, the A teams will then attend the Inter Zones netball tournament.
- Year 8 A team will also attend the week-long AIMS tournament held in Tauranga, in Term 3. There is an additional charge for the AIMS tournament, which will be advised closer to the time.

Dates: Sunday 6th – Friday 11th September 2026

Umpiring

We endeavour to allocate umpires to all Baradene games. Umpire allocations are sent out with the draw to coaches and team managers each week. We actively encourage students to take up umpiring as a means of learning a valuable new skill and gaining confidence. If we do not have sufficient umpires, we rely on our coaches and/or parents to step in.

Baradene Umpires must be Year 10 or older (some exemptions may be made), students interested in umpiring prior to this age are encouraged to attend a 6v6 Netball Umpiring workshop through Auckland Netball Centre and umpire a junior season with them to gain experience and confidence.

Umpires are required to arrive at least **5 minutes** prior to the start of their scheduled game to undertake pre-game checks and preparations.

Weather

Netball is played rain or shine, games are rarely postponed, only for extreme weather events of lightning and thunder taking place in the location of the venue. Baradene follows the guidance of Auckland Netball Centre who confirm whether netball games are safe to be played. Netball is an outdoor, winter sport, while we wish for clear blue skies, please expect your daughter to play some netball games in the rain.

Expectations

- By registering to play netball you are expected to attend all games and trainings.
- We value commitment and respect in team sports, therefore if your daughter is injured, she is still required at trainings and games as a spectator as this is a valuable learning tool.
- It is expected that all communications with the coach/manager are made in a timely manner. If your daughter is unable to attend training or game due to illness, this must be notified to the coach and/or manager as early as possible.
- It is expected that players possess a positive team ethic at all times.
- Fair court time is promoted; however, this is dependent on the players attendance and attitude at trainings and games.

Expectations of Parents and Caregivers

Netball at Baradene is offered for the enjoyment of the children. It is their sport, and the emphasis should always be placed on the values of participating in sport whilst at school. Our coaches and managers are volunteers. We always promote and enforce fair play and respect.

We ask all supporters to:

- Encourage, don't discourage.
- Respect all players, umpires, and coaches at all times – both Baradene and the opposition.
- Reward effort and promote enjoyment by providing a positive and supportive experience.

Coach / Manager Evening

If you are coaching or managing a netball team this year, we ask that you attend a coaches/managers in-person meeting at the end of Term 1, this date is to be confirmed. An invite to this meeting will be sent to you closer to the time. You will receive the team gear bags, coaches / managers booklet and vital information for the season at this meeting.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find out the draw?

The draw and umpire allocation will be emailed out to managers and coaches each week. They will then pass on this information to their teams. It is also posted each week on the Baradene sports noticeboard. All information can be found on www.aucklandnetball.co.nz

Are the games ever cancelled?

Auckland Netball only cancel games if there is thunder and lightning within a close proximity of the courts. Should the unlikely event of a cancellation occur, your team manager and coach will be notified, and they in turn will notify you. If the cancellation occurs late, a message will also be sent from the school database and to the students.

What happens in the event of a default?

Rarely, we may receive default notices for games. Should this occur, your coach and manager will be notified, and they in turn will notify the parents and students. If the notice of the default is received very late, a message will also be sent off the database and to students at school.

My daughter is sick and cannot attend training or the game.

Inform the manager and/or coach as soon as possible, particularly if your child is unable to attend the game, which allows the coach time to find a reserve player from another team if necessary. All absences must be reported to the team coach/manager in a timely manner.

Likewise, if your daughter is away from school sick, she cannot come in to attend training the same day.

I wish to lay a complaint about an issue during my daughter's game.

Complaints regarding a game must go directly to the coach or manager in the first instance. Should the coach or manager feel it is appropriate, they will arrange for the Auckland Netball convenor to attend the game courtside and then inform the school of the issue. Should the complaint be of a serious nature, the coach or manager should be informed, and they will then contact the Baradene Sports Manager who will forward the complaint in writing to Auckland Netball if within 24 hours of the incident. If appropriate, the school may resolve the issue directly.

FINAL REGISTRATION DATE

Please ensure you have completed the online registration form by **Sunday 8th February 2026**.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON – GO BARA!