

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

What a celebration of netball there has been over the past couple of months. At a Zone level we've been in full swing with ANZfutureFERNs, ANZ Championship Tactix planning, SISS competition, Under 15 Zone finals, working with our commercial partners, completion of Netball Centre competitions and Zone strategic planning.



Since the last newsletter Netball Mainland held the finals of the Mainland Zone Under 15 championship. Fine weather and excellent playing conditions were a feature of Finals day held at the Selwyn Netball Centre on Sunday 23 August 2015.

Sixteen teams from across the Zone took part in the inaugural event which was played over three Sundays and hosted by six different Centres. The champs produced great netball and showed there is some exciting talent in the Zone. Christchurch 1 and 2 teams made it through to the Final which was keenly contested, with Christchurch 1 winning 27 – 24.

The South Island Secondary Schools competition was completed earlier this month, with Mainland Zone school teams finishing in the first four places in A Grade (St Margaret's College, Cashmere High School, St Andrews College and Roncalli College). We wish them every success in the up-coming New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships, being held in the recently opened Stadium Ashburton.

The Christchurch Netball Centre National Championship team is looking to defend its Lion Foundation Netball Championship (LFNC) title at the ASB Sports Centre in Wellington commencing Monday, 28 September and continuing through to finals play on Friday 02 October 2015. We wish them all the best in retaining the title. Keep an eye on the Netball Mainland and Tactix Facebook pages for up-dates.

Our **Zone Centre Forum** planning is nearing completion and we have put together what we hope will be a stimulating programme over the **17th and 18th October**. Settling on the programme has been both exciting and challenging due to the large number of projects/initiatives being undertaken by Netball New Zealand, Netball Mainland and Centres within our Zone.

A number of important initiatives will be discussed at the Forum this year; Health and Safety (H & S) management, the national competitions review, proposed introduction of a new National League competition and Strategic Planning to name a few. We have a number of planning and H&S templates designed to make compliance and planning easier, which we will share with you at the Forum.

Kind regards, Brigit

COMMUNITY

JUNIOR NETBALL

Year 5 & 6 Update

Thank you to all participants who helped during the Year 5 & 6 Piloting Programme.

AUT will be collating the final lot of research by the end of this month and will be meeting with NNZ to discuss the findings. Centres will be notified of the final decision on the 9th November.



UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT

ZUDG / NZUDG

Congratulations to Sue James who has now been appointed to the New Zealand Umpire Development Group



Umpire Theory Exam

Congratulations to the following who passed their NZ Theory Exam 2 7th September, 2015

Centre	Recipient
Christchurch	Lisa McGregor
Christchurch	Sara Weeks
Mid Canterbury	Brooke Williams
Mid Canterbury	Jan Lee

Technical Officials

Congratulations to the following Bench Officials who have been appointed to the Silver Ferns Constellation Cup Test Match on October 20th at Horncastle Arena: Margaret Marsh, Kay Norris, Anne Harrison, Joy Dickens, Ann Stevens, Claire Lewis, Maree Morel and Aileen Neilson

ZONE FORUM

Registrations for the Netball Mainland Forum on October 17th and 18th are available on Sportsground. Please follow this link to register by Friday 2nd October. A full Forum Programme will be distributed to you week commencing 05 October.

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/netballmainland/139641/>

NEW WORLD VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Congratulations to our 4 Netball Mainland finalists for the New World Volunteer Awards

Youth

Aleisha Whitehead



Administrator

Shelley Fissenden



Coach

Peter McInnes



Official

Sarah Paki



COACH DEVELOPMENT

Recently 20 of Netball Mainland Performance Coaches took part in Netball New Zealand's Advanced Modules day 1 was Advanced Skill Acquisition with Adrienne Morrin



And the day 2: Performance Enhancing with Sharon Kearney Netball New Zealand's medical coordinator



Christchurch Netball Centre and Marlborough have completed Netball New Zealand Community Coach Award Weekends.

PERFORMANCE

SISS TOURNAMENT

Four days of the South Island's best secondary school netball teams gathered in Timaru earlier in the month to contest the coveted title of top secondary school team in the South Island. In a typical mix of fine and wet playing conditions 80 teams, officials and volunteers all contributed to yet another successful SISS tournament. Netball Mainland was well represented with 17 A grade, 21 B grade and 9 C grade teams taking part.

Congratulations to St Margaret's College who continued their successful run of recent SISS tournament titles winning the final 27 – 26 and overcoming a fast finishing Cashmere High. Avonside Girls High won the second grade title and in doing so gained promotion into A grade next year.

Congratulations to the following NM players and umpires for making the SISS Tournament Selections

A grade:

Macie Austin	Roncalli College
Sarah Boomer	Cashmere High School
Olivia Clarke	St Andrews College
Libby Davenport	Roncalli College
Laura Dorgan	Roncalli College
Kiana Gallon	St Margarets College
Olivia Janes	Rangiora High School
Sonnie Katene	Roncalli College
Georgina Kelly	Ashburton College
Kate Lloyd	Ashburton College
Madison Lloyd	St Margarets College
Lily Marshall	St Margarets College
Kelera Nawai	St Andrews College
Courtney Quinn	Marian College
Jessica Shaw	Marian College
Lucy Thomson	St Margarets College
Georgia White	St Margarets College
Sophie Worsfold	Ashburton College

B grade:

Tianna Curtis	Geraldine High School
Kendall Everest	Avonside Girls High School

Nikaia Herring	Buller High School
Hannah Kelly	Motueka High School
Fuatai Lai Kong	Avonside Girls High School
Stephanie Lysaght	Geraldine High School
Amelia Manson	Timaru Girls High School
Alyssa Millard	Avonside Girls High School
Tiare Scott	Hillmorton High School
Pippa Wipperfueth	Avonside Girls High School

C grade:

Caitlin Glue	Greymouth High School
Seini Nusi	John Paul II

Talented Umpires:

Caleb Binns - Garin College, Martha Lolohea - Villa Maria College

By gaining a top 5 placing at the tournament, four Netball Mainland secondary schools qualified for the National Secondary Schools Finals. St Margaret's College, Cashmere High, St Andrew's College and Roncalli College will join 12 other secondary schools from throughout the country in Ashburton. From 6 – 9 October, the EA Network Centre will be filled with some of the best young netball talent in the country playing for the title of National Secondary Schools Champions.

Best wishes to all the players, team management and officials for a great tournament.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NL)

As many will be aware, Netball New Zealand has undertaken a review of its national competition structure and as a result of this is proposing an exciting major initiative; the establishment of a NL starting in 2016. All 5 zones will have a team in this amateur competition, which will sit below the ANZC and is aimed at increasing the depth and capability of players and coaches under ANZC.

Planning is underway in NM with coach applications being called for and invitations sent out to over 23 identified players to trial for the Netball Mainland National League team. Trials will take place at the HPSNZ Apollo Projects Centre on Sunday 1 November from 4 – 6 pm.

PERFORMANCE SQUAD

Also in line with Netball New Zealand's National Competition review, NM has changed the name of the squad previously known as the Emerging Talent Squad. It will be now known as the NM

Performance Squad and following strong performances throughout the 2015 netball season, the Netball Mainland (NM) selectors have invited over 50 players into the squad for either Level 1 or Level 2 programmes.

Performance Squad Level 1

Up to 30 players, for players who are new to Performance programmes or NM Selectors feel that more experience is needed within this environment. Players are from Year 11 and older. This is considered a probationary year with players having to show improvement and commitment to the programme to be invited back. Players can be in this squad for 1 – 2 years.

Performance Squad Level 2

Up to 20 players, for players who have been exposed to Performance environment previously and / or have demonstrated capability, understanding and commitment to a Performance programme. Continued improvement and commitment is expected. Players can be in this squad from 1 - 3 years.

Coaches will also continue to have the opportunity to align programmes with the player counterpart

2015 – 2016 Performance Programme Schedule

Workshop One		
Northern cluster		Southern cluster
Saturday 31 October 2015		Sunday 1 November 2015
Nelson – Waimea College Gym		Apollo Projects, High Performance Sports NZ Centre, Jellie Park
9.30 am – 2.30 pm		9:30am – 3:30pm

Workshop Two
Sunday 24 January 2016
High Performance Sport NZ, Apollo Projects Centre, Jellie Park, Christchurch
9:30am – 3:30pm

Workshop Three
Sunday 28 February 2016
High Performance Sport NZ, Apollo Projects Centre, Jellie Park, Christchurch
9:30am – 3:30pm

Camp
Invite only
Sunday 24 – Monday 25 April 2016
High Performance Sport NZ, Apollo Projects Centre, Jellie Park, Christchurch
9:30 am – 4:00pm

MAINLAND TACTIX

2016 DRAW

We are pleased to be taking ANZC back to the regions with our round 7 game v WBOP Magic being played in Nelson. The venue is still to be confirmed.

Round	Day	Date	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Location
1	Friday	01/04/2016	Firebirds	Tactix	BCEC	Brisbane
2	Sunday	10/04/2016	Steel	Tactix	ILT Stadium Southland	Invercargill
3	Sunday	17/04/2016	Fever	Tactix	HBF Stadium	Perth
4	Monday	25/04/2016	Tactix	Mystics	Horncastle Arena	Christchurch
5	Sunday	1/05/2016	Pulse	Tactix	Te Rauparaha Arena	Porirua
6	Monday	9/05/2016	Tactix	Vixens	Horncastle Arena	Christchurch
7	Sunday	15/05/2016	Tactix	Magic	tbc	Nelson
8	Sunday	22/05/2016	Tactix	Swifts	Horncastle Arena	Christchurch
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10	Sunday	5/06/2016	Tactix	Steel	Horncastle Arena	Christchurch
11	Monday	13/06/2016	Magic	Tactix	Claudlands Arena	Hamilton
12	Monday	20/06/2016	Tactix	Pulse	Horncastle Arena	Christchurch
13	Sunday	26/06/2016	Thunderbirds	Tactix	Priceline Stadium	Adelaide
14	Saturday	2/07/2016	Mystics	Tactix	The Trusts Arena	Auckland

OTHER

PROPOSED NATIONAL LEAGUE

One of the key recommendations from the recently completed Netball New Zealand Competitions Review was the introduction of a new amateur National League, sitting 'underneath' the ANZ Championship, a similar concept to the National League competition in Australia.

The key aims of introducing this competition being to:

- **Win – enhance competitiveness of NZ teams**
 - Build the depth of elite talent in NZ Netball
 - Build selection pressure and options – NZ franchise teams and Silver Ferns
 - Provide league based competition for the five NZ Zones – to better prepare athletes, coaches, officials for elite and international competition
- **Innovative and contemporary repositioning**
 - Elite and visually dynamic, strong and stunning athletes
 - Present a contemporary, youthful version of the game
 - Innovative – change up the rules
 - Professional and modern in its execution and presentation
- **Grow profile and following**
 - Discover new talent
 - Build profile and following for Netball's future stars and the game
 - Build following and membership of NZ franchises
- **Grow audience and increase connectivity**

- Broadcast, with both TV and digital focus
- Grow the youth male and female supporter market
- Engages and grows the current Netball audience

It is proposed that this new amateur league will replace the current LFNC and Under 23 competitions from 2016 onwards.

Details of dates, teams, funding and format are being worked through currently, with further details to be presented by Netball New Zealand at the Netball Mainland Zone Forum in October.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Netball Mainland CEO, Brigit Hearn.

CONGRATULATIONS

It was very exciting to read in a variety of print media, about Christchurch Netball Centre Board Chair, Christine Rodda, receiving her QSM award for services to netball. Seen below accepting the award at Government House from the Governor-General, Sir Jerry Mateparae. Congratulations Chris from us all here in the Mainland.



NETBALL RULE CHANGES

World netball bosses voted through a series of changes aimed at making the rules "less fussy" during International Netball Federation (INF) congress meeting in Sydney in August 2015.

All rules changes were put forward and had been developed with the consultation of INF's coaching advisory panel.

INF had been trialing a two-point shot from the outer-circle area, but this was not put to a vote at Congress after it was determined the rule required further trials.

The new rules will come into effect on **01 January 2016**.

Key rule changes:

- The game management procedures in dealing with foul play have been standardised through the introduction of a four-step grading system. (The first level is a caution, escalating to a formal warning, before players can be sent off for two minutes. In serious cases, players can be ordered off for the remainder of the game).
- The use of injury breaks as tactical time-outs will no longer be possible, with all injury stoppages to be 30 seconds, and the injured player must come straight off the court.
- Players no longer have to wait for the infringing player to stand down (beside) properly before taking a penalty pass or shot.
- Umpires will no longer blow their whistle when goals are scored or the ball goes out of court. (It is predicted this measure will reduce the whistle in the game by 30 per cent).
- 'Goal-tending' is no longer allowed. Players cannot block a shot once the ball is on a downward arc.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **2015**
 - Lion Foundation National Championships – 28 September to 02 October – Wellington
 - New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships – 06 to 09 October - Ashburton
 - Netball Mainland Zone Centre Forum – 17 and 18 October – Christchurch
 - NZ Silver Ferns vs Australian Diamonds Netball Test – 20 October – Christchurch



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NEW WORLD



- 2016
 - NNZ AGM/Council Meeting – 27 and 28 February – Auckland
 - Netball Mainland AGM – 13 March - Christchurch

Best wishes from us here at Netball Mainland

