



# NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE NEWSLETTER

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Well, the new netball season is well upon us!

The Junior Netball Programme is about to get into full swing and we really value the support and enthusiasm with which Centres in our Zone are embracing the programme.

Heartiest congratulations go out to 'Mainland' players Jessica Shaw and Charlotte Elley upon their selection in the New Zealand Secondary Schools team, and Jessica Prosser as non-travelling reserve. We're very proud of the trio and wish them all the very best 😊

## ANZ CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 UP DATE



28 April - with only one win under their belt and playing in front of a 4800 strong home crowd, the EasiYo Tactix were looking to turn the tables on the Northern Mystics who had beaten them by three goals two weeks earlier in Auckland. The Tactix treated the appreciative crowd to an exciting and entertaining game featuring spectacular attacking play by the home team. Leading by one goal and in possession of the ball near their goal circle with less than 30 seconds left on the clock, the Tactix looked to have the game won. However, a heart breaking turnover by the Tactix proved very costly. The Mystics took full advantage of the opportunity, scoring twice to win by one goal.

While still to gain more points on the competition ladder, the Tactix continue to work hard for more wins. With four games left in the 2014 season, three against New Zealand teams and the final in Adelaide against the Thunderbirds, there is still plenty to play for and be achieved.

The team are looking forward to returning to Nelson this coming weekend to play Pulse and complete the double after beating them in Round 5. The trip to the top of the Zone also provides opportunity to meet sponsors and engage with the netball community.

## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEAM

Netball Mainland (NM) congratulates Jess Shaw (Marion College) and Charlotte Elley (St Andrews College) on their selection into the 2014 NZSS team and Jess Prosser as non- travelling reserve. All three are members of Netball Mainland's High Performance programme. Tactix Assistant coach Julie Seymour will be travelling with the team as Assistant Coach.

NM wishes the team all the very best for their trip to Adelaide to take part in the International School Girls Netball Challenge in 15 - 24 May.

**The full NZSS team is:** Emma- May Murray-Fifita, Chiara Chiara, Maia Wilson, Charlotte Elley, Grace Kukutai, Mila Reuelu- Buchanan, Jessica Shaw, Alanis Toia-Tigafua, Popua Aleamotu'a, Kate Burley, Holly Fowler, Michaela Sokolich-Beatson.

## NEW ZEALAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

The Centres who have signalled to NM their intention to enter into the U19 and U17 National Age Group Championships are reminded that they need to confirm their entry to NNZ by 14 May. The entry fees for the respective championships are as follows; U19/23 - \$350+GST per team AND U17 - \$350 + GST per team

## NETBALL MAINLAND U23 TRIALS

Trials have been set for **Monday 12 May 5.30 – 7.30 pm** and will take place at HPSNZ. The focus for selection has been players who are older than under 19.

Netball Mainland is pleased to invite the following players to trial for the 2014 U23 team:

NAME	POSITION(S)	TEAM
<b>SHOOTERS</b>		
Sophia Fenwick	GA, GS	Tactix
Alice Eddington	GA, GS	Train On's, Hearts A
Olivia Coughlan	GA, GS	Train On's, St Nic's A
Sarah Hayman	GA, GS	Train On's, Linc Uni A
Kate Shearer	GA, WA	Train On's, Linc Uni A
Liz Hayman	GS, GA	Linc Uni A
<b>MID COURT</b>		
Nic Mackle	WA, C	Tactix
Jess Drummond	WA, C	Train On's, Linc Uni A
Chloe Williamson	WA, C, WD	Train On's, Technical A
Kate Day	WD, C	ET, Linc Uni A
Tori Harding	WA, C	Kereru A
Hannah Poff	WA, C	Hearts A
Bubba Taurua	WA, C	St Nic A
<b>DEFENCE</b>		
Zoe Walker	GK, GD	Tactix
Lucy Gunn	GK, GD	Train On's, Linc Uni A
Natasha van Koeverden	GK, GD, WD	Train On's, Hearts A
Gemma Hogan	GK, GD	Linc Uni A
Zoe Cadzow	GK, GD	St Nic A

## RULE CHANGE – ELIGIBILITY NNZ EVENTS

Netball New Zealand would like to remind all Zones and Centres about the new event eligibility rule which comes into effect this year for all players.

Players will not be allowed to compete in two consecutive national tournaments within one calendar year, thus allowing more players to be exposed to major tournaments and allowing greater opportunities for a wider selection of players to develop their pathways to higher levels.

### The four National tournaments on the Netball New Zealand 2014 calendar which this rule relates to are:

July 7-10	NZ Age Group U19's & U23's
July 14-17	NZ Age Group U17's
Sept 29-Oct 23	Lion Foundation Netball Champs
October 7-10	NZ Secondary Schools National Championships

### Example

- No player will be permitted to play the U19/U 23 event and the U17 event
- Likewise with the LFNC and NZSS champs
- However a player may play the U17 and NZSS champs or LFNC
- Or U19/23 and LFNC or NZSS champs

### UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD



Co-coaches Trudy Eaden and Sue James ran the first of two workshops for the Zone Umpire Development Squad workshop in April at the Apollo Project Centre. The day was a success and included nutrition, learning styles, game planning and mental skills. The up and coming umpires benefitted from guest presenter Mandy Nottingham sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience during the day. The second workshop is scheduled for June.

#### L TO R:

Sue James (Coach), Mandy Nottingham, Sarah Masterton, Seonaid Palmer, Eva Brown, Jane Hickmott, Trudy Eaden (Coach)

### CENTRE TALENT SPOTTERS

With the season underway Centre Talent Spotters are reminded to keep an eye out for current and new talented young players between 15 – 18 years of age in their local Centres and send their names and contact details to [leigh.gibbs@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:leigh.gibbs@netballmainland.co.nz)

### SUPERCLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback with regard to our inaugural Zone Super Club competition.

Feedback received from those taking part has indicated strongly that the NM Zone Super Club competition is a worthwhile event and will continue next year.

In addition, the following recommendations will be factored into the organisation and planning for the 2015 competition:

- Prompt and clear communication between NM/Host Centres/Centres/Clubs/Umpires/ Bench Officials
- Entry fee will continue with prize money awarded to winners and runners up
- Clarity of Host Centre roles and responsibilities is necessary and communicated early
- Host Centre support is vital
- Flexibility for smaller centres to cluster or enter combined clubs
- Pre-season (March – April) timing of the competition is best with the dates to be confirmed at the Zone Centre Forum (in October)
- Confirmation of entry from clubs to be made well in advance of the competition starting and adhered to
- Format to consist of 2 pools of teams (round robin draw) culminating in a Finals weekend involving cross overs between the pools
- Length of competition will depend on the number of teams entered, 8 teams worked well but could be extended to 12 teams.
- Increased promotion of the competition required, both social media and via Centres/Clubs
- Continue to use the competition for developing umpires and technical officials

## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY NETBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME



Netball Mainland congratulates netball scholars; Liz Hayman, Sarah Higgins, Gemma Hogan and Kate McLaughlin on their recent graduation.

NM's Community Netball Manager Sue Harris attended the sports scholarship graduation function along with friends and family.

**L to R:** Sue, Sarah, Gemma, Liz and Kate

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Skills Clinics

Netball Mainland ran a successful Skills Queen Clinic at Amberley during the holidays with more than 40 participants. All players were able to improve their skills and will look forward to using them in their netball games in the coming weeks. Thanks to the coaches who gave up their time and expertise to deliver the programme 😊

Player development clinic – Selwyn Netball Centre were again able to offer an opportunity for aspiring netballers to participate in a two hour clinic with Rachel Stead and Simeon Joplin, who offered some valuable netball skills and strength & conditioning exercises to assist players to improve their netball. More than 50 school aged players participated in the clinic over two days.

### Junior Netball Programme

Netball Centres throughout the Zone are preparing to start the new Junior Netball programmes in Term Two. Netball Mainland and NNZ Coach Force staff have been busy travelling through our Zone delivering the workshops to ensure that Centre's can start their programmes on time.

To date more than 80 Junior Co-ordinators / Star Helpers and Year 3-4 Coaches have been trained up to deliver the Junior programmes in their respective Centres. We were fortunate to meet many passionate people along the way and know that Junior netballers are well supported in our Zone.

If you have any questions or queries with regard to any aspect of the Junior programme, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Eckersley; [amy.eckersley@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:amy.eckersley@netballmainland.co.nz)

### Student Coaches

Student coaches are such an important aspect for the development of our young people and we are excited to work with Lincoln High School, Cashmere High School, Hornby High School and Rangiora High School to support their student netball coaches with the Netball Mainland Mentoring Programme throughout Term Two. This involves increasing knowledge and improving delivery of the coaches to ensure that their players have the best environment to learn and develop.

### Primary School Support

Netball Mainland is working with Kiwisport Co-ordinators throughout Canterbury to increase their netball specific knowledge and delivery so that they can deliver quality netball sessions in Primary Schools throughout their targeted

areas. We look forward to developing this relationship further to ensure our schools receive the best netball experience that is on offer.

EasiYo Tactix player Julianna Naoupu heads out this week to Yaldhurst School to deliver netball fundamental skills to their netball mad students in Year 3-8 for five weeks. She follows this up with West Melton School later in the Term and will deliver to schools in the Malvern region during Term Three.

## CENTRE STAGE



### **We're very excited!!!**

Our 'Centre Stage' feature is up and running on our website (under "Community Netball" tab, choose "Centre Stage" from drop down menu ). South Canterbury Netball Centre were the 'first cab off the rank' back in early April, Marlborough are featured currently.

If you are unsure of the cut-off dates for YOUR Centre to send information in for this feature, please contact Sue Harris [sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz](mailto:sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz) so you don't miss your time in the 'spot light.'

## COACH FORCE UP DATE – Jennie Hooper

"Firstly, I would like to say how lucky we are in Netball Mainland to have such an amazing group of people delivering the Netball New Zealand Coach Workshops and Modules in our Centres over the last six weeks, they have all been busy from the Junior space right through to the Modules that make up the Community Coaching award.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to them all so let's start with Erin Williams in South Canterbury, Debbie Johnson and Rachel Stead both at Selwyn, Emma Southern and Keshia Grant at Christchurch, Vanessa Hika at Marlborough, Ani Waitai in Nelson, and even our Community Manager Sue Harris lent a hand by delivering a "My Team and Me" in Golden Bay. Lastly but by no means least, Amy Eckersley who I have had the pleasure of co-delivering with over the last few weeks. You all do an amazing job for our coaches in the Zone, the passion and enthusiasm you bring to each of the workshops is what helps keep our coaches back. So well done team and keep up the great work!

Congratulations to Netball Mainland's latest coach entering into Netball New Zealand's Performance Coach Award Anita Davie from South Canterbury."

**All the best from everyone here at Netball Mainland Zone 😊**