



CARNIVAL PROCEDURES

- During the winter netball season many associations throughout the state hold carnivals. Some of these carnivals are for representative teams only but many are open to all teams. Some carnivals are all age but not all will include Netta teams. However there are a few carnivals especially for Netta teams.
- A carnival is an opportunity for teams to play a number of shortened games (20 minutes usually) in one day. They are a lot of fun, a great social bonding experience for players and their families. They provide opportunities to develop newly learnt skills and strategies as well as trying out different playing combinations and more match practice.
- Games are usually in two halves (8 to 12 minutes) and teams usually play on alternate rounds. A draw is provided by the association concerned and should be collected by the team manager prior to the carnival. Some associations will email draws or provide one on their website close to the carnival date as well as hard copy at the venue especially if the draw is subject to change which they often are.
- Carnivals are usually run on a points system – first past the post; goal difference if required. Most associations provide a trophy or medallion for the winners in each division at the conclusion of the competition.
- Dates for carnivals from Netball NSW are found via the following link
<http://nsw.netball.com.au/events/category/carnivals/>
The most popular carnivals with our club in the past have been Newcastle, Charlestown, Port Stephens and Wyong although there are probably others some teams have entered in the Sydney region as well.
- Carnivals are typically held on a Sunday and commence at 8:30 am. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first round to collect the draw and set up your team with the others from our club in a convenient location. TWNC has a club tent that can be borrowed from the Carnival Convener to provide a meeting place for all participating TWNC teams.
- To enter a carnival your team is to submit an **Expression of Interest** form to the club's carnival convener together with the entry fee via email before the entry forms will be passed on to the GNA carnival convener who organises the team's formal entry. Some associations email out the notifications and entry forms to their carnivals to GNA who will forward them to the individual clubs others rely on the club convener conducting a little research and some by some other method.
- Currently carnival entry forms need to be submitted by the club convener to the GNA convener before the due date approximately 4 weeks prior to the carnival although some may require only 2 weeks. The entry fee is \$33 per team and paid with the EOI form by the team to the convener or the treasurer before submission to GNA.
- If your team cannot field enough registered players on the day other registered players in the same age group can be borrowed from other TWNC teams. Fielding a player from a younger age group (no more than 2 years) is acceptable but one from a higher age group will result in the team fielding an illegal player.
- Other associations may have differently named age divisions and if unsure what division to nominate your team for please check with the TWNC or GNA carnival convener for advice or discuss with others who have previously played in that carnival before making your decision.
- Carnivals are an umpire your own game format meaning you will need to secure a suitably qualified umpire to nominate on your team's entry. Many of our junior umpires are keen to officiate at carnivals for the practice and a bit of pocket money. Please check with TWNC's umpires convener for an appropriate umpire if you unable to find one yourself or check if the umpire you have secured is suitably qualified. Payment of the umpire is not expected but is suggested as an incentive via a contribution from each of the players in your team of \$5 to a maximum of \$50.
- It is not appropriate for coaches to umpire their own team unless in an emergency. Umpires must be dressed in whites or club umpiring attire.
- Please contact TWNC Carnival Convener with any queries in person or via email
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