# 2024 OPENING ROUND



# Welcome



#### To The 2024 STNA Winter Roster Season!

Whether you're taking the court for the first time, returning for another of many – we wish everyone success as we embark on another outstanding year of netball in southern Tasmania.

With a record number of netball teams, the Hobart Netball and Sports Centre will literally be bursting at the seams. To accommodate this growth we will see the continued use of off-site facilities including the AYC Bayswater, Kingston and Pembroke Park netball courts. This growth is a welcomed problem to have, as we continue to work closely with the Hobart City Council to source the necessary funding to complete the construction of two new outdoor courts here at Creek Road this season.

With a commitment to providing a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment for everyone, this year will see a number of changes ranging from how we manage complaints, to improvement works around the courts, to how we ensure the wellbeing of the children and young people involved in our game. As we await the final plans for the New Town Sporting Precinct, we also look forward to kickstarting our advocacy plans to secure the necessary funding for the additional indoor stadium and associated building works that will see the STNA become the home of netball in Tasmania.

In this newsletter you will useful information on the season ahead, key contacts and upcoming events, and the STNA team are here to help if you have any questions. Netball is a sport built on the passion, and tireless contribution of many. Thank you to all the volunteers working hard on and off the court to bring the sport of netball to thousands of Tasmanians every week.

Yours in netball,

Alison Lai President - STNA



# Winter Roster

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Season 2024 is going to be a big one!!!

Many of you will have noticed in your roster that we have games scheduled at a third venue each week, alternating between Sorell and Kingston outdoor courts. We have had huge growth in the number of teams entered for this season and simply don't have the capacity at STNA and AYC to accommodate everyone. In the spirit of inclusion and growing our sport we have expanded our footprint. This will be an adjustment for us all with additional travel, but we hope our members will enjoy checking out some of the other great netball facilities in the south of the state.

After a successful trial, we look forward to seeing our 9 & Under and Boys competitions return this year. We are also excited to trial a Men's Division in 2024. The STNA ran a successful Men's competition many years ago and we are happy to be able to reintroduce this option to our flagship roster. They will begin in Round 5 of the season, after many of the players have returned from representing the state as Tassie Titan at the Australian Men's and Mixed Nationals in Brisbane. In the off season we have been busy developing and revising our policies and procedures to help keep our rosters running smoothly and ensure the STNA is a safe space for all our members. Boring to many, but an important part of our association. A huge thank you to Mon Andersch for her assistance!!!

With the release of the Netball Australia Netball Integrity Framework, Conduct & Disciplinary Policy our grievance procedures have been extensively reviewed and updated. The new process, renamed Complaints Handling Guidelines, is available on our website for your information along with all STNA policies and our Codes of Conduct. We encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with these. We will also be implementing a range of changes and updates to policy and procedure in the coming months with the release of the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework. This is imperative in ensuring our junior members feel safe at netball and are aware of the resources available to them. We will have updates in this space very soon.

Above all, we ask everyone coming to the Netball Centre or our other competition venues to respect those around them – players (your own or the opposition), coaches, spectators and, above all, our umpires. If you experience or see something that contradicts our Codes of Conduct, please reach out to report it! Throughout the season, please feel free to pop into the office with any questions, concerns or just to say Hi – our staff are always happy to help wherever we can!!

Happy netballing!!

Kellie Williams Netball Manager

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## Reminders

#### Registration

All players MUST be registered through PlayHQ to play in our competitions. Players - make sure your have registered correctly. Clubs - please make sure to allocate players to teams correctly!

#### Scoresheets

Scoresheets must be returned to the office, or the scoresheet box immediatley after the game by the winning team. The loss of a scoresheet will result in a penalty!

#### Clearances

If you have moved clubs for the 2024 season, you will require a clearance BEFORE you take the court for your new club. The clearance form can be found under the winter tab on our website.

#### **Day Players**

A Day Player form is avaliable on our website under the winter tab, for those players who are filling in, but are not registered through PlayHQ. One Day Player form entitles you to three games, you must regsiter through PlayHQ before you play your fourth game!

#### First Aid & Ice

Ice can be found outside the First Aid room in the link building, other First Aid supplies can be found at the office, just talk to one of our friendly staff!



# **Umpiring**





2024 is an exciting year for our umpires! We have many learning opportunities for our umpires to develop their skills and grow in confidence and abilities.

In 2024, we have a bright bunch of enthusiastic umpires in our Umpire Development Blue Group. These umpires will have the chance to be mentored by some of Tasmania's best, giving the opportunity to grow and develop their umpiring and further their knowledge. We are looking forward to seeing these umpires improve their skills and enhance their netball, umpiring and knowledge. It is encouraging to see an amazing group of junior umpires who are on the ball, ready to learn and growing in every aspect of their umpiring.

As we move on from 2023 we still hold the same messages and concerns. Just like all players, coaches, and spectators, umpires are learning and growing in netball. A part of learning is making mistakes which we are sure everyone makes. It is then how we learn from our mistakes and use them to move forward in our development and skills. Players, coaches and umpires all make mistakes and we must support all of these important people in netball when they are developing and growing. We encourage all spectators, players and coaches to support and work with our umpires to have a healthy and positive atmosphere at every venue, at every game, for everyone.





STNA would like to congratulate the below umpires to the 2024 Blue Development Group.

#### STNA BLUE

Piper Bradley Kingston
Lucia Devine Cripps
Madison Salter OHA
Billie Nelson Karana
Olivia Lai Karana
Poppy Lincoln Karana
Annabel Jones Kingston
Lizzy Thompson Kingston
Emily Carnes Palena
Isabella Slade AYC
Caitlin Crean Karana
Bella Scott Kilburn
Samara Piscopo Suns
Ella Gillie OHA
Isaac Nicholas Palena

# **Over The Break**



#### From the General Manager

After starting in this position in July 2023, I have just enjoyed my first off season at the STNA. Whilst there has been less netball played over the Summer months it has been anything but a slow period for the STNA as we prepare for what will be a significant winter season.

On the netball management side of the equation it has been a period of significant policy redesign as the STNA appropriately aligns itself to the relevant netball peak bodies and embeds and communicates these policy changes. There has also been some rule changes made for the 2024 season and we have worked with John Fox and the Netball Tasmania team to ensure that all umpires and club delegates are aware of these changes.

In terms of playing numbers we have seen some significant growth in teams participating in season 2024 against prior years. While this has led to some logistical and staffing issues for everyone involved it has been extremely pleasing to see the collective goodwill from everyone which will no doubt ensure that the 2024 season is a success. I would like to thank Kellie Williams and her team for the enormous amount of hard work that has gone into the rostering and management of this years program.

The Netball Centre has also seen a lot of activity over the past few months. The stadium 1 floor had approximately 70 boards replaced and was then resealed ready for the start of 2024; an increased focus on safety with the stairs down to stadium 1 having new non-slip nosings; and a big focus on ensuring that the gardens and surrounds were clean, neat and importantly, safe. We are currently working through a number of possible funding channels for 2024 which if successful would see the STNA able to deliver on a number of improved amenity, safety and accessibility projects for the Netball and Sports Centre.

The new or identified Outdoor Courts to be located on the disused Buckingham Bowls Club bowling green appear to be a step closer to construction with all relevant planning approvals having been concluded. The design and construction of these courts forms part of the broader New Town Sports Precinct Master Plan. Now that the Master Plan has been approved and launched we look forward to working with the City of Hobart and our other key stakeholders throughout the year as we progress towards the completion and then activation of this plan.

Finally I would like to wish everyone participating in the 2024 Winter Roster a wonderful, supportive, injury free and fun season ahead.

Regards, Ben Jones, General Manager

## Staff & Board Members



#### **STNA Board Members**

Alison Lai - President
Lauren Cashinella - Vice President
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Patty Johnson - Treasurer
Jessey Dillon - Board Member
Lisa Howes - Board Member
Georgia Dunbar - Board Member



#### Netball Managment Committee

Monika Andersch - NMC Chair & Umpire Convenor Bryce Matthews - Roster Convenor Karen Leonard - Coaching Convenor Kellie Williams - Netball Manager

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