

# 2024 Information Pack

## About Blues

North Lakes Blues Netball Club is part of the Pine Rivers Netball Association (PRNA). We are a progressive and evolving club based in North Lakes, QLD. We are committed to attainable pathways in all aspects of netball. We aim to provide our members the opportunity to achieve their personal best, in a nurturing and inclusive community minded environment. North Lakes Blues Netball Club promotes equal access and opportunities, fostering enjoyment and skills development through dedication and sound management practices. We invite both experienced players and new-to-netball players, and also both female and male to join our Blues Netball family.

## Where do Blues play

Training, and Blues hosted carnivals and clinics are held at our own courts in North Lakes. We have 4 courts (with lights) at Aurora Boulevard Park, North Lakes. (22 Aurora Boulevard, North Lakes 4509)

Winter Season games are played at PRNA in Lawnton. (119 Francis Rd, Lawnton QLD 4501)  
Summer Season has the option of two programs, one played in North Lakes and the other at PRNA, as above.

## Age group information

After registration closes and grading is finalised. Players are placed into teams based on their age and/or skills demonstrated during the grading sessions.

Modified grades (Moddies – ages 7 to 9) do not participate in formal grading or competition finals and may have variations to the full rules for part or all of the season, depending on the specific age group.

Age groups are determined based on the age the player turns in the year of competition. J4-J1 and Intermediate divisions below are age guides ONLY, skill and experience also determine which team a player will be joining and the division that team is most suitable for as part of the PRNA competition.

Age Group	Year Born
Moddies 7 & 8	Born in 2016 and 2016 (turning 7 or 8 in 2024)
Moddies 9	Born in 2015 (turning 9 in 2024)
U10's	Born in 2014 (turning 10 in 2024)
Junior 4 (J4/U11's)	Born in 2013 (turning 11 in 2024)
Junior 3 (J3/U12's)	Born in 2012 (turning 12 in 2024)
Junior 2 (J2/U13's)	Born in 2011 (turning 13 in 2024)
Junior 1 (J1/U14's)	Born in 2010 (turning 14 in 2024)
Inters	Born in 2007 to 2009 (turning 15-17 years in 2024)
Opens (Seniors)	Born in 2006 or earlier (turning 18 years and above in 2024)

### Grading and Team Allocation

Players join our Blues with a range of experience and abilities at all age groups. Our goal is to ensure our teams are playing in a competition that is both challenging and enjoyable, therefore players are assessed by our Blues grading sub-committee according to [our grading policy](#) to determine the most appropriate team and division level. Individual players are assessed on their demonstrated skill level at grading to determine their appropriate team allocation.

It is important to note that a second level of grading occurs for division level by the Pine Rivers Netball Association following week 4 of the season. This may result in teams being reallocated to a division that is in line with their performance over the first four weeks of the competition. This means teams may move up or down a division or remain in the division as recommended by our Blues Grading Officer.

**Blues Grading is mandatory** for all Blues players registered from u10's and up. Players are required to have successfully registered on Netball Connect in order to attend grading. Players who do not attend Grading, cannot be properly assessed by the graders, and this may result in the player being placed in a team not appropriate for their skill and/or experience.

### Training, Games and Team Commitment

Players are required to attend one training session per week and must be able to commit to the team games on Saturday or Monday (depending on your division) for the full season.

The season runs from April to early September (including finals) with squad training starting in Feb.

Training Venue: Aurora Boulevard Park, North Lakes. (22 Aurora Boulevard, North Lakes 4509)

Training Days and Times:

Monday 4pm – 7.30pm or  
Tuesdays 4pm – 7.30pm or  
Wednesdays 4pm – 8.30pm or  
Thursdays 4pm – 7.30pm

The exact day and time for each team's training session is dependent on coach nominations and allocations. This means your training session will ONLY be 100% confirmed once teams and coaches are finalised.

WHAT are the implications of missing training?

- Coaches cannot execute game plans and strategies on game day.
- Less opportunity for learning, development and correcting mistakes.
- You are being unfair to the rest of the team and the coaches that are putting time into player development.
- Missing training on a regular basis may result in less game time.

Game Venue: Les Hughes Sporting Complex. (119 Francis Rd, Lawnton QLD 4501)

Game times usually remain consistent throughout season dependant on the age and division of the player.

- Saturday day fixtures start from 8.00am (Modified, Juniors, Inters 3-5)
- Monday night fixtures start from 6.30pm (divisions playing on a Monday will only be confirmed by PRNA once the draw is finalised by PRNA – Blues do not make this decision)

Map of PRNA courts & parking – court lay out is in rows of 5 starting from court 1 and ending in court 20:



## How to Register

Registrations opens Sunday the **1st of January 2024** and close Sunday the **4<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**, 8pm.

All players need to register **via Netball Connect**.

If you have already downloaded the Netball Connect app and created an account, you **MUST** use the same account as previous years to avoid duplicates being created which result in App issues.

If you need to download Netball Connect, please click on one of the links below:



If you need further assistance, please check out our 'Blues Netball Connect Cheat Sheet'.

## Registration Fees

Winter 2024 Season Fee: \$340 per player

*\*this is NOT applicable to the Blues NetSetGo Program for 5-6yrs or the Ladies Social Evening Program. Please see specific program information for other netball programs run by Blues.*

All fee refunds are subject to PRNA and Netball QLD approval, along with North Lakes Blues Netball Club Executive Committee approval. No refunds will be provided after teams have been registered with PRNA (injury subject to PRNA and NQ approval).

In 2024, like in 2023, Netball QLD will not be providing any refunds for their portion of the fees once a player has taken the court. 'Take the court' includes training and/or grading sessions.

## FairPlay Vouchers from QLD government

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards the 2024 Winter Season membership fee. North Lakes Blues Netball Club is a registered activity provider.

To check your eligibility and the new process to receive a FairPlay Voucher (FPV), please view this [LINK](#).

Please consider other costs that may apply, like uniforms, prior to applying for a FPV and registering to play.

If you are eligible for a FairPlay Voucher, a copy of this voucher will need to be obtained and provided to the club as soon as received.

During the Netball Connect registration process, you will have the opportunity to select FPV and insert the FPV number assigned. This will reduce the amount to be paid. The registration however will not be processed or confirmed by Blues **UNTIL** we have received the copy of the voucher. Once you have your FairPlay Voucher and have completed your registration, please email a copy to [registrar@northlakesbluesnetballc.om.au](mailto:registrar@northlakesbluesnetballc.om.au).

## Uniform Requirements

Below items are compulsory to wear for all games.

- Blues Dress or
- Blues Playing Shirt or
- Blues Playing Singlet  
and
- Black Bike Shorts (any brand/supplier) if not Blues bike pants (no leggings longer than the dress)
- White or Black Socks (any brand/supplier)

Other Uniform items available: bike pants, visor, hoodie, training singlet – these are NOT compulsory. Please check out our [Uniforms Page](#) for more details on ordering or contact our Uniforms Officer (Angie Bailey) on [uniforms@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au](mailto:uniforms@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au).



Game Dress



Playing Singlet



Playing Shirt



Supporter's Polo



Visors



Zipper Hoodie



Pullover Hoodie



Bike Pants



You may like to also consider our [Pre-loved Uniforms Facebook Group](#) for uniform or training items.

Earrings or other jewellery is NOT permitted during any games. Nails must be short for each game.

### Team and Club Communication

It is very important that parent and player contact details are 100% accurate and up to date within Netball Connect.

Once teams are assigned, your coach will send all players (email as listed in Netball Connect) an introductory email, including details on the Facebook Group/Chat they will use for the team.

Club communication is provided via the below channels

- General announcements/updates – Email/ Club Facebook
- Urgent game/weather updates – Club Facebook Page

Team communication is provided by the below channels

- Team Facebook Group and/or Team Group Chat

### Useful Links

North Lakes Blues Netball Club – [www.northlakesbluesnetball.com.au](http://www.northlakesbluesnetball.com.au)

PRNA website - [www.prna.com.au](http://www.prna.com.au)

Netball Queensland – [www.qld.netball.com.au](http://www.qld.netball.com.au)

Insurance - <https://www.prna.com.au/wsplinsurance.aspx>

### Key Blues Contacts

General: [secretary@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au](mailto:secretary@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au)

Uniforms: [uniforms@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au](mailto:uniforms@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au)

Registrar: [registrar@northlakesbluesnetballc.om.au](mailto:registrar@northlakesbluesnetballc.om.au)

