2025 Information Pack

About Blues

North Lakes Blues Netball Club, part of Pine Rivers Netball Association (PRNA), is a progressive club in North Lakes, QLD. We offer pathways in all netball aspects, aiming to help members achieve their best in a supportive, inclusive environment. We promote equal access and opportunities, encouraging enjoyment and skill development through dedication and solid management. Both experienced and new players, regardless of gender, are welcome to join our Blues family.

Where do Blues play

Training sessions and Blues-hosted carnivals and clinics take place at our courts in North Lakes. We have four courts with lighting available at Aurora Boulevard Park, located at 22 Aurora Boulevard, North Lakes 4509.

Winter Season games are held at PRNA in Lawnton, located at 119 Francis Rd, Lawnton QLD 4501. The Summer Season offers two programs: one at North Lakes and the other at PRNA.

Age group information

After registration closes and grading is completed, players are assigned to 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 set based on the player's age in the competition year. The divisions J4-J1 and Intermediate mentioned below are only guides for age; skill and experience also play a role in determining which team a player will join and the appropriate division for that team in the PRNA competition.

Age Group	Year Born
Modified Netball 7 & 8	Born in 2017 and 2018 (turning 7 or 8 in 2025)
Modified Netball 9	Born in 2016 (turning 9 in 2025)
U10's	Born in 2015 (turning 10 in 2025)
Junior 4 (J4/U11's)	Born in 2014 (turning 11 in 2025)
Junior 3 (J3/U12's)	Born in 2013 (turning 12 in 2025)
Junior 2 (J2/U13's)	Born in 2012 (turning 13 in 2025)
Junior 1 (J1/U14's)	Born in 2011 (turning 14 in 2025)
Intermediate	Born in 2013 to 2008 (turning 12-17 years in 2025)
Cadet	Born in 2010 to 2005 (turning 15-20 years in 2025
Seniors	Born in 2011 or earlier (turning 14 and above in 2025)

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 the 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 All Blues players registered from under 10 and above are required to register on Netball Connect in order to attend grading. Players who do not attend grading will not be properly assessed by the graders, which may result in being placed on a team that does not match their skill level 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 or Tuesdays 4pm - 7.30pm
or Wednesdays or Thursdays 4pm - 8.30pm

The exact day and time for each team's training session is dependent on coach nominations and allocations.
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.

Commitment Winter Competition Game Venue:

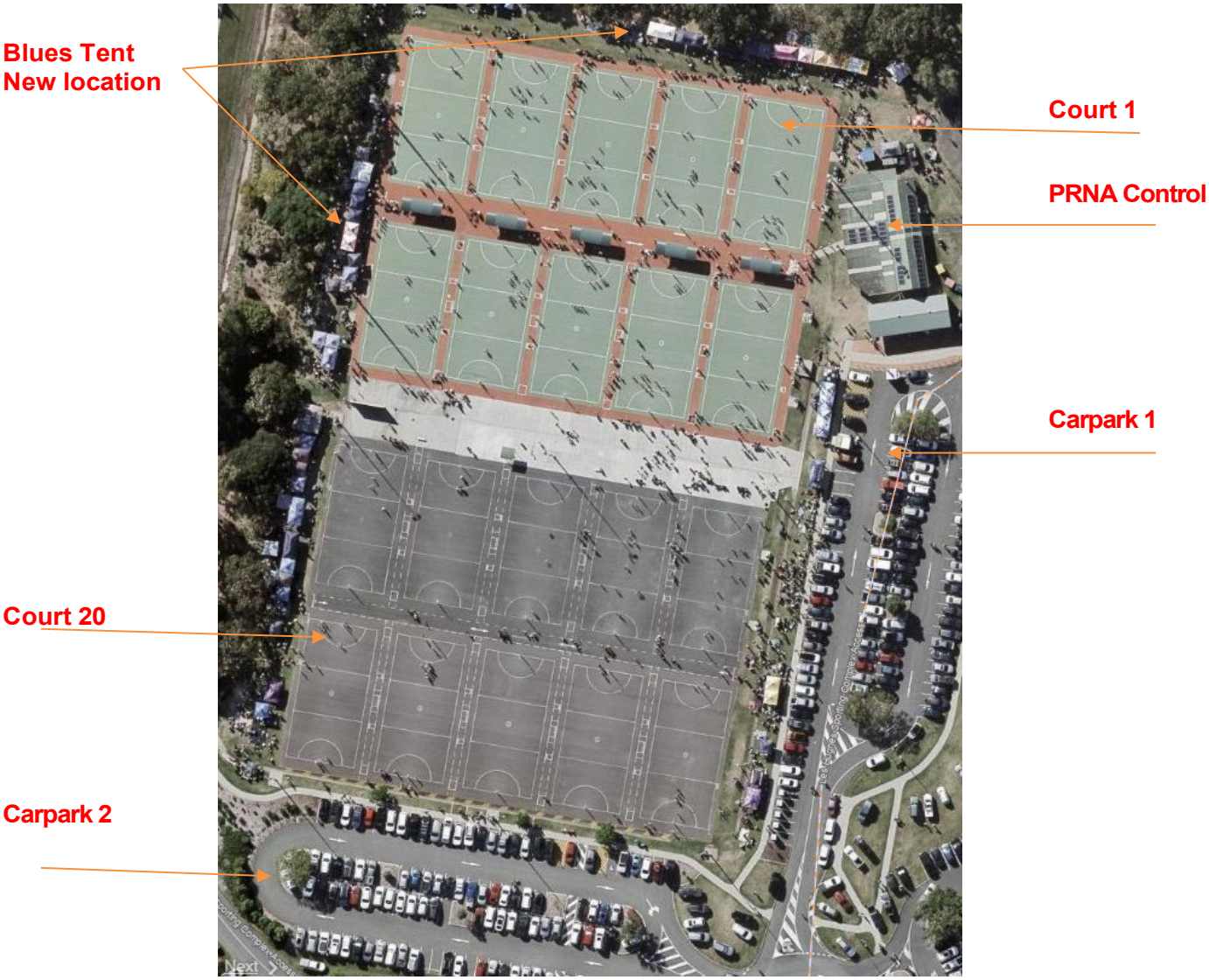
Les Hughes Sporting Complex. (119 Francis Rd, Lawnton QLD 4501)

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

- Saturday day fixtures start from 8.00 am (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 layout is in rows of 5 starting from court 1 and ending in court 20:

NOTE: Parking is subject to change in 2025 due to venue upgrades.



How to Register

Registrations opens **1st of January 2025** and close **31st of January 2025.**
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 through your favorite app store.

If you need further assistance, please check out our
'Blues Netball Connect help guide'.

Registration Fees

Winter 2025 Season Fee: $365 per player

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

All fee refunds must be approved by PRNA, Netball QLD, and the North Lakes Blues Netball Club Executive Committee. Refunds will not be issued once teams have been registered with PRNA, except in cases of injury, which also require PRNA and Netball QLD approval.

In 2025, Netball QLD will not provide refunds for their portion of the fees once a player has taken the court. "Taking the court" includes participation in training and grading sessions.

FairPlay Vouchers from the QLD government

We are pleased to offer parents, carers, and guardians the opportunity to apply for a voucher worth up to $200. This voucher can help ease the cost of the membership fee for the 2025 Winter Season.

North Lakes Blues Netball Club is proud to be 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.

For any further information or offline payments please contact our finance team via email treasurer@northlakesbluesnetball.com.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: visor, hoodie, training singlet - these are NOT compulsory. Please check out our Uniforms Page for more details on ordering or contact our Uniforms Officer (Sarah Collis) on uniforms@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au.

Game Dress

Playing Singlet

Training Singlet

Supporter Hoodie

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
PRNA website - www.prna.com.au
Netball Queensland - www.qld.netball.com.au
Insurance - https://www.prna.com.au/wsplnsurance.aspx

Key Blues Contacts

General: secretary@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au
Uniforms: uniforms@northlakesbluesnetball.com.au
Registrar: registrar@northlakesbluesnetballc.om.au