**Melbourne Social Netball FAQ for Full Teams**

**1. How much does a team pay in total for the season?**

Total payment is dependant on number of fixtured games in the season. Each fixtured game is $70.

There is also a weekly team umpire fee of $20 cash per game.

Note: Any finals a team plays in incurs a standard game fee and umpire fee

**2. What do we wear?**

KEEP IT UNIFORM

Black bottoms: leggings, shorts, track paints or skirts

Any colour top (all players must wear the same colour to avoid goal penalties). Singlets and t-shirts (sleeves are permitted)

Remember

* All clothing must be sporting attire
* No casual shoes are allowed
* If you are not wearing suitable clothing or shoes, you will not be allowed to play

It is up to the team as a whole if you wish to change this uniform across the season.

**3. What happens if we don’t have a full team of 7?**

If you have less than 5 players you can join as individuals and ask to be on the same team and then we will build the team with other individuals.

If you have 5 or more players and need a couple more to apply as a full team then please email us on [enquiries@melbournenentball.com](mailto:enquiries@melbournenentball.com) if you are short a player or two so that we can give you some additional players.

**4. What happens if we’ve never played the sport before?**

Don’t worry about it! We all have to start somewhere.

All of our umpires are trained to help everyone and keep a special eye on all beginners.

We recommend that you tell your umpires that you are anew team– you will be surprised by how much the Melbourne Netball family wants to help you!

Still unsure?

Did you know that the netball rulebook changes every six years and that there are 230 dos and dont’s?

Our umpires are carefully selected and trained to know all of the rules and keep up with the changes so you (and your teammates) don’t have to! We are all here to have fun so don’t worry and get involved!

**5. How long does the season go for?**

Most seasons are 15 rounds although depending on what time of year or venue you are playing at, it could be either a 14 to 18 round season.

To find out more about the rounds and how they apply to you, simply go to our website and look at the season dates you are applying for:

[www.melbournenetball.com](http://www.melbournenetball.com)

**7. What is the mixed team ration?**

All full mixed teams are allowed to play no less than 2 males and no more than 3 male players at any one time. They are placed across 3 thirds.

Wondering the breakdown of positions for the boys?

* One player as either GK or GD
* One player as either WD/C/WA
* One player as either GA or GS

Note: an incomplete team of 6 can play with 1 male and 5 females

**8. So how will I know the progression of my team’s application?**

You will receive an email from Melbourne Netball the week prior to your first game. This will include all the details you will need for the season as well as directions on how to access your fixture.

**9. What happens if a player can’t make it to a game due to other commitments?**

We completely understand that people are very busy and cannot always make every game so we have developed processes to help out.

These are as follows;

* Ask family, friends or co-workers if anyone can fill in.
* Utilise our Facebook page. Melbourne Netball post a daily lunchtime fillin post and it is a great place to post your request. *Fill-ins reply fast!* Any player who wants to cover your game will check here and you will find players who are keen to get out on the court!

**Like us on Facebook** [**Melbourne Netball**](https://www.facebook.com/melbournenetball) **to get started.**

* In the event that you cannot find a filling, we suggest that the team come 20 minutes earlier than their game time and ask for a player to fill in from the games before your time of match.