

Friday Night 11&U-12&U Winter Competition FAQ's



We are pleased to announce to our community that a Friday Night Winter Competition will commence in 2027 for our 11&U and 12&U age groups.

Why is the Friday night winter competition being introduced?

The introduction of Friday night competition for selected junior grades (11&U and 12&U) is an exciting step that will help support the future of netball within our association. Moving these fixtures to Friday evenings will provide greater fixture flexibility, reduce venue and parking congestion, and create additional capacity to accommodate our growing number of teams and players.

As participation continues to increase, our existing Saturday schedule is reaching capacity. Introducing Friday night fixtures will allow the association to continue growing and providing opportunities for more players, rather than limiting the number of teams that can participate.

This initiative has been carefully considered over an extended period and informed by consultation with club Presidents and other associations that have successfully implemented similar changes, delivering positive outcomes for their members.

Q1: Will this see fees increase?

A1: No. Fees will be consistent across the association.

Q2: Will 11&U and 12&U winter competitions also be run on Saturday?

A2: No. In 2027 the winter competition for all grades in the 11&U and 12&U age groups will be played on Friday nights.

Q3: Where will the Friday night winter competition be played?

A3: The Friday night winter competition will be played on hard courts at Fremantle Netball Association under lights.

Q4: Will the Friday Night Winter Competition season align with the Saturday season?

A4: Yes. The 2027 Friday night winter competition season will align with the Saturday Winter competition season.

Q5: What will the time slots be for games?

A5: Each age group will have it's own timeslot, across both Friday and Saturday competitions.

On Friday's these will be:

- 5.15PM 11&U
- 6.30PM 12&U

On Saturday's these will be:

- 7.45AM 13&U | 10&U
- 9.10AM 14&U | 10&U | Net Program 1
- 10.35AM 15&U | 9&U | Net program 2
- 12.00PM 16&U | 9&U | 8&U
- 1.25PM 18&U | 8&U | Walking Netball
- 2.50PM Opens
- 4.15PM Opens

Q6: Will there be parking?

A6: Yes. Parking will be more accessible as we will have less traffic congestion with the transition to the Friday night winter competition. This will see improved traffic conditions in the area.

Q7: Will First Aid be there?

A7: Yes. First Aid will be accessible in our first aid room on both Friday night and Saturday winter competition days.

Q8: Will the FNA Office be open?

A8: Yes. The FNA Office will be open on both Friday and Saturday competition times as normal.

Q9: Will food and drinks be available?

A9: Yes. Our Canteen will be open and so will our bar in the Pilatti Pavilion (Hall).

Q10: Can boys play?

A10: Yes. Our Friday night winter competition age groups (11&U and 12&U) are both mixed age groups. Both girls and boys are welcome to play in these age groups.

Q11: When will registrations open in PlayHQ?

A11: Registrations will work the same way as they do for the Saturday winter competition, with clubs able to open registrations when they have finalised their fees and set their club dates. Play HQ team entries and fixture releases will align with the Saturday winter competition.

Q12: Do clubs need officials and volunteers?

A12: Yes. Clubs will need club representative, coaches, umpires and volunteers as they would with the Saturday winter competition, however, the Friday night winter competition will be less labour intensive as it is fewer age groups, teams and timeslots to manage. Umpires will be permitted to assist their club in both timeslots *if needed*, however an umpire covering both timeslots will not be possible during finals in case a game goes into overtime. ***If you are interested in helping your club on a Friday night, please reach out to your club and let them know.***

Q13: How will fill in players work?

A13: Fill in players will work the same way they do at the Saturday winter competition. Currently if a team is playing in the Saturday 7.45AM timeslot they need to be organised and arrange fill in players in advance wherever possible to have them at the game. Where a player is not registered with your club they will need to complete a Single Game Voucher (SGV) in the same process that is currently followed.

Q14: When will finals be?

A14: Finals will align with the winter competition season, the same way they do on Saturday's. They will be held on Friday nights, at the end of the regular season.

Q15: Who do I contact if I have more questions?

A15: Please contact your club if you have further questions. If your club needs more details they will contact FNA and we will assist them with their queries. This will help us to ensure that common queries are addressed and all clubs are given the same information; and enable us to update information like this FAQ sheet if needed.