



NETBALL WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY

"Supporting our communities to have positive experiences through netball"

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Taumarunui Netball Centre



Cambridge Netball Centre

Hello from the WBOP team!

Tournament season is well and truly upon us, and Netball Centres across WBOP Zone have been navigating the highs and lows of Winter Competition finals too. It's busy, but awesome.

WBOP staff continue to be involved in various Netball New Zealand projects, plans, and reviews, plus maintaining connections with Regional Sport Trusts and initiatives involving multiple other Regional Sport Organisations working together.

Our WBOP staff have appreciated the warm welcomes we receive when arriving at your Netball Centre pavilion. Our work supporting our communities to have positive experiences through netball is not possible without the openness and collaboration we are gifted across our netball system. Thank you!



CCA1 Coaches from Taupo Netball Centre

Coach Development and Support

- Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead

Coaching Achievements

Congratulations to four coaches from Taupo Netball Centre for completing their Community Coach Award 1 (CCA1). There are nine workshops these coaches need to complete, including nine online components, which shows the time and commitment that coaches embrace to complete this award.

CCA1 awarded to:

- Tarn Williams
- Shona Mariu
- Nicole McHardy
- Sarah Williams

Thank you to Coach Developer Julia Panoa for supporting coaches with their learning and development.



Tips n Tricks Workshop with Kim Howard

Coaching Workshop - Kim Howard Tips n Tricks #2

WBOP Coaches soaked up another Tips n Tricks workshop with Kim Howard, this time in Tauranga, which incorporated some CCA1 modules as well. Coaches enjoyed each others company, learned from Kim's shared experiences, plus received an electronic coaching resource developed by Kim - Putting the Court Together. Overall, a valuable day for coaches.



Coach Development and Support, continued

Coach Support at Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs

The Coach Leads (CL's) from all five Zones had a fantastic week working together, and working with coaches, at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs. Coach Profiles were posted online and put up on display on-site, which was a fun highlight, and Umpire and Team awards were given to coaches demonstrating Good Sports behaviours daily. Coaches were invited to participate in a "Courtside Korero"

that involved CL's facilitating a post-game conversation with coaches from both teams as well as both umpires, with the intention to share what each individual's goals were, and what they learned from the game. Thank you to Clare Frankhouser and the fabulous team at Hamilton City Netball Centre for your efforts to support our CLs, and for the wonderful food and conversations we had over the week!



Coach Support at WBOP Secondary School Tournament

Coach Developers Aimee Te Whata and Staci Crown joined WBOP Coach Lead, Kim Hunt, in Rotorua to engage, observe and support coaches throughout the day. Their tournament observation overall: "It was great to see coaches developing communications with players during team talks by allowing them to talk either in sub-groups, pairs, or full team discussions. Players benefit by being more aware and decisive on court."

Coach Support at Upper North Island Secondary School (UNISS) Tournament

UNISS was another great week back at Hamilton City Netball Centre, connecting with coaches. We did not have many Coach Observation requests, but we enjoyed great conversations pre and post games about players learning styles, coach decisions, and game structures. Thank you to all coaches who engaged in conversations and reflections with us - a growth mindset which (once you start) isn't that scary at all.

Coming Up: Tauranga Netball Centre are offering a variety of CCA1 & CCA2 workshops in September and October. Visit the WBOP website for workshop dates: www.netballwbop.co.nz.



NetballSmart in the Community

- Nick Burton, WBOP NetballSmart Development Officer

NetballSmart sessions at schools have been in the highest demand of the season in preparation for the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball (UNISS) Tournament held in Hamilton in August, and the Zespri AIMS Games (Association of Intermediate Middle Schools) held in Tauranga in September.

Oure WBOP NetballSmart Development Officer, Nick Burton, alongside NetballSmart Activators Paula Vickers (Tauranga) and Amanda Foster (Hamilton) have been working with players, coaches, and umpires to help reduce the risk of injury in netball and build greater strength, stability, agility and mobility in athletes.

WBOP 'Participation Roadshow' for Centre Staff/Volunteers Underway

- Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager

Irene van Dyk, NNZ Participation Manager, and Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager, are in the process of visiting eight different Centres across the WBOP Zone to connect with staff, committees and volunteers working with junior and secondary school netball.

NNZ and WBOP are excited to visit the amazing personnel who bring netball to our communities, understand first-hand what is working well and what the challenges are, and share what's happening with initiatives across NZ and in other Zones.

Each session has been informal and discussion-based, covering:

- Delivering futureFERNs modified game and hosting futureFERNs coaching workshops
- Providing skill/player development opportunities for all participants
- Promoting a minimum half game playing time for all junior and secondary players
- Aligning Secondary School competitions to the winter season period (May - Sept)
- Providing a range of quality opportunities regardless of ability or motivations (e.g. new to netball sessions, Fast5, Walking Netball, mixed and men's netball, No Limits netball)
- Application of the NNZ uniform policy
- Using GoodSports (or other parent education initiatives) elements to support parents

During July and August, Irene and Leigh visited Mercury Bay, Te Aroha, Gisborne, Hamilton City and Otorohanga - where attendees from twelve different Centres attended.

The remaining three sessions are at Whakatane Netball Centre (midday) and Tokoroa Netball Centre (evening) on Thursday 14th September, and Taupo Netball Centre on Friday 15th September.



Player Pathways and WBOP SHNL

- Rachel Davis, WBOP Player Pathways Development Lead

Player Identification

The Player Identification (ID) crew has been very busy out and about, and enjoying watching players from WBOP Centres enjoying their Netball.

We have been to the Helen Dodge Tournament in Tauranga, the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs in Hamilton, WBOP Zone Secondary School Tournament in Rotorua, and the Upper North Island Secondary Schools in Hamilton. We will also be heading along to the NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs in September before naming our Magic in the Making Development Session invitees in mid-September.



Rachel Davis, Rhiana Wheadon, and Kim Howard at WBOP Zone SS Tournament

Pathways Honours

At the end of June, two of our WBOP pathways players, Shaquaylah Mahakitau-Monschau and Liza Ball, represented New Zealand in the NNZ Secondary Schools (NZSS) tour to Australia. This was a valuable learning and development opportunity for them in their player pathway.



NZSS Team - Tour to Australia

WBOP Emerging Talent Group

Prompted by discussions with Avis Magic coaches, Mary-Jane Ararua and Helena Hout, and WBOP Synergy Hair National League (SHNL) coaches Te Aroha Keenan and Rebecca Gabel, the newly developed WBOP Emerging Talent Group has been established to further close the gap between players at Magic and SHNL levels - specifically targeting conditioning and skill sets. This is an exciting initiative which we hope will continue to stretch and grow our players.

Watch This Space...

Our Player Pathways Lead, Rachel Davis, has been working away for the past few months on a video called "I AM STRONG" which is to be released on Friday 15th September. Sneak previews will be posted on the WBOP Zone Facebook page, so head over there to catch up on what we have been up to. We are excited about what an awesome resource this will be for the players in our zone.



SHNL 2023 - WBOP v Mainland

Photo by Michael Bradley



Umpire Development and Support

- Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead

Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs

The Umpire Leads (UL's) from all Zones were present at U18 Champs, supporting the tournament panel and umpire appointments, plus taking opportunities to support and develop Umpire Coaches in alignment with the player/team coach initiatives by Coach Leads. A very busy week!

Enviro NZ North Island Junior Netball Championships (NIJC)

The great development work at Centres was rewarded at the recent NIJC with WBOP Zone umpires featuring in most finals. Umpire Coaches Rose Powdrell and Maree Body (Tauranga), Marianne Walton (Otorohanga), Andrea Hall (Hamilton City), and Pam Clayton (WBOP) attended.

- U16 B Grade Final: Caitlyn Forrest, Hamilton City, and Renee Smit, Tauranga
- U16 Mixed Grade Final: Siobhan McFaddyn, Tauranga
- U14 A Final: Ashleigh Hartigen, Tauranga
- U14 B Final: Mareikura Wairua, Rotorua, and Charm Ormsby, Hamilton City

WBOP Zone Secondary School Tournament

WBOP Umpire Lead, Pam Clayton, and local Umpire Coach Developers, led a panel of Umpire Coaches and they all supported umpires throughout the day.

Umpire Appointments

Congratulations to the following umpires from WBOP who have been selected by the NNZ Umpire Selectors to officiate at the upcoming NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs in Auckland from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th October:

- Connor Pascoe, Tauranga Netball Centre
- Gemma Groenwald, Tauranga Netball Centre
- Jessica McIntyre-Tate, Hamilton City Netball Centre
- McKenzie Northcott, Hamilton City Netball Centre
- Will Kopa, Eastern Waikato

Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS)

UNISS was an amazing week celebrating our game. Words can't express our gratitude to the army of Umpire Coaches from across both WBOP and Northern Zones who worked tirelessly over the five days supporting 120 umpires both on and off the court. One key component to keeping the games going was the umpire reserves bench which was kept very busy across the week. Fun fact... every reserve umpire was utilised on finals day (Friday).



Umpire Leads at NZ U18 Champs



Leigh Gibbs with WBOP staff Nick, Pam, Leigh, and Kim at NZ U18 Champs



Pam Clayton and Will Kopa at WBOP Zone SS Tournament



Umpire Coaches at UNISS: Rose, Eleanor, Ruth, Ange and Ceri



Waahi Apiata (Whakatane)
Photo by Hamilton City Netball Centre



McKenzie Northcott and Jenny Hansen (Hamilton City)



Siobhan McFaddyn and Renee Smit (Tauranga)



2023 WBOP Zone Secondary School Tournament Results

Premier A

- 1 Trident High School Premier 1
- 2 Waikato Diocesan School for Girls Premier
- 3 St Paul's Collegiate Premier
- 4 Rotorua Girls High School Premier 1
- 5 Cambridge High School Premier Kowhai
- 6 Aquinas Catholic College Premier Girls
- 7 Morrinsville College Open A
- 8 Mount Maunganui College Premier

Premier B

- 1 Gisborne Girls High School Senior A
- 2 Te Awamutu College Premier
- 3 Ngā Taiātea Wharekura
- 4 Whakatane High School Premier
- 5 Tauhara College Open A
- 6 Sacred Heart Girls' College
- 7 Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Prems
- 8 Otumoetai College Premier 1

Premier C

- 1 Rototuna Premier
- 2 Bethlemlen College
- 3 John Paul College Senior A
- 4 Pāpāmoa College Premier
- 5 Otorohanga College A
- 6 Hillcrest High School Premier
- 7 Katikati College Premier 1
- 8 Western Heights High School Senior A

Premier Development A

- 1 Trident College Premier 2
- 2 Tauranga Girls College Junior A
- 3 Waikato Diocesan School for Girls Invitational
- 4 Pāpāmoa College Junior A
- 5 Gisborne Girls High School Senior B
- 6 Rotorua Lakes High School
- 7 Otumoetai College Premier Development
- 8 John Paul College Invitational

MVP Awards

- Premier A Final: Amy Thomas, Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
 Premier B Final: Natasha Porter, Gisborne Girls High School
 Premier C Final: Taylor Shaw, Rototuna High School
 Premier D Final: Livy Pere, Tauranga Girls College

Umpires Appointed to Finals

- Premier A Final: Gemma Gronwald and Siobhan McFaddyn
 Premier B Final: Caitlyn Forrest and Renee Smit
 Premier C Final: Ella Logan and Mareikura Wairua
 Premier D Final: Kahlia Goss and Satahn Moa

WBOP Zone Secondary School Tournament

- Leigh Ashton, WBOP Relationship Manager

On Sunday 17th August 2023, Netball Rotorua Centre hosted our annual Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Secondary School Tournament. It was a fantastic day of netball, where school teams were able to compete against other schools from across the Zone and prepare for the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) tournament later in the month.

Present on the day were six of our WBOP Zone talent selectors, led by Player Pathways Lead Rachel Davis and supported by Avis Magic Head Coach Mary-Jane Araroa, identifying players for pathway opportunities including Magic in the Making Development Days to be held in October.

Kim Hunt, WBOP Coach Lead, and three other Coach Developers from across the Zone were on the ground supporting coaches and providing coach observations upon request. We also had Pam Clayton, WBOP Umpire Lead, and local Umpire Coach Developers, led a panel of Umpire Coaches and they all supported umpires throughout the day.

Nick Burton, NetballSmart Development Officer, was onsite to support teams, and Leigh Ashton, Relationship Manager, and Natalie Kelly, Community Projects, both also attended in support of the personnel from Netball Rotorua Centre who ran the day.

A huge thank you to the team at Netball Rotorua Centre - Freda, Rose, Kimiora, Gail, Lynda, Rochelle, Helen, Raewyn, Jacinta and other supporting volunteers - for all of your hard work contributing to this wonderful day of netball.





Positive Vibes at UNISS

- WBOP Staff Team Report

Hamilton City Netball Centre (HCNC) and Sport Waikato teamed up to deliver an outstanding Positive Vibes Only campaign at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) Netball Tournament, from Monday 28th August to Friday 1st September.

The Positive Vibes Only messaging was everywhere, and HCNC was awash with pink! Sign boards dotted the venue, and HCNC had coordinated pink game balls, pink umpire tees and pink volunteer vests all encouraging players, supporters, coaches, umpires and volunteers to keep the vibes positive.

Sport Waikato staff members were onsite (yep, dressed in pink!) handing out stickers, gathering feedback, and cheering on great side-line behaviour with Pinky chocolate bars.

Teams were encouraged to be creative and showcase their support of Positive Vibes Only, and it seemed like every participating school had some version of pink accessories, custom signs, spectator costumes, and positive messages to share. Te Awamutu College created their own video! At minimum, team uniforms or bags were covered in Positive Vibes Only stickers.

WBOP want to acknowledge the hard work and considered planning by HCNC and Sport Waikato that led to such a successful campaign. Fantastic work!



Coming Up: September/October

5th - 9th September

NetballSmart Netball NZ Open Champs, Dunedin

24th - 30th September

Taini Jamison Trophy
Silver Ferns vs England

3rd - 6th October

NZ Secondary Schools Netball Champs, Auckland

12th - 23rd October

Constellation Cup - Silver Ferns vs Australian Diamonds

14th - 29th October

Magic in the Making
Development Sessions

15th October

WBOP Zone Forum, Rotorua

24th October

TOA Meeting (7:00pm)

Check out the Zone Calendar

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for Coach and Umpire Workshops, Player Development Programmes, and Representative Tournaments, run at Centres across WBOP Zone.

To add your fixtures, email admin@netballwbop.co.nz.



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Thank you again to all Centre personnel, for the hard work you do in your communities.

See you again soon!