



## RAIDERS ALLSTARS NETBALL CLUB – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2026

### TRIALS:

#### What are the Raiders Netball Trials?

The Raiders Netball trials are for competitive players only (born 2015 and earlier). The purpose of the trials is to allocate each player into an appropriate team according to their skill level. This ensures all players continue to grow and develop their skills throughout the season.

#### What can players expect at trials?

Players are expected to attend every trial session and should arrive at trials at least 5-10 mins before the start time. Players and/ or parents/ caregivers should look at the Raiders Facebook page or Raiders website to see court location and times for each age group. Selectors will call players together and check names off a roll before the start of the session. Each player will be allocated a number which may be marked on their arm and leg to be identified on court. Players will be rotated through their preferred positions, where possible, over the course of the trial nights. Not all players will be on the court at one time. If players are not on court, it is very important they sit close by to be ready to take the court when they are called.

#### How should I prepare for trials?

You should prepare for trials like you would any game or training session by ensuring you have had something to eat prior and have a water bottle for the session. It is important to remember that netball is about having fun, making new friends, and trying your best. Please wear comfortable clothing and sports/ netball shoes.

#### What tips can you give to parents/ caregivers?

Please ensure you arrive with your child to the courts at least 5-10 mins before the start time. Parking is sometimes an issue, so please allow for this.

Please encourage your child and remind them that they should be having fun while doing their best.

Although trials can be nerve-racking for some, it is important to remember that all players will be placed in a team, and no one will miss out.

Please do not approach the selectors during the trials as this may cause them to miss watching other players who are also trialling.

If you have any questions or concerns, there will be many Raiders committee members at the control desk or wandering the area who you can approach.

If you cannot find a committee member or think of a question after the night, please email [secretaryraiders@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryraiders@outlook.com)

### What are the squad training nights?

After trial nights some age groups with larger numbers may be placed into training squads. Squads may consist of enough players to create two teams. This gives the Raiders selectors another opportunity to see how players respond together on court in teams and the ability to make any final changes if necessary.

### What if we can't make one of the trials?

We expect players to attend every trial session. If you know in advance that you cannot make a trial night, please let the selectors know the week before so they do not plan to put you on the court. If it is unexpected absence that you are not aware of the week prior, or if it is the first trial you are unable to attend, please email [secretaryraiders@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryraiders@outlook.com) as early as possible before the trial night.

### What happens if any of the trials are rained out?

We will post a message on our Facebook and the Raiders website pages if trials will not be on. Please don't email committee members or send Facebook messages as we are unable to reply to these.

My child is about to start Non-Competitive (born 2016, 2017, 2018, Jan-June 2019), do we have to come to trials?

No, trials are for competitive players only (born 2015 and earlier). Non-Competitive teams first session together will the first night of team training.

### TEAM LIST NOTIFICATION:

When will I find out what team I am in?

**Competitive players** - After players have trialed, the selectors will meet to finalise teams. Team announcements will be made before any DPNA grading sessions are scheduled. You will receive an email from the Raiders Registrar aligned to your age group with your team allocation coach, training time and court location.

**Non-Competitive players** - All Non-Competitive team announcements will be made before any DPNA grading sessions and Raiders training is scheduled. You will be notified of these teams via email with a training time and court allocation no later than the day before your first training session. Please note that while we try to keep players from previous year's teams together and to accommodate requests for Non-Competitive players to be placed in a team with friends, this is not always possible.

## Non-Competitive players registering as a complete team

We are able to accommodate full team requests, provided the team request has been notified in advance to [nsg\\_raiders@outlook.com](mailto:nsg_raiders@outlook.com) before **31 January 2026**, including the name of the **coach** and **manager**, and the team contains either **9 or 10 players** all of whom have registered by **31 January 2026**. Sorry, no exceptions.

## GAME TIMES:

Can we request particular Saturday game times?

No. Downey Park Netball Association meet and set the Saturday game times for all club teams. DPNA have set the draw to be published on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**, the first game is **Saturday 1 May 2026**. Please refrain from emailing committee members to request particular game times, we understand that all families have conflicting commitments on a Saturday. Raiders do not set the game times.

## TRAINING:

What time is my training likely to be?

All Raiders teams will train on Wednesday night at Downey Park. Non-Competitive teams will train either 5-6pm or 6-7pm, 11's, 12's and 13's may train from either 5pm-6pm or 6pm- 7pm. These training times depend on coach and court availability. Cadets and Inters will usually train from either 5-6pm or 6-7pm and Opens teams will train from 7pm-8:30pm.

## UNIFORM:

When and how should I get a uniform?

Uniform purchases can be made online via our uniform shop. The link to this can be found on our [website](#). The order cut off time for Wednesday night training delivery is also noted on the online uniform shop. Online orders will be available for collection at training.

Uniforms may be tried on and purchased during team training from **11 March, 22 April and 29 April 2026**. After this date uniforms will only be available for purchase through our online shop for delivery at training. No purchase or delivery options are available on Saturdays.

Compulsory uniform items are:

- A-line dress and red boy leg pants OR Inclusive uniform design - Raiders singlet, Raiders Navy blue playing shorts (please check with our uniform convener for further details)
- Raiders visor - optional, but it is usually purchased as it is the only hat that can be worn during games.
- Raiders ankle or calf socks or plain white unbranded socks
- Raiders hoodies – information about ordering will be posted on Facebook and the Raiders website when details are available

For second-hand uniforms – check the Raiders buy/swap/sell page on Facebook

The Raiders 2026 Calendar with all relevant season dates can be found on our website <https://www.raidersallstarsnetball.com/>