

RAIDERS ALLSTARS NETBALL CLUB

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITIVE TEAM MANAGERS

Thank you for taking on the very important role of manager to support your team throughout the upcoming netball season. We have outlined below the responsibilities of the team manager:

New Player Admin:

Players who are new to Raiders Allstars in 2024 are required to provide a proof of birth document. Managers are to sight this proof of age and advise the Raiders Club Secretary via email (secretaryraiders@outlook.com) as soon as possible to ensure that we meet our compliance obligations.

COVID-19:

Raiders Allstars follow the advice of Queensland Health in relation to the management of COVID-19.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Queensland Health recommends that you:

- Stay at home if you are sick
- Get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Sneeze or cough into your arm or a tissue. Put the tissue in the bin
- · Wear a mask when you can't socially distance or whenever facemasks are required
- Get vaccinated

Training Nights:

Training will be on Wednesday evenings. Please confirm training court and time with your coach/es.

Absences- please ensure your players provide notice to you and/ or your coach if they will miss training, this just allows your coach time to make any adjustments to their training plans.

Injuries - ice and first aid care is available at the first aid room in the DPNA Clubhouse. For insurance purposes, please register any player injuries with the Raiders Club Secretary (secretaryraiders@outlook.com) or another member of the committee as soon as practical.



General Communication:

You are the first point of contact for your team. Most information is available on the <u>Raiders</u> <u>website</u>. If you can't find the answer to your question in the <u>FAQs</u>, please email the Raiders <u>Club Secretary (secretary raiders@outlook.com)</u>.

Key tasks:

- Pass on communication to players and their families from the club.
- Advise team members and coach if training or games are cancelled due to weather.
 For Saturday games refer to the DPNA Facebook page.
- Wet Weather Training nights (Wednesdays) This will be decided by 4:15pm on the
 day of training. It will be posted on our <u>Raiders Facebook</u> page and <u>Raiders website</u>.
 An email will not be sent out to all players, managers and coaches.
- Put together a scoring roster for families to score the game with a scorer from the opposing team.
- Send out game time/court number reminders each week. This is a good opportunity to remind players that their nails will need to be trimmed. It is helpful if the manager has some nail clippers handy on game day for those who have forgotten.
- Remind families of important dates on the Raiders/DPNA calendars (Pyjama training night, silly socks day, etc)

On Game Day:

Score cards will be available in plastic folders on the court for all fixtures of the day. If there is a team on the court immediately before your game, the manager may request to retrieve plastic sleeve ONLY during 1/4, 1/2 or 3/4 time.

At the first game of the season, players will be required to sign a signature specimen form that is kept on file by DPNA for the season in order to compare signatures should the need arise. It is very useful for the manager to <u>take a photo</u> of this completed form before returning it on that day. This will enable you to assist the players with a visual cue when signing on in subsequent games to ensure they are signing correctly for each game of the season.

All players must sign the board in the same way they did on the team signature specimen form for each game. The team can lose competition points if the score card is incorrect or incomplete, so please make sure all players have signed correctly and that any absent players are recorded correctly. The absent players printed name must be neatly crossed out and did not play (DNP) is to be written in their signature box. Do not hesitate to ask the officials at the DPNA desk if you are unsure if the card is correct – losing competition points this way has impacted finals qualification for teams in the past.

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One representative from each team is required to score the game. Check that all the necessary information is on the score card before releasing it to DPNA or the other team.

The manager of the winning team will need to make sure the score card is returned to the control desk at the end of the game.

Managers can support the coach by ensuring that parents allow the coach to do their job and leave it to the coach to coach the players. It is important that players aren't getting conflicting messages from parents and coaches. It is helpful to have the players water bottles together on the side-line so that the coach can maximise the time they have to speak with the players at game break times.

Injuries - Ice and first aid care is available at the first aid room, DPNA Clubhouse. For insurance purposes, please register any player injuries in the INJURY BOOK in the first aid room.

Post-pads will be put on at the beginning of game day and removed at the end of game day by DPNA.

Please remember that DPNA run the control desk on Saturdays and Raiders representatives will not be there to answer questions, sell uniforms or to receive lost property or sold raffle tickets. These things need to be done by arrangement or at the first few training sessions when the Raiders control desk is open on a Wednesday evening.

Fill in Players:

Managers need to liaise with team families to ensure the team will have enough players for the game each week. Players/families should be encouraged to notify the manager as far in advance as possible if players will not be able to play a particular game so that the manager can find additional players if needed. We are a very big club and teams should be able to easily borrow players from other Raiders teams when the need arises (borrowing from other clubs is not allowed).

Contact details for other Raiders team managers will be provided so teams can source substitute players if they are required. There are guidelines for competitive age groups about player fill-ins and how many times one player can substitute in a different team. Further information about player substitution can be found in the <u>team manager section</u> on the DPNA website.

Fill in players must be sourced from lower graded teams or lower age groups, 10- year-olds can only play up twice for a competitive 11-year team. Please advise the Raiders Coaching Convenor whenever a player from another team fills in for your team by emailing coachingraiders@outlook.com so this can be monitored. Please refer to the DPNA website for additional information.

Only players turning 10 in 2023 can play up in the competitive 11-year teams. Teams have lost points previously by having 8/9-year-old siblings play up in an 11- year-old team as this contravenes the DPNA by-laws. Please remember to also advise the coach if there are to be



fill in players, including the positions those fill in players normally play in their own teams to assist the coach in preparing their game plan.

Rules related to jewellery and in particular earrings:

From the **DPNA** Fixtures Handbook:

No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn. No item of jewellery, except a wedding ring and/ or medical alert bracelet, shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be taped with the medical alert symbol left un-taped.

DPNA has a strict <u>no earrings</u> policy. Please advise your players to refrain from piercing their ears during the season. DPNA <u>does not</u> permit earrings to be taped. Players <u>will not</u> be able to take the court if they cannot remove their earrings. This applies to ALL age groups, including Non-Competitive.

For the avoidance of doubt -

- No player, regardless of whether they are playing in Competitive or Non-Competitive division, is permitted to tape over earrings.
- Players must remove the earrings, or they will not be permitted to take the court.
- Umpires will not start the game if a player with taped earrings is on court.

Team Administration:

The DPNA and Madison Club Carnival is being held on Sunday 21 July 2024. It is up to each team to decide if they would like to enter, and entry is arranged directly with DPNA by the team manager and/ or coach. Further details about the carnival can be found on the DPNA website.