



Senior Winter 2023 Competition “Cessnock Leagues Club”

The vision for the senior club in 2023 is to provide our members the opportunity to participate within a competition catering to all playing levels. Whether you want a social game of netball or an A1 top local level game, participating as part of “Cessnock Leagues Club” can facilitate.

Why is the C.D.N.A senior competition now a club competing in Maitland?

Over recent years it has become overwhelmingly evident that we are experiencing a rapid decline in numbers within our senior competition at a local level. The effect of limited team numbers has reduced the associations’ ability to be able to provide senior teams the opportunity to play within a competition catering to all playing abilities.

The associations decision to move our senior competition was not taken lightly. With the support of the Cessnock Leagues Club, our senior teams will now participate in the Maitland Saturday afternoon winter competition as “Cessnock Leagues Club.”

The senior club has been created as an integral part of the C.D.N.A community. All players are Cessnock District Netball Association members, not Maitland, and will all wear the same black and gold uniforms, displaying a strong community spirit and representation.

Aren’t we taking teams away from our local competition?

It is C.D.N.A’s aim to nurture and build our junior competition (Net Set Go (5s) – 14 years inclusive) within Cessnock on a Saturday morning.

It is our hope that by providing greater opportunity to our senior players and continuing to nurture and build our juniors that in time, we will attract stronger numbers at a local level to help feed and build an even stronger environment.

What age do players need to be to be part of the senior club competition?

Players turning 15 years in 2023 to Open Age Groups have the opportunity to participate as part of the “Cessnock Leagues Club” within the Maitland competition.

Are 14 – 16 year olds still able to play in the Cessnock mixed age competition of a Saturday morning?

Yes, a social competition will still be available for players within mixed 14 – 16 year teams. We highly encourage any 14-16 year old player looking for a game of netball to contact us.

Individual players can be assisted in finding a team, and we are most definitely welcoming new teams also.

What time will the 14 – 16 mixed age division play at Cessnock of a Saturday?

This division will play at 10.30am at the Vernon St, Cessnock complex.

When does the Cessnock winter competition in Cessnock commence?

Saturday, 25th March 2023

What timeslots will the Cessnock Leagues Club teams compete at Maitland?

Dependent on each individual grade, games will be played at 12.30pm, 2pm or 3.20pm.

When does the Maitland competition for senior club teams commence?

Saturday, 29th April 2023

How did you decide on the senior age groups?

Senior players under NNSW representative rules are 15 years and above.

NB. The classification for registration purposes *Junior* (10-17 years) + *Senior* (18 years and above).

Are there any exceptions to the senior age groups?

For the 2023 season, only any player turning 14 years in 2023 that plays within the 14-16 mixed age division in the local C.D.N.A competition on a Saturday morning will be granted the opportunity to play a second game within a “Cessnock Leagues Club” team in Maitland of a Saturday afternoon.

Any 14 year, as noted above, must, however, play within the C.D.N.A junior winter 2023 competition (14-16 mixed age division) at Cessnock on of a Saturday morning to qualify for the club.

** There are no further exceptions to the above stated.*

Has “Cessnock Leagues Club” been created just to support C.D.N.A representative players?

No. “Cessnock Leagues Club” is entirely separate from the C.D.N.A Representative program.

“Cessnock Leagues Club” has been created for the sole purpose of allowing all senior players the opportunity to be a part of a team and play a game of netball at a competition level of their ability.

It will allow players many opportunities, including skill growth, fitness, sportsmanship, club spirit, and a strong sense of community representation.

We want to make it very clear to our local community and members that the vision and goal of our senior club, "Cessnock Leagues Club," is to ensure the longevity of our senior competition, strengthen our association, nurture and build our local junior competition and facilitate players at all levels and ages to enjoy the sport of netball.

What are the requirements of a C.D.N.A representative player in relation to the association competition changes?

All C.D.N.A representative players aged 11 – 14 years in 2023 must play within the junior local C.D.N.A winter competition on a Saturday morning at the Vernon St, Cessnock complex to meet representative requirements.

All representative players aged 15 years to Open Age groups must play as part of the "Cessnock Leagues Club" within the Maitland competition on a Saturday afternoon at Maitland Park to meet representative requirements.

Can teams just submit as a complete team nomination form for grading purposes to participate within the senior competition?

Yes. Senior teams have the option to elect if they wish to participate as their nominated team and be graded accordingly alternatively if they would like the grading panel to grade on an individual player basis and create teams according to individual playing abilities.

Individual senior players interested in playing in the 2023 season are encouraged to contact us so we can place you within a team.

EXCEPTION TO TEAM ENTRIES FOR SENIOR COMPETITION AS NOTED ABOVE.

Senior teams that include 14 year old players who qualify for "Cessnock Leagues Club" (qualification requirements noted on page 2 for reference) will be graded at the discretion of the grading committee and graded as individuals, not as a team.

The C.D.N.A grading committee reserves the right to move players from within their nominated team to create teams based on player ability, player positions, player safety, and team numbers. Players of any age within these noted teams may be moved into other teams within "Cessnock Leagues Club."

WHY? The purpose of the senior competition is for players to be afforded the opportunity to play at their ability level for growth, fulfillment, and competition purposes.

Are "Cessnock Leagues Club" teams required to provide umpires in the Maitland competition?

Yes. Once all teams are finalised, a manager from each team (a parent or player from that team) will be appointed.

We ask all team managers to then ensure the team has a competent umpire to assist on all rostered timeslots at Maitland throughout the winter season.

If teams require assistance appointing an umpire, please don't hesitate to contact our umpire's convenor, Bree Collison, who can assist. cessnock.netball@live.com.au

Are "Cessnock Leagues Club" teams individually responsible to pay umpire fees?

Yes. Teams are required to pay umpiring fees every week.

We would suggest that all team managers collect player umpire contributions at season commencement and provide payment to Maitland each week. This will avoid chasing money prior to the commencement of games and avoids fines.

Do teams have canteen duty at Maitland?

Yes. All teams will be allocated canteen duty as per the draw, and it is the responsibility of all players/parents to ensure these duties are covered throughout the season.

Failure to do so does not only result in heavy fines but also the reputation of our club within the Maitland competition; we do not want this.

What are the senior registration fees?

Seniors: \$201

18 years and over

Fees include: NSW registration fee, admin fees and Maitland competition fees + club uniform.

Juniors \$167

14 – 17 years

Fees include: NSW registration fee, admin fees and Maitland competition fees + club uniform.

** Active kid's vouchers may also be applied.*

What is the registration process?

All senior players will register to C.D.N.A first. This fee will include NSW registration fee, admin fees and club uniform (\$50 voucher is applied at this time).

Post registration to C.D.N.A, players will receive a second link for registration to "Cessnock Leagues Club". This second registration will include the Maitland player competition fee.

As timeframes for registration can be quite tight, we ask all senior players to please complete registration as soon as possible.

Will coaches be provided for “Cessnock Leagues Club” teams?

It is hoped that all teams will have a coach at the time of team nomination. This may be an accredited coach, experienced coach, parent coach or captain coach.

As teams are of a senior nature, it is noted 18 years and above teams, where a coach is not nominated, a captain/coach will be appointed by the C.D.N.A grading panel upon team finalisation.

If a senior team of 17 years or under does not have an appointed coach, they are asked to speak with C.D.N.A committee members for assistance.

Are teams required to train for Cessnock League Club?

Training will be at discretion of the team (coaches/players/parents).

There is no requirement from C.D.N.A for team training commitments.

How will “Cessnock Leagues Club” communications be distributed to teams?

A Facebook group for all members of “Cessnock Leagues Club” will be created, and general competition and team information will be posted here. It is the responsibility of all members to ensure they refer to this information.

Specific important team information will also be sent via text to the nominated team manager/s for distribution to all team members/parents.

A QUICK NOTE FROM THE C.D.N.A TEAM.

The senior club vision would never have been possible without the generous support of Cessnock Leagues Club, and we know our players, spectators, and officials will represent our association and community with sportsmanship and pride.

We understand this is a huge transition period for our association, and ask that you please bear with us as we pave the way for what we strongly believe will be a positive step for our senior members and community.

We also encourage input/ideas from our members to assist in strengthening the longevity of netball in our community at both senior and junior levels for decades to come.

We truly thank everyone for their support and cannot wait to see our senior teams in the black and gold making an impact within this competition.

If you have any further questions, we ask that you contact the association via email at cessnock.netball@live.com.au. Please include your best contact number with your enquiry, and our team will contact you with a response as soon as possible.