



Welcome to Emerald City Netball Club!

Thank you for taking the time to come along and learn about this fun sport, we know you will enjoy it!

We are a non-profit club founded by netball enthusiasts in 2006 that came together and have volunteered their time for the love of the game. We hope to provide a fun club atmosphere where people of different nationalities can get together to learn, or improve, playing skills whilst making new friends.

Our goal is to build and foster an organization that teaches, develops and promotes the game in schools, and to individuals in the greater Seattle area.

We are also currently working with other Associations and Clubs within the USA and Canada to help establish Netball in the Seattle and Washington area, as well as provide regular games, both competitive and social.

To give you a brief history of Netball...not only did James Naismith invent basketball in 1891 but also he inadvertently aided in the invention of netball. In 1895 Naismith sent a copy of his basketball rules to a sports teacher in New Orleans, Clara Baer. Baer interpreted Naismith's drawings of the court and players as meaning that players could not leave certain areas. Baer's interpretation of the game 'officially' became Women's basketball in 1899. However, Women's basketball was taken to Britain and the empire in 1895 where the game transformed into a passing no dribbling game called Netball. The first World Championship tournament was held in 1963 in England and has continued to be played every 4 years with the next World Championship to be held in Fiji in 2007. Also in 1995 Netball was officially recognized as an Olympic sport, although currently not played.

Currently in the USA, Netball has affiliates and contacts in more than 35 of the 50 states with major participation coming from the Eastern Seaboard states, Texas and California. The USA National Open Team is currently ranked 9th in the World following the 2003 World Netball Championships in Jamaica. For more information about Netball in the USA visit www.usanetball.com

Now back to Emerald City Netball. We currently meet every Thursday night at the Ballard Community Center, 6020 29th Ave NW, Seattle 98107 7 pm, and on Saturday mornings 10 am at Marymoor Park,

Redmond; everyone is welcome! So tell your mothers, sisters, girlfriends, and daughters to come along!

We welcome and encourage everyone to come along and try netball out, and if you feel that it is for you here is our membership information for both competitive and social members:

Competitive members shall:

- \$ Be subject to a *Competitive* membership fee
- \$ Routinely attend team training sessions
- \$ Commit to represent the Club by participating in tournaments as able
- \$ Wear Club uniforms when participating in representative games
- \$ Be subject to sit, and pass an Official Netball Umpire examination
- \$ Support the Club in every endeavour

Social members shall:

- \$ Be subject to a *Social* membership fee
- \$ Attend team training sessions as able
- \$ Commit to participate in Club social games/competitions
- \$ Support the Club in every endeavour

Membership Fees:

The Competitive membership fee is \$125.00. The Social membership fee is \$25.00. Each fee is per member per year and includes individual player subscription to USANA. Social members will also be subject to a \$2.00 drop-in fee for each game and/or training they attend. Fees are correct at the time of printing and are subject to change.

Membership fees are due by April 30th and certify membership from April 1st to March 31st of the following year.

We do offer a three attendance 'grace period' while you decide if netball is the sport for you. Once you make the decision to continue with the club, as either a social or competitive member, please complete the attached player profile and submit this with your membership payment to an Executive member on or before your fourth attendance.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about becoming a financial member, please contact a Committee member or visit us on-line at www.seattlenetball.com

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