

# YEAR 5 & 6 NETBALL INFORMATION WINTER 2026

## REGISTRATIONS DUE FRIDAY 13 MARCH

Netball is available to all **YEAR 5 & 6** students during Terms 2 and 3. Beginners are welcome. Belmont School enters teams for the full season with Netball Hutt Valley, and games are played at the Taita Netball Courts or Walter Nash Stadium on Monday afternoons.

Complete the [online google form](#) here. Fees will be added to your child's account and are payable on or before **Monday 30 March**. Late entries will only be accepted if a space is available.

Players will be provided with a sports uniform. Players need appropriate sports shoes, and may choose to wear a long sleeved black thermal and/or black full length leggings for outside games. No jewellery may be worn (earrings may NOT be taped) and fingernails need to be short & smooth. Hair needs to be tied back.

**PLEASE NOTE: You will be unable to register your child for winter sports if they have overdue sports fees from previous seasons. If we do not have enough coaches/managers or space in the leagues for the number of players registered, then your child's placement in a team will depend on the order in which their registration and payment was received.**

Year	Day	Dates	Registration Fee
Year 5-6	Monday	<u>Term 2:</u> 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 8, 15, 29 June <u>Term 3:</u> 20, 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24 August ( <i>Reserve Day 31 August</i> ) <b>No Play:</b> Monday 1 June ( <i>Monarch's Birthday</i> ), Monday 22 June ( <i>Hutt Fest</i> ).	<b>\$75 + contribution for umpire if no volunteers found</b>

**Year 5-6 teams** play futureFERNs netball on Mondays (times vary, start 4:00pm, finish by 6:30pm). This age group will have a practice at school. Year 5-6 teams do their own warm up then play a game of 6v6 netball (4 x 8 min quarters). Teams need to supply their own [umpire](#). There are a few [Coach Development Workshops](#) offered by Netball Hutt Valley. Netball Hutt Valley has a great website with lots of [resources for coaches](#). Further information and the draws are available on <https://www.sporty.co.nz/netballhuttvalley/> Cancellations and news are posted on [www.facebook.com/NetballHuttValley](http://www.facebook.com/NetballHuttValley)

The school fee (\$75) includes team entry, player medals, uniforms, and equipment. Umpires are not included in the entry fee. If no one offers to umpire then a roster may be made for families to take turns to source an umpire - in which case you may opt to pay one if you can't find a volunteer. At the end of the season a Sports Celebration will be held to celebrate players' participation, award medals and certificates and thank Coaches and Managers for their support and commitment.

Netball Hutt Valley would like all parents to read the following information:

- Sideline Behaviour: NHV Code of Conduct & Zero Tolerance to Sports Rage can be found [here](#)
- Most questions that parents may have regarding junior netball can be found [here](#)
- Coach workshop information can be found [here](#)

### Parent/Caregiver Role

- Transport to and from games and trainings
- Register on time and pay the fees on time to ensure your child's space in a team (school will not fund any shortfalls for sports teams).
- Assist the team as a Coach or Co-Coach (Free training provided with full resource), Umpire (Year 5-6 only), or as a Manager.
- Role model Belmont Sports Code of Conduct - available on the website [here](#) or at the school office

## **Netball Hutt Valley Changes to the FutureFERNs Year 5&6 Programme 2026**

- Please note the following changes to the programme due to overwhelming feedback received from community (schools, parents, players etc.)
  - The focus of year 5 & 6 remains: developing fundamental skill sets (balance, jump/land, catch, pass, move, shoot, defend).
  - Year 5&6 will move to a 6-aside format with positions (GS, GA, WA, C, GD, GK) as a pilot delivery for the 2026 season (Term 2 & 3). If your school does not have bibs that replicate this don't panic, we do have some that we can loan to teams on the day during the 2026 pilot.
  - We will encourage positional rotation so players are gaining an understanding of the role of each position on court (a template will be provided for schools/coaches in the new year).
  - We will offer year 5 only, year 6 only and mixed age grades to cater for all schools and player abilities.
  - The programme will continue to use the size 4 ball, and lowered hoops in 2026.
  - Post term 2 & 3 we will do a review & see if this format works/ if we need to change moving into 2027.

**If you have any questions about Netball, please email [sports@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz](mailto:sports@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz)**