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AUCKLAND REGIONAL CENTRES – REPRESENTATIVE WORKING GROUP

NEW FORMAT FOR REPRESENTATIVE TOURNAMENTS 2022

It has been agreed by Auckland Regional Centres to change the format of the rep tournaments for the 2022 season. There will be 2 x 40 minute games at each tournament with teams playing different teams as much as possible across the 6 tournament circuit.

Traditionally the tournament circuit has seen teams play 4 or 5 shorter games, with teams invariably coming up against each other numerous times before heading to national tournament. The Working Group strongly felt that to mirror the national tournament setting would be more beneficial to coaches, players and umpires.

Two 40-minute games reduces loading on players and umpires, allows coaches to test their teams in the longer game and better prepare their players for tournament. The removal of “winning” the circuit tournament drives the development philosophy for coaches ensuring better opportunities for all squad players to get game time. Centres will now look to award prizes for things like good umpiring, sportsmanship awards; thank you to travelling teams, and the best NetballSmart warmup.

With the introduction of a second long weekend in June the traditional tournament dates may no longer be well suited to netballers, however it is fantastic to see Netball Waitakere continuing with their 26th June tournament, now themed around Matariki.

Current circuit dates are:

Sunday 29 May	Pukekohe
Sunday 12 June	Auckland
Sunday 19 June	North Harbour
Sunday 26 June	Waitakere
Sunday 3 July	Papakura

Education – Player Welfare

It has been highlighted that ongoing education is needed for both parents and rep coaches around player welfare. The Zone, at the request of the Centres, will be running an online webinar on

Monday 30 May 6.30pm-8pm – keep an eye on the Zone facebook page, and your Centre facebook page for links closer to the date.

NetballSmart have two player education programmes – Smart Player and Tournament Tips, that your Centre will organise for all rep teams once selected. We have attached the Rep Player Education Flyer to more fully explain these workshops.

For further information regarding representative netball please contact your Centre Rep Convenor or Netball Development Manager.