



Coach Workshops



Community Workshop 16th July
Liana Leota, CCA1 -
Attacking Fundamentals
Winton

Community Workshop 3rd Sept
Kristie Simpson, Game Management
Online

Umpire Workshops



Community Workshop 1st August
Josh Bowring
Managing the game
Invercargill

Community Workshop 28th Sept
Kristie Simpson
Contact vs Contest
Invercargill

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1573 Players
137 Coaches
18 Centre visits
15 Club/school visit

Targeted Participation Projects

Throughout July and August this year, the Zone supported Central Southland Netball Centre and Upper Clutha Netball Centre to run programmes to grow participation.

Central Southland ran a Netty fest that was highly successful in attendance with a great turnout of boys and girls participating. With growth on last year, they had 41 teams enter from years 5-8.

Upper Clutha ran a junior umpire session aimed at beginner umpires (school aged and adults), to gain confidence and learn the basics of umpiring whilst increasing participation in umpiring and impacting growth of participation in the centre. They had 37 participants who had a fantastic time testing their whistles.

Do you have an idea that you would like to bring to life in your centre to increase participation, but need support? Reach out to Kara for a chat to see how we can help.

Forum Overview

Thankyou to everyone who attended forum that was held on the 12th of October in Balclutha. It's always great to connect and share ideas around what we are doing, and how we can improve for the players in our zone. A few main points raised were:

- Player welfare/development
- ISA
- Tournament Calendar
- futureFERNs research review

Centre Support

We have recently updated our website. You will now find a centre support tab with resources and templates needed for the running of your centre, including Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Visit www.netballsouth.co.nz for more information.

**We aim to
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2025 QUARTERLY UPDATE

Term 3

Year 7- 8 Streaming

A balanced approach for 2026

What does this mean?

We are aiming for alignment across Centres through a “streaming” approach, sitting between random and trial-based selection methods.

How does this look?

Observe players during development sessions to assess skill level & understanding of fundamental skills

- Rank players based on these observations
- Form teams with players of similar ability levels (e.g., top 9, next 9, etc.)
- Positional balance is not a key factor, as player rotation is prioritised for development

For larger Centres:

- Rank players
- Divide into two ability groups
- Randomly assign players within those groups
- Host Centres to include a “team strength” field on registration forms to help create balanced and competitive tournament games



Colleen Bond, Sonya Flemming (CEO) at Silver Ferns Tania Jamison Series, Invercargill. Credit: Michael Bradley

Congratulations Colleen!

Netball New Zealand has recognised the contribution umpiring stalwart Colleen Bond has made to the sport at an international level as she steps down from her roles with World Netball.

The long-standing umpire and umpire coach's tenure with World Netball – having spent time on the International Testing Panel and as an integral part of the International Umpire Assessment Panel – comes to an end and Bond was acknowledged at the third Test in the Tania Jamison Series in Invercargill on the 28th of August.

Bond, who was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2015 for her services to netball, started umpiring in the Eastern Southland Netball club competition in 1967 and went on to officiate at national championships, domestic leagues and internationally including the World Championship in Jamaica in 2003.

But it is her lasting work with aspiring umpires which sets Bond apart as she embraced her role as an umpire's coach and while her role with World Netball comes to an end, she will continue to mentor umpires in the game here.

We are so proud and thankful for the contribution Colleen has made and continues to provide for Netball and Umpires in the South Zone!

Centre Connects 2026

We intend on hosting a quarterly centre connect in the first week of each term to discuss specific topics identified by centres and to build centre -to-centre networking.

We would love your insights on how you would like to see this, and what topics you'd like to discuss. Please reach out to Rita for any suggestions.



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