

When starting a new netball club, there are many things you need to consider and potential legal obligations to overcome. This guide outlines some of your considerations.

Please reach out to your local association or Netball Victoria Participation Team for more information.

Step by Step to Starting Your Club

- Establish a small group to carry out the tasks involved in establishing a club
- Make sure there is going to be an ongoing need for the club you may want to discuss this with the Association your club will align with or Netball Victoria.
- Understand the demographics of the area in which the club wants to be established and what are the barriers to them participating in Netball e.g. transport, uniforms, family commitments.
- Make sure you have a base for your activities. Are there Netball Courts available when you want to train? Contact whoever owns the courts (local council/school).
- Choose a name. Not be identical or similar to one listed on the Organisations and business names register on the Australian Securities & Investments Commission website.
- Determine if you want to incorporate. Incorporation provides protection to individual members in certain situations and gives your organisation the right to sign contracts, lease premises, operate bank accounts, receive grant monies from the government, and so on. Individuals will not personally be liable for the actions of the sports club. More information is available at [Consumer Affairs Victoria](#) on incorporation.
- Create rules and a purpose for your organisation
In order to register your sports club as an incorporated association, you must have a written set of rules, or a constitution. View the Netball Victoria sample [Constitution and Bylaws](#)
- Draw up a budget
- Call your prospective members together to examine the draft rules and budget and to get an agreement on your objectives.
- Ask members to consider standing for office. The committee should consist of:
 - President - someone who leads the club and who acts as a chairperson at club meetings
 - Secretary - someone to deal with the administration work of the club
 - Treasurer - who handles the finances (money) of the club. Small clubs or groups often combine the duties of the secretary and treasurer
 - General members – two to four club members that share the workload in various ways (e.g. fundraising, membership, socials).
- Once your Club has addressed all the above and is ready to go, a Netball Victoria [New Club Form](#) is to be completed. Netball Victoria will then link your club to the Association your teams will play at. NV will also setup your club and administrator profiles in Netball Connect, our Competition Management platform.

Other Resources

- Netball Victoria [Committee Room](#) - a dedicated space with access to information, tools and resources that will enable your club to shine.
- Lawpath - [5 Legal Requirements when starting a sports club](#)