

Volunteers needed for the Merici Netball Committee in 2027

Merici Netball is looking to fill several vacant roles on its Netball Committee. We are looking for people to take on this role as we gear up for the 2027 season.

The role of the Netball Committee

Netball at Merici is managed by the Merici Netball Committee. The committee is made up of parent and carer volunteers and operates under the guidance of the Merici College Co-Curricular Facilitator. Merici relies upon its volunteers for its co-curricular sports to continue to operate and thrive.

The committee, in collaboration with the Co-Curricular Facilitator, is responsible for managing:

- Operational policies and guidelines
- Player assessment and team formation
- Player and team registration
- Allocation of teams to divisions
- Liaison with the North Canberra Netball Competition convenor
- Identification and allocation of coaches and managers
- Identification and allocation of umpires
- Allocation of training times and courts
- Netball related communications.

We are looking for vacancies to be filled across the following areas:

1) *General committee members*

There are 3 general committee member roles to be filled in preparation for the 2027 season.

Where possible, general committee members share responsibility for:

- Assessing players and forming teams
- Managing the PlayHQ player and team registration processes
- Allocating teams to divisions
- Mentoring coaches and managers.

2) *Umpire Coordinator*

The role of the umpire coordinator is to:

- Retain and recruit a pool of umpires sufficient to ensure every Merici team has an appropriately skilled umpire allocated to it for each game of the season
- Ensure all umpires have completed the online Rules of Netball Exam and the Foundation Umpire Education Course

- Allocate umpires to games, including replacement umpires when regular umpires are absent
- Maintain records to enable umpires to be appropriately paid for the games they umpire (payments are managed by the college's finance team)
- Respond to umpire-related enquiries
- Where possible, provide coaching and mentoring to Merici's pool of umpires.

The outgoing Umpire Coordinator is available to provide a handover and mentoring over the course of the season.

The time commitment

The committee is most active in the pre-season (February to April). Activities include planning for the season ahead, registering players, forming teams and finding coaches, managers and umpires. This typically entails one or two face-to-face meetings, occasional administrative work that can be done from home and running a tryout session for new players.

During the season, committee members support coaches and managers which may include providing practical information, and checklists, via a weekly coach and manager email update and, if possible, attending games.

Useful knowledge and skills

For all roles, some experience with netball, as a player, parent of a player, umpire, coach or team manager, would be very helpful however not essential. Experience with another team sport, in similar roles as above, would also be helpful.

Before you can be appointed to the Netball Committee you must have a current ACT Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration or be willing to apply for one.

How to express your interest

If you are interested in joining the Merici College Netball Committee, please email your expression of interest to joseph.mickleburgh@merici.act.edu.au.

Your expression of interest should include which role you are interested in, your contact details and details of your relevant experience.

If you have questions

Please email your questions to the College Co-curricular Coordinator - joseph.mickleburgh@merici.act.edu.au