# **Membership Insights**



This study was undertaken by the SPRINTER group at the University of Sydney



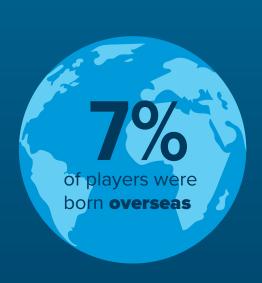
players had a disability



of Netball players identify as **Aboriginal and/** or Torres Strait

meet the World Health

Organisation guidelines



Retention of players in the next year is twice as likely if they used an Active Kids voucher the year before

speak a language other than English at home

**Players of** all ages

4 to 80+

**Most players** start when they are

8 years

Drop out is highest for adolescents aged

15 to 17



Average Age **14** 

The average male player is nine years older (23 years) than the average female player (14 years)

# 2021 Netball Participation Survey Responses

# **Motivations and Barriers**



**CHILDREN** 

**ADULTS** 

#### **FAVOURITE NETBALL POSITION**





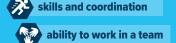
#### TOP REASONS FOR PLAYING NETBALL

84% Fun and Enjoyment		
<b>70%</b> Being part of a <b>team</b>		
47% Spending time with friends		
41% To play competitively		
40% To improve skills and coordination		

	85% 'For fun/enjoyment'	
60% To be part of a <b>team</b>		
56% To improve fitness and performance		
51% To play competitively		
47%	To improve health and prevent illness	
45%	To spend time with friends	

## POSITIVE IMPACTS OF PLAYING NETBALL

The greatest positive impacts from Netball were from increasing: The greatest positive impacts from Netball were from increasing:







59%

reported netball decreased their feelings of anxiety

of parents reported participating in netbal increased their child's self confidence.

## MAIN REASONS FOR QUITTING NETBALL

The main reasons children reported for giving up Netball were:

'Not fun or enjoyable anymore'

and/or

Had a 'Bad experience with coach/official' Adults were mainly concerned about:

injuries or fear of injury

Too expensive/ can't afford it

Additional explanations for children quitting netball were

Not a priority anymore

Lack of connection with other team members

Friends in different team/grade to me

Additional explanations for adults quitting netball were:

Increasing age/Too old

Not fun/enjoyable anymore

Not a priority anymore

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENCOURAGING MORE INVOLVEMENT

- MAKE CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE
- IMPROVE PROFESSIONALISM AND MANAGEMENT OF CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS
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