

Frequently Asked Questions

1 How do I know if my entries have been received?

The list of entries is posted on the website (sport info/draw). It remains there until replaced by the first round draw. Take note of the date/time at the top of the page, and allow a reasonable time for the entries to be processed, especially on “closing day when many tend to come all at once.

2 I entered 3 teams in one competition and you have called them J1, J2 & J3. How can I change these to colours?

Just ask for them to be changed, but do this before the first set of results are sent in. Note that the computer field for the team “nicknames” is limited to five characters. Green, Red, Blue are good. Maroon will become “Maron”, Orange will become “Orang”, Yellow will become “Yello”. And if you try for something like “Open Senior A” it is likely to become “OSenA”. If there is only one team in a competition from a school, it is usual to not have a “nickname”, but it can on request.

3 Can I enter additional teams later?

Yes, but with some restrictions. Late entries will be taken up until the draw is completed for the second round of competition (usually on the preceding Friday for Wednesday sport). After that time, additional entries will usually be accepted only if they do not create a “bye”. This will vary from competition to competition and the number of teams which have advised that they are not available to play in later rounds (entry asked for on the entry form).

4 Why can't I e-mail my entries?

The entry form asks for a lot of detail (contacts, venues, availability etc). It is all necessary for the effective administration of the competitions. In any other format, information is likely to be “missed”.

5 The draw says my team is “n inc”. What does this mean?

“n inc” means that the team is “not included” in the draw for this week. Almost certainly, this results from the team defaulting its previous game **and** the RSD office receiving no notification of an acceptable reason. Note that there is no such thing as an “automatic stand down”, a common misconception. When a team defaults (and there are very limited circumstances which justify a team defaulting) the RSD office needs to know whether the reason is a “one off” and has been remedied, or whether the team is, in fact, terminally affected and needs to be withdrawn from the competition. In the absence of any notification from the defaulting school, the team is “not included” in subsequent draws until adequate information is provided.

6 Why do I get two copies of the e-mailed draw each week?

You must be listed as both the Head of Sport & the Teacher i/c of that sport. It is our policy that the Head of Sport should receive all information from the office and draw information is copied to the HOS. The HOS must know what is going on in all sport for the school: that's their job description!

7 *My touch team has had to referee all its games so far? Shouldn't this be even?*

In sports like volleyball and touch where the first named team in the draw has to referee, the draw is “balanced” for referee duties after it has been compiled. This means that if a school has two teams in the competition, then one will be “first named” and one will not. If the school has four teams in the competition, two will be first named and two will not. But there is no check on individual teams so it is possible that it can be the same two teams always being first named, and the other two not. If a school has referees which are not attached to a particular team, then this is not a problem, but if it is the coach or manager which referees, then clearly this can be “onerous”. Note that another team in the school will be getting a dream run at the same time, and is probably not complaining! If you feel that your team is getting it “rough” as far as referee duties are concerned, then advise the RSD office, and that can be another factor in compiling future draws. If you don't point it out, then the RSD office will not be aware of the problem. As a guide, after 3 out of 4, or 4 out of 5 would be a matter of concern. In some cases, a school which has two teams entered has requested that one of the teams is to always referee and the other not to (usually because that team has no referee resource) and in most cases, that request has been met.

8 *My 3rd form basketball team hasn't had a home game all season. Why not?*

If all schools brought equal resources to the competitions, then this could be avoided. But often, a school has many more teams than the half that can be catered for at home. For example, in one sport, one school has 24 teams, and can have only a maximum of three at home. The rest have to travel. As for the referee question above, no check is made of the frequency of home/away games for a particular team. And the venue situation is so tight in some sports that getting a draw solution is in itself a major achievement within the constraints imposed by school requests. But you should ask! Advise the RSD office of the situation and request that home games be considered for a particular team and that request will be considered in future draw compilation.

9 *My team has to default. What do I need to do?*

There are very limited situations in which it is OK to default, but if it has to happen, then Advise your opponents no later than 12noon on the day of the match (the earlier the better) Notify the RSD office of the default **and** the reason for it (The RSD office needs to know why, and in particular, whether the reason is a “one off” for this week, or whether the team is “terminal”. If your game has duties attached to it to be performed by another team (e.g. waterpolo), then advise that duty team
If your team also had duties assigned as well as playing, you must make alternative arrangements for those duties.

You should also note that if the game has been scheduled at a venue which has been hired by the RSD office, your school will be responsible for the cost of hire of the unused venue

If **for any reason** your opponents do not get notification of the default and travel to the venue to be met by a “no-show” by your team, then your school is expected to offer re-imbusement of their travel costs.

Examples of acceptable reasons for defaulting: players have to attend a funeral/tangi of a class mate. Unacceptable reasons include anything which was foreseeable (school camps, examinations, etc) as these should be advised in advance and the team will be shown as “not available” in the draw.

10 The results in the paper and the website show my netball team won 4 – 0. We actually won 43 – 18. Why the difference?

No one told us the score. All we have from some source is that your team won (or your opponents lost). To generate “win” competition points we enter the smallest possible winning score. This is usually 1 – 0, but for netball it is 4 – 0, as a score of 1 – 0 would generate a “bonus” competition point for your opponents for a loss by less than 3 goals, and we don’t want that to happen! If we are subsequently advised of the correct winning score, the results table will be subsequently updated with the next set of results.

11 Ours is a Year 7 -13 school. Can I include Year 7 & 8 pupils in the Year 9 team to make up enough numbers to form a team?

No! Year 7 & 8 pupils in any form of school organisation may not participate in any activities organised by the RSD office unless specific provision is made for them, and this is not available in any of the weekly competitions. Opportunities for these pupils are provided through the office of the primary/intermediate Sports Director. There is no difference for a Year 7 – 13 school not having enough Year 9 pupils to form a team than for a Year 9 – 13 school. In this policy, the RSD Office follows the national policy formulated by the NZSSSC. Teams which offend in this way will be immediately ejected from the competition and their opponents awarded competition points for games forfeited regardless of result.