

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

12 YEARS & UNDER NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1.0 COMPETITION RULES

1.1 Rules of the Game

The rules shall be those of the Netball Australia except where otherwise indicated in the By-Laws – 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.1, 3.2.3, 5.2.1.

1.2 Player Participation

1.2.1 Qualifications for selection in teams to compete at the Championship shall be 12 and under on 31 December of the year in which the Championship is held.

Age Dispensation may be granted to a State or Territory for these Championships as allowed through the School Sport Australia Sport Participation Policy.

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1.3 Team Size

1.3.1 Teams shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players.

1.3.2 The bench to include state nominated team officials. Other bench officials may be included by request at the pre-championship meeting.

2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Draw

2.1.1 The draw for the Championship is to be a double round robin (Appendix 1).

2.1.2 No player is permitted to play more than eight (8) quarters a day. In the event of an injury during a quarter both the injured player and the substitute player will have the quarter recorded as a whole quarter. If a player is injured in the first 2 minutes the substitute player is deemed to have played the quarter. If the player is replaced in the last 2 minutes the injured player is deemed to have played the quarter.

2.1.3 Any team found to have played a player more than 8 quarters without the consent of the national Secretary (or if not present the Championship Convenor) will forfeit the points from the game when the infringement occurred. In addition, the player involved in playing the extra quarter/s will have their playing quarters reduced the following day by the number of quarters infringed.

2.1.4 The number allocations for the draw for the following year will be the finishing positions.

2.2 Program

2.2.1 The balance of the program must include the five separate components of an Championship – Mix n Match, Competition, Player Development Sessions and Excursion, but take into consideration the availability of the resources of the host state when designing the program for that year.

2.2.2 Player development could include at least one of the following:

Nutrition chat
Invite a high profile player
Umpiring clinics
Psychology sessions
Sports injuries
Fitness and stretching
Strength and conditioning

2.3 Points Allocation

2.3.1 Points will be awarded as follows:
3 points for each win (including a forfeit)
2 points for a drawn game
1 point for a loss

2.3.2 The scoring system should be based on the point scores of both rounds; the team with the most points is to be declared the winner.

- 2.3.3 In the event of teams finishing with equal points, joint winners will be declared. Where there is equal first only bronze will be awarded, where there is equal second no bronze will be awarded, where there is equal third both teams will be awarded bronze.
- 2.3.4 Should weather prevent the completion of the Championship, the state/territory leading the competition shall be declared the winner.

2.4 Duration of Matches

- 2.4.1 The timing of the four quarters to be eight minutes with the breaks 2 minutes/4 minutes/2 minutes.

3.0 FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT

3.1 Courts

- 3.1.1 Indoor venues are recommended for School Sport Australia Netball Championships.
- 3.1.2 The first mentioned team shall use the bench on the left when facing the court from the team bench.
- 3.1.3 Indoor venue requirements where possible:
 - a) Sprung wooden floor with appropriate ceiling height for lighting.
 - b) The minimum distance between a court and obstruction shall be 1.82m (six feet). Safety of players and umpires to be the paramount consideration.
 - c) Only netball lines to be visible (if possible) and all courts must be clean (playing surface and run-off).
 - d) Goal posts to be suitably padded and shall start at the base of the goal post and extend the full length of the post.
 - e) A suitable warm-up area with goalposts or clear 1/2 hour to warm-up on playing court.
 - f) Two benches on either side of the official's area and seating for umpires.
 - g) Seating for spectators and teams not playing (on opposite side to the officials' benches).
 - h) A lockable storage area.

3.2 Game Equipment

- 3.2.1 Host state provides the match balls. Eight new balls are to be rotated throughout the championship. The balls used must be balls endorsed by Netball Australia. At the conclusion of the championship one ball is given to each of the competing states as a memento.
- 3.2.2 The umpires are responsible for returning balls to the Championship Convenor at the completion of the match.
- 3.2.3 Where timing is provided via an electronic scoreboard the timer will countdown to zero followed by a siren. A stopwatch is to be used to time injury time and to be used if the electronic equipment does not work properly.
- 3.2.4 A towel is required to be kept at the Officials' Bench for wiping the floor after a fall.

4.0 GAME PROTOCOL

4.1 Match Day

- 4.1.1 Teams are encouraged to watch and support the opposition teams.
- 4.1.2 If possible a countdown timer is to countdown the last ten (10) minutes prior to the start of a game. If not possible all Team Managers are to keep count of the last few minutes prior to the start of the game. All war cries are to be completed two (2) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- 4.1.3 Teams to line up one (1) minute prior to the game for the announcement of players, team officials and umpires and for shaking of hands.
- 4.1.4 At the completion of the game both teams to join together for a group cheer. This is to take place off of the competition court to allow the next game to commence. Championship of badges will then take place under the direction of both Managers.

5.0 MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 **Umpires**

- 5.1.1 The Host State shall appoint an Umpires' Convenor after consulting with Netball Australia's Umpire Development Manager who will provide feedback and mentoring during the week.
- 5.1.2 The Host State shall provide two (2) umpires for each game and utilise an umpires' draw. These umpires will be allocated to games by the Umpires' Convenor as part of a neutral pool.
- 5.1.3 Host states are encouraged to foster junior umpires by nominating talented juniors from local associations as umpires for the Championship.
- 5.1.4 Each state/territory is encouraged to bring a Student Umpire with a minimum of a National 'C' badge to each Championship.
- 5.1.5 The student umpires must be given priority over senior umpires and allocated to as many games as possible at the umpire convenor's discretion.
- 5.1.6 Student umpires are to be allocated to different games in the second round.

5.2 **Bench Officials**

- 5.2.1 Scoreboards should be provided. Goals and a record of centre passes should be kept on the scoresheet.
- 5.2.2 Where possible each state is to supply a scorer (parent or supporter) where not possible host state to supply the scorer.
- 5.2.3 A student umpire or experienced timer is to time each game.

5.3 **Judiciary**

- 5.3.1 A Judiciary shall be appointed at the pre-event meeting of each Championship.
 - (a) The Judiciary Committee shall be established by each state/territory nominating one member. The Championship Convenor is to select three members not involved in the dispute, to adjudicate on the issue.
 - (b) The Championship Convenor shall chair meetings of the Judiciary Committee. The National Secretary shall act as secretary of this committee.
- 5.3.2 Any reports of inappropriate player conduct, shall be lodged with the Championship Convenor within one (1) hour of the completion of the match concerned, and dealt with by the Judiciary as soon as possible thereafter, in the presence of the umpire(s) who made the report.
- 5.3.3 The Judiciary shall have the power to impose a suspension of one or more games on any player reported by an umpire.

6.0 AWARDS

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA NETBALL LIFE MEMBERSHIP RECIPIENTS (DISCONTINUED 2000)

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Nina Higgins	QLD	1991
Betty Bennett	VIC	1991
Doris Miller	VIC	1992
Jan Sutherland	SA	1994
Betty Sexton	SA	1995
Paula Nielsen	SA	1999

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Helen Black	NT	2001
Marie Kelly	NSW	2001
John Deany	VIC	2003
Joanne Kenny	NSW	2004
Karen Burton	ACT	2004
Margaret Smith	SA	2005

Julie Kellam	NT	2006
Bill Adams	NT	2006
Sue Brandenburg	NSW	2007
Pate Cooper	NSW	2009
Sandra Smith	WA	2009
Joanne Macdermid	NSW	2012
Kristy Keppich-Birrell	VIC	2012
Leesa Gallard	VIC	2014
Jenny McCann	VIC	2014
Kris Robson	SA	2014
Shane Fish	TAS	2015
Peta Trahair	NT	2016
Sue Raison	QLD	2016
Melissa Saunders	ACT	2016
Karen Pettman	SA	2017

APPENDIX 1: SUGGESTED DRAW

Sunday		9.00am	Opening Ceremony
	Round 1	10.00am	6v3
		10.00am	4v1
		10.45am	7v2
		10.45am	8v5
	Round 2	11.30pm	3v4
		11.30pm	1v6
		12.15pm	2v5
		12.15pm	8v7
	Round 3	1.00pm	6v4
		1.00pm	3v1
		1.45pm	2v8
		1.45pm	5v7
		2.25pm	Recovery Time
		3.00pm	Player Development/Activity
Monday	Round 4	9.00am	4v7
		9.00am	6v5
		9.45am	1v2
		9.45am	3v8
	Round 5	10.30pm	4v5
		10.30pm	6v7
		11.15pm	3v2
		11.15pm	8v1
		12.00	Recovery Break
	Round 6	1.00pm	2v4
		1.00pm	5v1
		1.45pm	8v6
		1.45pm	7v3
		2.25pm	Recovery Time
		3.00pm	Player Development/Activity
Tuesday	Round 7	9.00am	4v8
		9.00am	6v2
		9.45am	5v3
		9.45am	1v7
		10.30am	Recovery Break
	Round 8	11.30pm	6v3
		11.30pm	4v1
		12.15pm	7v2
		12.15pm	8v5
	Round 9	1.00pm	3v4
		1.00pm	6v1
		1.45pm	2v5

1.45pm	8v7
2.25pm	Recovery Time
3.00pm	Player Development/Activity

Wednesday Educational Excursion

Thursday	Round 10	9.00am	6v4
		9.00am	1v3
		9.45am	2v8
		9.45am	5v7
		10.30am	Recovery Break
	Round 11	11.30pm	4v7
		11.30pm	6v5
		12.15pm	2v1
		12.15pm	3v8
	Round 12	1.00pm	4v5
		1.00pm	7v6
		1.45pm	3v2
		1.45pm	8v1
		2.25pm	Recovery Time
		3.00pm	Player Development/Activity

Friday	Round 13	9.00am	2v4
		9.00am	5v1
		9.45am	6v8
		9.45am	3v7
		10.30am	Recovery Break
	Round 14	11.30am	4v8
		11.30pm	6v2
		12.15pm	3v5
		12.15pm	1v7
		1.30pm	Closing Ceremony