

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

12 Years & Under Netball Championships

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Section A – Championship Overview

A - 1. These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with School Sport Australia Policies, Championship Protocols and the Sport Championship Organisational Manual.

A - 2. The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Netball Australia Rules unless otherwise stated.

A - 3. Championship Length

The championship runs for 6 competition days with a travel day (Saturday) prior to the championship.

A - 4. Team Size

A - 4.1 Squads shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players.

A - 4.2 The bench to include state nominated team officials. Other bench officials may be included by request at the pre-championship meeting.

A - 5. Age Dispensation

Refer to the age dispensation map on the School Sport Australia website for the current age dispensation provisions in the SSA 12 Years and Under Netball Championships.

Section B – Competition Structure

B - 1. Program / Schedule

B - 1.1 The competition format is a double round robin with no finals.

B - 1.2 The balance of the program must include the five separate components of a 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.

B - 2. Draw

B - 2.1 The draw for the Championship is to be a double round robin.

Suggested Draw

Day	Round	Time	Game structure / Activity
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

- B - 2.2** 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.
- B - 2.3** Any team found to have played a player more than 8 quarters without the consent of the National Advisor (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.
- B - 2.4** The number allocations for the draw for the following year will be the finishing positions.

B - 3. Duration of matches

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

B - 4. Game Protocols / Specific Rules / Results

B - 4.1 Match Day

- B - 4.1.1** The first mentioned team shall use the bench on the left when facing the court from the team bench.
- B - 4.1.2** If possible a countdown timer is to countdown the last fifteen (15) 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 chants are to be completed two (2) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- B - 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.
- B - 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. Exchange of badges will then take place under the direction of both managers at the end of round 1 and a group photo will be taken at the end of round 2.

B - 5. Points Allocation

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

B - 6. Method of Determining a Winner

- B - 6.1** 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.
- B - 6.2** 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.

Section C – Facilities / Equipment

C - 1. Courts

- C - 1.1** Indoor venues are recommended for School Sport Australia Netball Championships.
- C - 1.2** Indoor venue requirements where possible:
 - C - 1.2.1** Minimum of 2 playing courts plus 2 courts for warming up. Sprung wooden floor with appropriate ceiling height for lighting.
 - C - 1.2.2** 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 - 1.2.3** Only netball lines to be visible (if possible) and all courts must be clean (playing surface and run-off).
- C - 1.2.4** Goal posts to be suitably padded and shall start at the base of the goal post and extend the full length of the post.
- C - 1.2.5** A suitable warm-up area with goalposts or clear 1/2 hour to warm-up on playing court.
- C - 1.2.6** Two benches (15 chairs per side) on either side of the official's area and seating for umpires (3 chairs).
- C - 1.3** Off-court requirements
 - C - 1.3.1** Duty room with access to internet. Computer and printer for recording results.
 - C - 1.3.2** Seating for spectators and teams not playing (on opposite side to the officials' benches where possible).
 - C - 1.3.3** A lockable storage area.

C - 2. Game Equipment

- C - 2.1** Host state provides the match balls (size 5). 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.
- C - 2.2** Scoresheets are to include the provision for scoring goals, centre pass as well as recording players on court each quarter.
- C - 2.3** Substitution record sheets are to be filled out each quarter and given to the score bench for recording of quarters for the players.
- C - 2.4** 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. Two (2) stopwatches needed per court.
- C - 2.5** A towel is required to be kept at the Officials' Bench for wiping the floor after a fall and sanitiser for cleaning hands.

Section D – Uniform

- D - 1.** Australian Capital Territory - Royal Blue, Gold and Navy Blue
 New South Wales - Navy Blue, Sky Blue and White
 Northern Territory - Ochre, Black and White
 Queensland - Maroon, White and Navy Blue
 South Australia - Red, Navy Blue, Gold and White
 Tasmania - Bottle Green, Yellow, Red and White
 Victoria - Navy Blue and White
 Western Australia - Gold, Black and White

States must be notified of changes to uniform at the pre-event meeting.

- D - 2.** Players must wear bibs in the colour of the uniform, showing position on court. Players' surnames may appear on the back of the uniform.
- D - 3.** All states/territories are to have two sets of bibs with alternative colours. The first named team is to decide which colour they will wear.

Section E – Injury Management

Refer to School Sport Australia Championship Protocols and Policy for the management of injuries. This policy will override any sport specific injury management Protocols.

[School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf \(schoolsportaustralia.edu.au\)](https://schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf)

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Section F – Officials

F - 1. Umpires

- F - 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. The convenor will need to have a minimum National 'B' Badge but preferably a "A' Badge. Umpires will be allocated to games by the Umpires' Convenor as part of a neutral pool.
- F - 1.2** Host states are encouraged to foster junior umpires by nominating talented juniors from local associations as umpires for the Championship. Each state/territory is encouraged to bring a Student Umpire with a minimum of a National 'C' badge to each Championship.
- F - 1.3** The student umpires must be given priority over senior umpires and allocated to as many games as possible at the umpire convener's discretion. Student umpires are to be allocated to different games in the second round.

F - 2. Bench Officials

- F - 2.1** Scoreboards should be provided. Goals and a record of centre passes should be kept on the scoresheet.
- F - 2.2** Where possible each state is to supply a scorer/timer (parent or supporter). Students can be appointed as bench officials with a mentor to oversee the students.

Section G – Protests

N/A

Section H –Judiciary

H - 1. A judiciary shall be appointed at the pre-event meeting of each Championship

- H - 1.1** 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.
- H - 1.2** The Championship Convenor shall chair meetings of the Judiciary Committee. The National Advisor shall act as the minute taker of this committee.

H - 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.

- H - 3.** The Judiciary shall have the power to impose a suspension of one or more games on any player reported by an umpire.

Section I – Trophies / Awards / Medals

I - 1. Major Trophy

The Charles Ebert Trophy is presented to the winning netball team at the Closing Ceremony.

I - 2. Medals

The first, second and third team and accompanying officials 14 medals receive a school Sport Australia medal.