

## **SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

### ***12 Years & Under Boys & Girls 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/World Netball 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. Eligibility**

**A - 5.1** All students must be 12 years of age and under on 31 December of the year of competition unless age dispensation has been granted as per rule [A - 6](#). Students must be at least 10 years old when attending the championship.

##### **A - 6. 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 Educational Experience, 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	Time	Netball Championship	Boys' Championship
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am	Opening Ceremony	
	9.45am	6v3	1v2
	9.45am	4v1	3v4
	10.45am	7v2	
	10.45am	8v5	
	11.00am		5v6
	11.45pm	3v4	
	11.45pm	1v6	
	12.45pm	2v5	Player Development/Activity
	12.45pm	8v7	
	1.45pm	6v4	
	1.45pm	3v1	
	2.00pm		4v2
	2.45pm	2v8	
	2.45pm	5v7	
	3.15pm		3v5
	3.15pm		6v1
	4.00pm	Player Development/Activity	
<b>Monday</b>	9.00am	4v7	5v4
	9.00am	6v5	6v2
	10.00am	1v2	
	10.00am	3v8	
	10.15pm		1v3
	11.00pm	4v5	
	11.00pm	6v7	
	12.00pm	3v2	
	12.00pm	8v1	
	12.00pm		Player Development/Activity
	1.15pm	Player Development/Activity	2v3
	2.30pm	2v4	4v6
	2.30pm	5v1	5v1
	1.45pm	8v6	
	1.45pm	7v3	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am	4v8	6v3
	9.00am	6v2	2v5
	10.00am	5v3	
	10.00am	1v7	
	10.15am		4v1
	11.00am	Player Development/Activity	
	12.30pm	6v3	
	12.30pm	4v1	
	1.30pm	7v2	6v5
	1.30pm	8v5	
	2.30pm	3v4	2v1
	2.30pm	6v1	4v3
	3.30pm	2v5	
	3.30pm	8v7	Player Development/Activity
<b>Wednesday</b>	Educational Team Experience		
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am	6v4	5v3
	9.00am	1v3	1v6
	10.00am	2v8	
	10.00am	5v7	

	10.15pm		2v4
	11.00am	Player Development/Activity	
	12.30pm	4v7	
	12.30pm	6v5	
	1.30pm	2v1	4v5
	1.30pm	3v8	
	2.30pm	4v5	2v6
	2.30pm	7v6	3v1
	3.30pm	3v2	
	3.30pm	8v1	Player Development/Activity
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am	2v4	6v4
	9.00am	5v1	3v2
	10.00am	6v8	
	10.00am	3v7	
	10.10am		1v5
	11.00am		1v4
	11.20am	4v8	
	11.20pm	6v2	
	12.10pm		5v2
	12.10pm		3v6
	12.20pm	3v5	
	12.20pm	1v7	
	1.40pm	Closing Ceremony	

- B - 2.2** In the girls' competition, that rolling substitutions are allowed with all players required to play a maximum of quarters or time equivalent related to the number of teams involved (8 teams, maximum of 8 quarters)". 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** In the boys' championship players that rolling substitutions are allowed with all players required to play a minimum of quarters or time equivalent per round related to the number of teams involved (6 teams, 6 quarters per round) unless prevented from doing so by illness, injury or misbehaviour which is reported to the National Advisor for determination. Failure to comply will result in loss of points.
- B - 2.5** In the boys' championship a full quarter is defined as the entire consecutive minutes of a quarter and parts of quarters will not be accumulated.
- B - 2.6** That each player must be allocated a number which is to appear on the bottom of the uniform and must be visible for the bench officials. Numbers to be 1 – 12 allocated in alphabetical order of surname where possible. Numbers 13-15 can be used where needed and each team must have 2 sets of bibs.
- B - 2.7** The number allocations for the draw for the following year will be the finishing positions of the previous year.
- B - 2.8** Duration of matches – For the girls' netball championship the timing of the four quarters to be eight minutes with the breaks 2 minutes / 4 minutes / 2 minutes. For the boys'

championship the timing of the four quarters to be ten minutes with breaks 3 minutes / 5 minutes / 3 minutes.

### **B - 3. Game Protocols / Specific Rules / Results**

#### **B - 3.1 Match Day**

- B - 3.1.1** The first mentioned team in the fixtures shall be seated to the right of the centre circle, the second mentioned team to the left of the centre circle.
- B - 3.1.2** 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. Teams to line up one (2) minutes prior to the game for the announcement of players, team officials and umpires.
- B - 3.1.3** All chants take place following the announcement of players, team officials and umpires.
- B - 3.1.4** 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 - 4. 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 - 5. Method of Determining a Winner**

- B - 5.1** 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 - 5.2** 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 required for School Sport Australia Netball Championships.
- C - 1.2** Indoor venue requirements where possible:
  - C - 1.2.1** Minimum of 4 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 for recording results.
  - C - 1.3.2** Seating for spectators and teams not playing (on opposite side to the officials' benches and team 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). Fourteen 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 and centre pass only.
- C - 2.3** Substitution record sheets are to be filled out each quarter and given to the National Advisor at the conclusion of the days' play 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 (if necessary due to colour clashes). The first named team is to decide which colour they will wear.

## **Section E – Injury Management**

- E - 1.** Refer to School Sport Australia Championship Protocols and Policy for the management of injuries.

## **Section F – Officials**

### **F - 1. Umpires**

- F - 1.1** The Host State shall appoint two (2) Umpires' Convenor after consulting with their state sporting organisation 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 two (2) Student Umpires with a minimum of a National 'C' badge or working towards a 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. This can be a parent or supporter.
- 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 - 1.3** 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 - 1.4** 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 and The Boys' Netball Trophy are to be presented to the winning girls' netball team and the winning boys' 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.