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12 Years and under

NETBALL

Championships

13-18 September 2026

Darwin NT

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General Information

School Sport Australia Executive

President: Graeme Jennings

Executive Officer: Phil Reeves

National Advisor: Pate Cooper

School of Sport Education NT

Principal: Tim East

Assistant Principal: Jane Slater

Interstate Program Officer: Anne Dzyak

Local Organising Committee

Championship Coordinator: Jane Slater

Umpire's Coordinator: Thea Pearce

Interstate Program Officer: Anne Dzyak

Netball NT: Gayle Nairn



School Sport Australia President's Welcome

On behalf of the Board of School Sport Australia, it is my great pleasure to welcome all students, teachers, team officials, parents and supporters to the 2026 School Sport Australia Championships.

School Sport Australia exists to create exceptional student experiences through representative school sport. We are committed to ensuring that every championship delivers a high-quality, inclusive and inspiring opportunity for young people from across Australia to represent their state or territory with pride.

Since our establishment in 1981, School Sport Australia has proudly delivered national representative school sport, supporting generations of students to develop their skills, character, resilience and leadership. In 2026, we are excited to again bring together thousands of students from across the nation to compete in our Championships and School Sport Australia Games united by dedication, determination and a shared passion for sport.

As we continue to build toward our Vision, School Sport Australia remains focused on strengthening equity and inclusion, enhancing professional practice, and modernising our programs to meet the evolving needs of students. We are proud to continue expanding opportunities and ensuring that representative school sport reflects the diversity, talent and potential of young Australians.

While medals and results are part of the experience, School Sport Australia Championships are about far more than competition. They provide powerful educational opportunities that foster teamwork, integrity, respect and sportsmanship. The friendships formed, the lessons learned, and the experiences shared – both on and off the field – will remain with students long after the event concludes.

To all students representing your state or territory – congratulations. Your commitment and perseverance have earned you this opportunity. Compete with pride, support one another, and embrace every moment of this experience.

Finally, I extend our sincere appreciation to the School of Sport Education NT, the Championship officials, Team Coaches, Managers and volunteers, and all partners who have contributed to delivering this event. Your professionalism and dedication ensure the continued success of representative school sport in Australia.

I wish all participants a safe, successful and truly rewarding championship experience.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Jennings', is positioned above the printed name.

Graeme
Jennings
President
School Sport Australia

Welcome Message from the School of Sport Education NT

Welcome to the Northern Territory, Darwin and the 2026 School Sport Australia 12 Years and under Netball Championship.

On behalf of School Sport Northern Territory Inc. and the Northern Territory Department of Education I take this opportunity to congratulate all students on their selection as representatives of their State or Territory.

SSA Championships provide an opportunity for students across Australia to participate together in Sport Education including cultural and social education opportunities in addition to sport specific development at a national level.

As team members and student officials your talent, hard work and commitment has brought you to this moment in time. You are not only representing your State or Territory but also your community, your family and yourself. Respect yourself, your fellow athletes and student officials, and all those working to make this experience great for you.

I would like to acknowledge the coaches, managers, teachers, volunteers, families and others that have supported you on your journey to this point and encourage you to reflect on and appreciate this group of people.

Another group that deserves your recognition are the teams at School Sport Australia, the School of Sport Education NT and Netball NT that have worked tirelessly to make this a great event.

Make the most of this opportunity. Renew old friendships and take time to make new ones. Grow your physical skills but also, your resilience and your capacity for fair play and teamwork. Please enjoy your time in the Top End competing in our amazing facilities and visiting our special part of the world.

Play well!



Tim East

Principal
School of Sport Education NT
Department of Education
Northern Territory Government

Welcome Message from the SSA National Advisor

On behalf of School Sport Australia and the netball community, it is my pleasure to warmly welcome all skilled athletes, team officials, parents, volunteers, and supporters to the 2026 School Sport Australia 12 Years and Under Netball Championships, to be held in Darwin from 13 to 18 September 2026. This championship is a proud part of the School Sport Australia program, bringing together talented young players who have earned the honour of representing their states and territories.

These championships provide a wonderful opportunity for these skilled young athletes to compete, learn, and grow in a supportive and positive environment. While the competition showcases impressive netball abilities, the true strength of this event lies in its educational value. School Sport Australia recognises that participation in these championships supports not only sporting development but fosters significant educational, social, cultural, and personal growth.

For many athletes, this championship is both a celebration of their dedication and talent, and a valuable learning experience. It offers a chance to develop important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, resilience, and respect, while building pride in representing their schools, communities, states and territories. School sport plays a vital role in education by creating inclusive spaces where young people can challenge themselves, build confidence, and create lasting friendships.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Jane Slater and her organising committee, host officials, venue staff, umpires, team managers, coaches, and dedicated volunteers whose hard work and professionalism make this championship possible. Your commitment ensures a safe, fair, and enjoyable competition for all participants.

To the parents and families, thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support, which plays an essential role in the success and wellbeing of these young athletes.

Most importantly, to the players, congratulations on your achievement and privilege to represent your state or territory. Embrace this experience with enthusiasm, play with determination and respect, support your teammates, and cherish the friendships and personal growth that come from being part of this national championship.

I wish all participants a rewarding and memorable 2026 championship and look forward to witnessing the skill, sportsmanship, and positive spirit that define School Sport Australia.

Pate Cooper

Pate Cooper
School Sport Australia
National Netball Sport Advisor

School Sport Australia offers the sporting ideals of fairness, honesty and integrity which are central to the code of practice for students, officials, parents and spectators.

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules with respect, integrity, fairness and be a good sport.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Control your conduct and behavior on and off the field.
- Play for enjoyment and learn to value honest effort, skilled performance, and improvement.
- Strive for personal excellence and work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Do not use bad language or make derogatory remarks.
- Treat your opponent with respect, this being the way you would like to be treated.
- Accept and respect all officials' decisions and always communicate in a positive manner.
- Show respect and acknowledge your opposition and the event officials at the conclusion of each game.
- Adhere to all School Education Policies regarding appropriate conduct and behaviour.
- To leave all facilities in neat and clean condition.
- Not to film, record, photograph, or live streaming at Championships unless authorised by SSA.

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Ensure that all students within your responsibility have fair and equitable opportunities for participation and development of their individual and team skills.
- Adopt a student-centered focus on all planning, decision making and evaluation.
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents and spectators, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate conduct.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards school sport.
 - emphasise fun and enjoyment.
 - encourage both teams.
 - set a good example.
 - encourage the pursuit of personal excellence.
 - teach students to be respectful towards officials and opponents.
 - addressing and encouraging positive conduct of students
- Be consistent, respectful, and helpful toward all participants.
- Ensure that the appropriate Risk Management Plans and Procedures are adhered to.
- Adhere to their respective Education Department Policies regarding appropriate conduct.
- Ensure all facilities, including but not limited to changing rooms, are in a clean, neat and tidy condition after use.
- To not allow filming, recording, photographing, or live streaming at Championships unless authorised by SSA.

PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Demonstrate appropriate conduct throughout the event including displaying good sportsmanship.
- Be respectful in communication remembering students play for enjoyment.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Support skilled performances and team play.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any championships.
- Adhere to the respective Education Department Policies regarding appropriate conduct.
- Event officials are not to be approached – Team Officials should be the first point of contact.
- To not allow filming, recording, photographing, or live streaming at Championships unless authorised by SSA.

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Inappropriate Conduct whilst on the SSA event site. Includes but is not confined to

- Having or consuming alcohol
- Having or using non-prescribed illegal drugs or illicit substances
- Smoking
- Vaping
- Sexual activities and harassment
- Criminal offences including vandalism
- Unmanageable and severe negative behavior
- Use of abusive language including swearing or abusing others
- Physical violence to others
- Harassment, bullying or vilification toward others including the use of social media.
- Unethical behaviour
- Disregarding State / Territory team guidelines
- Refusing to comply with instructions.
- Poor sportsmanship or cheating
- Not leaving all facilities in a clean and tidy condition after use.
- Filming, recording, photography or live streaming at Championships not approved SSA.

Other Relevant Supporting Documents

- State and Territory member body student participation agreements
- School Sport Australia Policies and Procedures
- School Sport Australia Drugs in Sport Position Statement
- www.playbytherules.net.au (Approved by all State & Territory Government)

Program of Events

DAY	WEEKDAY / DATE	PROGRAM
1	Saturday 12 September	Teams arrive Pre-Event meeting 4.30pm Umpires Meeting 5.00pm
2	Sunday 13 September	Opening Ceremony 8.30am Day 1 Competition
3	Monday 14 September	Day 2 Competition
4	Tuesday 15 September	Day 3 Competition
5	Wednesday 16 September	Championship Team Experience Team Official's Professional Development and Recognition Function
6	Thursday 17 September	Day 4 Competition
7	Friday 18 September	Day 5 Competition Closing Ceremony 1.30pm

Championship Draw

Please check the School Sport Australia SA Website for up-to-date information

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School Sport Australia 12 years Netball Competition Draw – Girls and Boys						
Day	Round	Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Sunday		8:30am	Opening Ceremony			
	Girls Round 1	9:30am	SA v WA	NT v VIC	ACT v NSW	QLD v FN
	Boys Round 1	10:25am	VIC v QLD	NSW v SA	ACT v WA	NT v FN
	Girls Round 2	11:20am	ACT v FN	WA v NT	QLD v NSW	SA v VIC
	Boys Round 2	12:15pm	SA v VIC	QLD v FN	NT v WA	NSW v ACT
		12:40pm	Player Development/Activity - Girls			
		1:40pm	Player Development/Activity - Boys			
	Girls Round 3	2:00pm	NSW v FN	NT v SA	ACT v QLD	WA v VIC
	Boys Round 3	3:00pm	QLD v ACT	SA v NT	VIC v NSW	WA v FN
Monday	Girls Round 4	9:00am	QLD v VIC	WA v ACT	SA v NSW	FN v NT
	Boys Round 4	9:55am	NSW v QLD	WA v SA	NT v ACT	VIC v FN
	Girls Round 5	10:50am	WA v QLD	FN v SA	NSW v NT	VIC v ACT
	Boys Round 5	11:45am	VIC v ACT	SA v FN	QLD v NT	NSW v WA
		12:15pm	Player Development/Activity - Girls			
		1:15pm	Player Development/Activity - Boys			
	Girls Round 6	2:00pm	VIC v NSW	ACT v NT	FN v WA	QLD v SA
	Boys Round 6	2:45pm	VIC v NT	NSW v FN	QLD v WA	SA v ACT
Tuesday	Girls Round 7	9:00am	SA v ACT	VIC v FN	QLD v NT	NSW v WA
	Boys Round 7	9:55am	NSW v NT	QLD v SA	VIC v WA	ACT v FN
	Girls Round 8	10:50am	WA v SA	FN v QLD	NSW v ACT	VIC v NT
	Boys Round 8	11:45am	QLD v VIC	SA v NSW	WA v ACT	FN v NT
		12:15pm	Player Development/Activity - Girls			
		1:15pm	Player Development/Activity - Boys			
	Girls Round 9	2:00pm	VIC v SA	NT v WA	NSW v QLD	FN v ACT
	Boys Round 9	2:45pm	FN v QLD	ACT v NSW	NT v WA	VIC v SA
Wednesday	Championship Team Experience					
Thursday	Girls Round 10	9:00am	FN v NSW	VIC v WA	QLD v ACT	SA v NT
	Boys Round 10	9:55am	NSW v VIC	NT v SA	ACT v QLD	FN v WA
	Girls Round 11	10:50am	VIC v QLD	NT v FN	NSW v SA	ACT v WA
	Boys Round 11	11:45am	FN v VIC	SA v WA	ACT v NT	QLD v NSW
		12:15pm	Player Development/Activity - Girls			
		1:15pm	Player Development/Activity - Boys			
	Girls Round 12	2:00pm	QLD v WA	ACT v VIC	NT v NSW	SA v FN
	Boys Round 12	2:45pm	FN v SA	WA v NSW	NT v QLD	ACT v VIC
Friday	Girls Round 13	9:00am	SA v QLD	NT v ACT	WA v FN	NSW v VIC
	Boys Round 13	9:55am	NT v VIC	ACT v SA	WA v QLD	FN v NSW
		10:35am	Recovery Break			
	Girls Round 14	11:35am	ACT v SA	FN v VIC	NT v QLD	WA v NSW
	Boys Round 14	12:30pm	FN v ACT	SA v QLD	NT v NSW	WA v VIC
		1:30pm	Closing Ceremony			

Championship Results

Results will be updated on the School Sport Australia website:

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BOYS								
State	ACT	First Nations	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	VIC	WA
ACT								
First Nations								
NSW								
NT								
QLD								
SA								
VIC								
WA								

GIRLS								
State	ACT	First Nations	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	VIC	WA
ACT								
First Nations								
NSW								
NT								
QLD								
SA								
VIC								
WA								

Championship Team Experience

On Wednesday 16th September teams will visit:

The Defence of Darwin Experience and Darwin Military Museum, East Point, Darwin

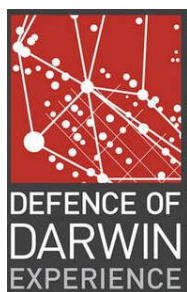
ACT, NT, NSW, SA

9.00am -10.30am

FIRST NATIONS, QLD, VIC, WA

10.30am - 12.00pm

Teams are to arrive 15 minutes before the times stated above.



Team Officials Professional Development and Recognition Function

Wednesday 16th September 6.30pm

Crocosaurus Cove,

58, Mitchell Street, Darwin





Teams



Australian Capital Territory



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Addison	Thomson	St Clare's College
2	Adelyn	McMahon	St Anthony's Parish Primary School
3	Caitlin	Martin	Canberra High School
4	Catelyn	Bleasdale	Amaroo School
5	Emerson	Wildin	Campbell High School
7	Mya	Low	St Clare's College
8	Georgia	Roberts	Daramalan College
9	Indie	Wright	Daramalan College
10	Isabella	Leyland	North Ainslie Primary School
11	Kenzie	Phillips	Burgmann Anglican School
12	Violet	Pipe	Melba Copland Secondary School
13	Annabelle	Siwek	St Clare's College

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Coach	Kellie	Quirk	St. John the Apostle
Girls Manager	Laura	Webb	Merici College



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Andrew	Johnson	Holy Spirit Primary School
2	Freddie	Halliday	Farrer Primary School
3	Hudson	Davis	Holy Family Primary School
4	Jack	Lewis	St Francis of Assisi Primary School
5	Lincoln	Rolfe	Aranda Primary School
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7	Noah	Smith	St Francis of Assisi Primary School
9	Oliver	Jordan	Aranda Primary School
10	Sam	Malcolm	Lyneham High School
12	Edward	Linehan	Hughes Primary School
	Bodhi	Miriklis	St Anne's School, VIC

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Coach	Leah	Carroll	
Boys Manager	Talia	Paterson	St Francis Xavier College

ACT STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Lily	Barry	Radford College
Umpire	Ainslie	Bignell	St Mary Mackillop College



First Nations



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Amalia	Brandt	St Columba Anglican School NSW
2	Mary	Spencer	St John's College Nambour QLD
3	Morgan	Mattsson	Emmaus College Jimboomba QLD
4	Tahrashae	Vockins	Glenmore SHS Rockhampton QLD
5	Gia	Quinlan	Sandon Public School NSW
6	Eden	Hira-Caton	Fernbrooke SS QLD
7	Tatiana	Morton	NSW
8	Jemma	McKellar	St Joseph's College Toowoomba QLD
9	Eve	Williams	Maribyrnong College VIC
10	Chloe	Elliott	Palm Beach Currumbin SHS QLD
11	Tanarlia	Yeatman	Gordonvale SS QLD
12			

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Coach	Renee	Palise	Aldridge SHS QLD
Girls Coach	Lucy	Stevens	Pittsworth SS QLD
Assistant Coach	Hannah	Farrell	
Girls Manager	Maragret	O'Brien	



First Nations



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Bohdan	Lord	St Andrew's Catholic College Cairns QLD
2	Derrick	Garlett	Balga SHS, WA
3	Alexander	Idai	Trinity Bay SHS, Cairns QLD
4	Luke	Mongta	Lucknow Primary, VIC
5	Josiah	Ritchie	Bairnsdale Primary, VIC
6	Jayce	Ritchie	Lucknow Primary, VIC
7	Xavier	Walker	Kempsey West Public, NSW
8	Oliver	Taylor	Timbumburi Public School, Tamworth NSW
9	Kaelan	Goldsmith	Le Fevre High, SA
10	Harry	Dean	Carinya Christian School, Tamworth NSW
11	Baylen	Etheridge	St Edwards Primary, Tamworth NSW
12			

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Coach	Renee	Palise	Aldridge SHS QLD
Coach	Lucy	Stevens	Pittsworth SS QLD
Assistant Coach	Hannah	Farrell	
Manager	Maragret	O'Brien	

FN STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Destiny	Kitchener	Cammeraygal High NSW
Umpire	Evie	Yeatman	St Peters Lutheran College QLD



New South Wales



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Amy	Blackman	Kellyville Public school
2	Ellie	Boers	Turramurra Public School
3	Ollie	Everson	Kahibah Public School
4	Gabriella	Fainga'anuku	Mosman Public School
5	Julia	Hume	Harbord Public School
6	Emeliana	Langi	Ambarvale Public School
7	Stephanie	Lee	Narellan Vale Public School
8	Milana	Ofanoa-Toa	Holy Cross Primary School - Glenwood
9	Sienna	Steven	Rosemeadow Public School
10	Sahara	Swanson-Tu'umatavai	Holy Family Primary School - Emerton
11	Kalani	Vatubua	Allambie Heights Public School
12	Isabella	York	The Junction Public school

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Coach	Regan	Tweddle	Woonona East Public School
Girls Manager	Michelle	Blanch	Kiama Public School



New South Wales



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Anderson	Blok	Albion Park Public School
2	Isaac	Deacon	The Illawarra Grammar School
3	Forest	Dunkin	Nulkaba Public School
4	Xavier	Hogan	Holy Spirit Primary School – Lavington
5	Jackson	Leto	New Lambton South Public School
6	Jake	Masters	McAuley Catholic Central School – Tumut
7	Michael	O'Connell	St Anne's Primary School - Lavington
8	Nate	Parlett	Coal Point Public School
9	Mason	Pedley-Smith	Kings Langley Public school
10	Hudson	Rayner	The Illawarra Grammar School
11	Tom	Sharp	Dungog Public School
12	Walter	Wallis	Reddam House North Shore

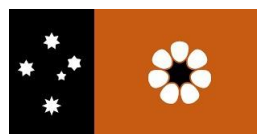
TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Coach	Rebecca	Rodwell	Clare Point Public school
Boys Manager	Darren	Lang	School Sport Unit

NSW STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Ruby	Bowen	St John Paul II Catholic College
Umpire	Charlotte	Gray	Illawarra Sports High School
Umpire	Samantha	Hoad	Glenwood High School
Umpire	Karlia	Warwick	Wollondilly Anglican College



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Lara	Boyle	Good Shepherd Lutheran College
2	Teneille	Hayes	Good Shepherd Lutheran College
3	Lily-Anna	Johansen	O'Loughlin Catholic College
4	Charlie	Hunter	O'Loughlin Catholic College
5	Lil	Jenkinson	Stuart Park Primary School
6	Amelia	May	Nightcliff High School
7	Keira	Donovan	Dripstone High School
8	Chloe	Baylis	Haileybury Rendall School
9	Violet	Kopp	Centralian Middle School
10	Eden	Evans	Darwin High School
11	Kiana	Mukundi	O'Loughlin Catholic college
13	Natayah	Hill	Haileybury Rendall School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Coach	Teuila	Te Aho	
Girls Assistant Coach	Emily	Punch	
Girls Manager	Sian	Magriplis	Wanguri Primary School



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
2	Ziggy	Aranui	Katherine South Primary School
3	Tatius	Calma-Long	O'Loughlin Catholic College
4	Luke	Duggan	Katherine South Primary School
5	Arlo	Freeman-Knox	St Paul's Catholic Primary School
6	Jack	McManus	Nightcliff Primary School
7	Thomas	Meekins	Parap Primary School
8	Tyrese	Murphy	Katherine South Primary School
9	Chance	O'Connell-Briston	O'Loughlin Catholic College
10	Quinton	Peckham-McKenzie	Katherine South Primary School
11	Bailey	Schremmer	Good Shepherd Lutheran college
12	Louis	Window	Casuarina Street Primary School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Coach	Neil	Forsythe	
Boys Manager	Kerrie	O'Connell	Wulagi Primary School

NT STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Pia	Miraglia	O'Loughlin Catholic College
Umpire	Kholo	Moyo	St Philip's College
Umpire	Sienna	Tanner	Mackillop Catholic College
Umpire	Charlie	Meaney	SEDA College
Umpire	Rilley	Djumadi	Sanderson High School
Umpire	Ruby	Hay	O'Loughlin Catholic College
Umpire	Kayley	Cox	Good Shepherd LC



Queensland



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Lusea	Du Preez	Unity College, Caloundra West
2	Sienna	Endemann	Southport Sate High School
3	Eden	Fa'amoe	Mango Hill State School
4	Emele	Hili	St Kevin's School, Geebung
5	Mariah	Johansson	San Damiano College, Yarrabilba
6	Layla	Mcgeehan	St Peters Lutheran College Springfield
7	Alani	McIlvrde	Unity College, Coloundra West
8	Macy	Paris	Moreton Bay College, Manly West
9	Sienna	Ringuet	Moreton Bay College, Manly West
10	Lily	Stoodley	Shorncliffe State School
11	Aroha	Topeto	Canterbury College, Waterford
12	Havana	Walker	Southport State High School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Coach	Anna	Young	The Cathedral College
Girls Manager	Karly	Eustace	Browns Plains Sate High



Queensland



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Fynn	Perina	St Mary's College
2	Jack	Anderson	Ipswich Grammar School
3	Leo	Gabarrin	Good Shepherd Lutheran College
4	Falani	Sauni	Mabel Park State High School
5	Rory	Noble	Ipswich Grammar School
6	Finn	Croker	St Andrew's Anglican College
7	Calvin	Tava'aletoa	Fernbrooke State School
8	Dante	Higham	Trinity Anglican School
9	Lee	Galea	Mansfield State High School
10	Jackson	Bonehill	Brisbane State High School
11	Lewis	Byrne	Immanuel Lutheran College
12	Will	Perrett	Kingaroy State High School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Coach	Justin	Wise	Queensland Pathways College
Boys Manager	Glenn	Ormesher	Southport State High

QLD STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Lincoln	Charles	St Mary's Catholic, Toowoomba
Umpire	Sienna	Grey	Glenala State High School
Umpire	Annabel	Edelenyi	Cavendish Road State High School
Umpire	Hayley	Russell	The Glennie School, Toowoomba
Umpire	Kayleigh	Ashworth	Brisbane Bayside State College
Umpire	Olivia	Cvetkovski	St Andrew's Anglican College
Umpire	Evelyn	Rich	Urangan State High School



South Australia



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Macey	Eckerman	Immanuel College
2	Zoe	Hamilton	Heathfield High School
3	Millie	Lokan	St Michael's College
4	Matilda	Manhood	St Josephs School, Clare
5	Sienna	Massey	Immanuel College
6	Liliyana	Medhurst	St Michaels College
7	Sienna	Sampson	Henley High School
8	Ava	Scaife	Trinity College Blakeview
9	Mila	Schneider	Cedar College
10	Zoe	Sharman	Trinity College, Gawler River
11	Abbie	Walsh	Nazareth Catholic College Primary, Findon
12	Annabel	Wendt	Faith Lutheran College

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Co-Coach/ Manager	Cassie	Lange	
Girls Co-Coach/ Manager	Bec	Martin	Sports College



South Australia



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Max	Brown	Woodcroft College Inc
2	Oliver	Britton	Maitland Lutheran School
3	Cruz	Clark	Banksia Park International High School
4	Bastian	Crute	Tension Woods College
5	Kavanbir Singh	Dandiwal	Glenunga International High School
6	Jacob	Igbokwe	Gleeson College
7	Lincoln	Jamieson	Port Elliot Primary School
8	Miles	Laing	Unley Primary School
9	Max	Nancarrow	Westminster School
10	Jude	Prokopec	Highgate School
11	Joshua	Walker	St Peters Woodlands Grammar School
12	Oscar	Wilson	Warradale Primary School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Coach	Judy	Greenwood	
Boys Manager	Katie	Woodrow	Playford International College



Victoria



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Deborah	Abela	St John's Regional college
2	Philippa	Lonsdale Coates	Star of the Sea
3	Nellie	Kirkwood	Cranbourne South Primary School
4	Zoe	Lewis	Glen Katherine Primary School
5	Kiele	Mataika	Independent
6	Nesia	Mataika	Independent
7	Mary Jane	McCarthy	Heathdale Christian College
8	Avery	Pulepule	Western Heights Secondary College
9	Natessa	Singh	Yarrabing Secondary College
10	Alyriah	Filimoeatu	The Grange
11	Eva	Hines	Tarneit Primary School
12	Allie	Stewart	Pleasant Street Primary School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Coach	Stacey	Gannon	Diamond Creek East Primary school
Girls Assistant Coach	Lindy	Dowell	Yarra Valley Grammar
Girls Team Manager	Hayley	Whitefield	



Victoria



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Kayden	Biffin	Baden Powell P-9 College, Tarneit
2	Patrick	Bruce	Leongatha Primary School
3	Benjamin	Burgess	Croyden Hills Primary School
4	Cameron	Cunnane	Valkstone Primary School
5	Jett	Dowdell	Narre Warren North Primary School
6	Campbell	Evers	Rangeview Primary School
7	Ned	Fogarty	Wesley College, Melbourne
8	Cooper	McInerney	Marist College Bendigo
9	Lucas	Norman	Croyden Hills Primary School
10	Octavius	Pirangi	Strathtulloh Primary School
11	Sebastian	Richard	Rosebud Primary School
13	Jimmy	Edwards	St Alpius's Parish School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Coach	Megan	Groenewegen	Hallam Secondary College
Boys Assistant Coach	Bridget	Flint Chapman	Galen Catholic College
Boys Team Manager	Tanya	Jenkinson	Templeton Primary School

VIC STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Declan	Draper	St Helena Secondary College
Umpire	Charlotte	O'Keefe	St Columba's College



Western Australia



GIRLS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	Scarlett	Collie	Duncraig Senior High School
2	Amelia	Cook	Marmion Primary School
3	A-Lise	Fetaomai	John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School
4	Bethaney	Floyd	Challis Community Primary School
5	Hannah	Heydenrych	Swan Christian College
6	Kayla	Marshall	Living Waters Lutheran College
7	Lucy	McCartney	Geraldton Grammar School
8	Evinley	McDougall	Emmanuel Catholic College
9	Evie	Moran	Ocean Road Primary School
10	Ella	Quartermaine	Byford Secondary College
11	Alex	Skroza	Carramar Primary School
12	Estelle	Stacy	Mandurah Catholic College

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Girls Tour Leader	Anna	Querios	Mater Christi Catholic PS
Girls Coach	Zoe	Spencer	Mater Christi Catholic PS
Girls Assistant Coach	Reechelle	Guadagnino	North Harrisdale Primary School



Western Australia



BOYS			
Playing Number	First Name	Last Name	School Name
1	James	Affleck	John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School
2	River	Butler	St Brigid's College
3	Nathaniel	Dayman	Padbury Catholic Primary School
4	Isaac	Deluca Cardillo	Helena College
5	Alexander	Foster	Aquinas College
6	Adam	Henwood	Padbury Catholic Primary School
7	Tyler	Murray	St Luke's College
8	Sam	Shepherd	Padbury Catholic Primary School
9	Asher	Silva	Chisholm Catholic College
10	Teddy	Hignett	Padbury Catholic Primary School
11	Elijah	Stein	Mazenod College
12	Jordan	Turner	Liwara Catholic Primary School

TEAM OFFICIALS			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Boys Tour Leader	Alicia	Whiu	
Boys Coach	Courtney	George	Kalamunda Primary School
Boys Assistant Coach	Glenn	Peterson	

WA STUDENT UMPIRES			
Role	First Name	Last Name	School
Umpire	Ella	Park	
Umpire	Tekaea	Whui	

History

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA 12 & U and 15 & U NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY

The championships had their origins in the Australian State Schools' Basketball Association developed originally for primary schools and played predominately on grass. Interstate carnivals commenced in 1923 and continued in 1924 when several exchanges between individual states occurred. In 1924 visiting teachers from Victoria, Queensland and South Australia to New South Wales made exhaustive inquiries into the question of girls' games with the view to inaugurating interstate contests. In 1925 South Australia hosted New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland in both a junior and senior competition, one of the games attracted over 2000 spectators. South Australia was victorious in the junior section and South Australia and Victoria both finished in first place in the senior. This competition continued in 1926 in New South Wales and 1927 in Victoria.

With the introduction of a perpetual trophy the first officially recognised Australian State Schoolgirls Basketball (Netball) Championship was played at the Practising School, Brisbane in 1928. The final, on the afternoon of 22 August, was before a large crowd. Victoria convincingly beat NSW 23 goals to 4 goals. Mr. John Donald Howie donated the perpetual trophy following the win of Victoria. Mr. Howie was a Victorian Councilor from 1922 – 1932 and Mayor of Camberwell in 1927 and 1928.

Australian schoolgirls tournaments were organised to combine both a netball competition and an educational tour. When girls weren't playing, they attended lessons at the local school or made educational day trips. In Brisbane the girls visited Toowoomba, the Olympic Tyre and Rubber Works in Geebung and took a trip to the South Coast of Queensland.

Netball rules and clothing endorsed notions that girls must retain their femininity and modesty if they participate in sport. Netball attire at this time consisted of billowing bloomers, which were caught at the knees, stockings to cover the legs, blouses and a hat or scarf placed around their hair line and tied at the back of the neck. Netball rules endorsed the myth that women should not over exert themselves in sport.

All players except the wing attack were restricted to play in a designated third of the court. Rules prevented play on movement or physical contest. For example, there was no rebounding after missed goals. Missed goals resulted in a throw in by a defence. Furthermore, a throw in from the sideline required your opponent to stand next to you (outside the court) and no player was allowed to be within nine feet of the thrower. To prevent unbecoming behaviour, the game was a 'silent' game with only the captain permitted to speak on court. The game consisted of six terms which were seven minutes in length. The interval between the terms was two minutes except at half-time when the interval was five minutes.

In 1929 the age group for the competition was the age of 15 in the year of the competition. For many years only four states competed (NSW, Qld, SA, Vic). In 1930 the following rules were altered:

1. The ball shall be bounced in the centre of the field with sufficient force to reach the head height of players.
2. Goal throwing – the goal thrower may alternate feet after catching the ball.

There have been two breaks in the competition continuity with an outbreak of infantile paralysis in 1937 and the Second World War from 1939-1948. Although the war finished in 1945 it took several years for the competition to be revived. In 1947 much effort was made to restart the competition but only

Queensland travelled to Melbourne and Victoria travelled to Adelaide, but all three states were to encourage other states to participate in 1948. In 1948 NSW, Victoria and South Australia competed in Melbourne with the hope that a fourth team would participate in 1949 bringing about the resumption of the competition. In 1949 the carnival did recommence when South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania competed in Adelaide. This was the first time that Tasmania competed in the competition.

The Australian State Schools' Basketball Association Constitution of the time stated that the Association comprised of the following bodies – The Victorian State Schools' Amateur Athletics Association (later becoming The Victorian State Schools' Girls Basketball Council); The NSW Public Schools Amateur Athletics Association; The South Australian Public Schools' Sports Association and The Queensland State Primary Schools' Basketball Association. Later came the inclusion of The Tasmanian State Schools Sports' Council and The Western Australian State Schools' Sports Association.

The objects of the Association were the development of girls' basketball throughout the State Schools of the Commonwealth of Australia and to organise Interstate basketball contests in such a manner that the participants would derive the highest educational value from such contests. When voting each state was allowed two delegates and if the vote was equal the Chairman had the casting vote on matters other than constitution.

The carnival has continued unbroken since 1949. In 1950, as a result of a suggestion from the late Mr. R. McGregor, General Manager of the Victorian State Schools Amateur Athletics Association to the Australian State schools' Basketball Association Council conference held during the carnival staged by the NSW Amateur Athletics Association in Sydney, a record book was commenced. Records from 1950 show there was a junior and senior component, with activities spanning almost two weeks!

The Council met once during the carnival as an AGM to discuss the by-laws and rules changes. During the 1950 conference Tasmania, participating in their second carnival, was accepted as an 'organised school body' within the terms of the constitution. For 1950, no trophy was available for the junior section so the council decided that each state should contribute (£1.1.0 - 1 pound, 1 shilling) towards the purchase of a cup to be known as 'The Interstate Girls Basketball Trophy – Junior Division' and be for the annual competition. The senior teams played for the 'Howie Cup'.

A 'senior' and 'junior' Australian team were selected to play two other teams - 'The Rest'. The Australian Selectors comprised of a panel selected from different States at the Preliminary Conference. This was the beginning of the selection of an Australian representative team, a tradition that continues at the 15 and Under Championship today.

In 1953 a second meeting of the Council was programmed into the carnival. This was named the Preliminary Conference and was introduced in order that the examination of birth certificates and other such matters as deemed necessary could be discussed. At this meeting it was moved and carried that only women teachers be appointed as Manageresses for the Interstate Basketball teams.

In 1954 the game consisted of ten-minute quarters with intervals of three, five and three minutes. In 1955 the age limit for the senior girls was 15 years of age on the 1st of September in the year the carnival is held. The junior team comprised of girls who had not reached their 14th birthday and did not turn 14 in the year of the competition.

The competition became All-Australian (all states but no territories) with the entry of Western Australia

in 1956. This tournament was held in Brisbane, and the Western Australian team travelled nearly 4000 miles by train, which took them nearly a week! This was due to the changing railway gauge and the passengers and freight changes. They had to change trains at Kalgoorlie, Port Pirie, Adelaide, Melbourne, Albury and Sydney.

By the 1956 tournament, the rules and clothing had been modified to permit some freedom of movement. Hats, knee-length bloomers and stockings had been discarded. Sports tunics closely resembled box pleated school uniforms which covered the blouse and were drawn in at the waist by a cord or sash. The tunic was required to be seven inches from the ground when kneeling. Regular checks were carried out by netball associations at the beginning of each season. Girls were required to line up, kneel down and have their hem length checked.

Many restrictive features remained – it was still a 'silent' game and rebounding from missed shots was still not permitted – as soon as the goalie took aim no one was allowed to move. As the goalie could take up to five seconds the immobility of the defences demonstrated the emphasis of no physical contest. By 1960 there were 6 states competing regularly at various venues in rotation. In 1961 all states fielded both junior and senior teams – a total of 120 girls.

In 1964, after a recommendation from the Directors of Education it was moved that the junior team be withdrawn from future carnivals, so the teams were reduced to one per state. The following year the council unanimously decided that the junior trophy would remain in the hands of the state that had won it the most times. Consequently, it is held by SA who had won it 8 times since 1950.

In 1965 council decided the playing time would be increased from four quarters of ten minutes to four quarters of fifteen minutes. In 1966, bibs began to be worn stating positions. The bibs read AW and DW – attack wing and defence wing. The seven positions were goalie, attack, attack wing, centre, defence wing, defence and goal defence.

With the gradual rise of age limits for participants, the staging of these competitions became difficult for a primary school body and so in 1967 the secondary school sports body took over responsibility, increasing the age to 16. During this time Queensland and NSW withdrew from the competition as they requested that the competition be open age. Also, in 1967 the number of umpires increased to two with each umpire taking responsibility for umpiring half of the court and their sideline.

1968 saw the re-establishment of interstate exchanges at a primary school level. South Australia made an exchange with Tasmania (basketball in Hobart). In 1969 South Australia received Queensland in football and basketball. It was hoped that other states would soon compete also and bring about a resumption of Australia-wide interchanges. The team size in 1969 was 10 players and their maximum age was 13 during the year of the carnival.

In 1969 at the secondary championship all players needed insurance cover. Parents/guardians were required to sign a certificate certifying that their child was fully insured against injury with 24 hours coverage.

1970 was the year that basketball was renamed as netball. Netball was the term used in England and taking on this name change gave Netball an international focus.

It took until 1971 for the first Australian Netball Exchange to be held in Launceston, Tasmania. At the

time the primary netball and Australian Rules Football were hosted together and this joint event continued together until 1995. In 1972 when NSW won the exchange Mr. Charles Ebert, Assistant Director of Education, who was the department liaison officer for the NSWPSA donated a trophy to be awarded annually.

1973 was the first time that secondary netball and hockey were programmed together, with four states involved (SA, WA, Tas, Vic) in hockey and netball competitions. 1977 saw the largest possible competition as included for the first time where all the states of Australia and the two territories participated. This continued until 1989 when the first time since the inception of the Secondary Hockey/Netball Championships, netball and hockey were held in completely different locations; netball in Launceston and hockey in Hobart.

In 1974 Betty Bennett (Victoria) was awarded a service award in the form of a silver medallion for outstanding service to girls' interstate netball over a long period of time. Betty was recognised again in 1991 when life memberships were awarded. Also, in 1974 it was agreed that private school students could be included in teams if state associations agreed to this. In 1982 three substitutes could be used but they could only take the court at half time. In 1987 officials from all secondary teams voted to enable all players to be interchanged at any of the intervals, a revolutionary move that was to be adopted by Netball Australia in the nineties. This enabled the coaches to make more use of all their players.

1990 was the final year for the combined Secondary Hockey/Netball Championships. Julie Hewson (WA) became the first National Secretary for netball and reported that hockey and netball would be separating and using different By-Laws. For 16 years all eight affiliates had supported the combined championships - quite a remarkable record in women's sport.

1991 was the first official Australian Secondary Schools' Netball Championships since 1972. Unfortunately, Tasmania withdrew from all school sport interstate competitions, not competing in a netball championship for 8 years. This was due to the Tasmanian Education Department no longer funding their school sport department.

1991 was also the first time that Netball Australia (AANA) had direct involvement through the presence of Jill McIntosh who was then the National Coaching Director. Jill, who went on to become the National Coach, attended the secondary championship for the next thirteen years. She was a past player (1970) of this championship, being a member of the victorious Western Australia side and earning selection in the All-Australia Schoolgirls' Team.

This liaison has continued to strengthen each year with the involvement of Netball Australia representatives at every championship since this time. From 1997 through to 1999 Janet Bothwell (the then National Coaching Director) conducted a Professional Development session for the state officials. This has become a very important component of this championship and is greatly appreciated by all involved. In 1991 a Merit Award was introduced, awarded to a skillful player who had just missed out on representative selection but showed potential.

For the first time in the history of the 15s championship, the teams participated in finals at the end of the round in 1992. Not only did this bring a climax to the excellent competition it also gave all the teams a chance to compete for specific finishing positions. 1995 saw the introduction of an Umpires' Convenor appointed by Netball Australia at the secondary championship, ensuring the appointment of umpires from a neutral pool was in line with other Netball Australia national championships. Chris Burton (the then National Umpires' Director) was instrumental in ensuring this continues. Chris was also a past South

Australian player (1959) and selected in the All-Australian Team at this Championship. Chris also coached the SA team in 1970.

At the finish of the 1992 championship Julie Hewson retired from the position of National Netball Secretary having re-established the Australian Secondary Schools' Netball Championships as a strong female event on the Australian School Sport Council calendar. Paula Nielsen a previous SA team coach was appointed to the National Netball Secretary position with the aim to further develop the competition and strengthen ties with Netball Australia. She continues in this position today.

In 1995 with the introduction of the National Junior Sport Policy interstate competitions conducted at the primary level needed the endorsement of the National Sporting Organisation to continue and as Netball Australia would not endorse the primary exchange this competition was disbanded until 1999. During these years tri state/territory competitions were conducted between South Australia, Victoria and Australian Capital Territory and another between New South Wales, Queensland and Northern Territory.

In 1996 the secondary Merit Award was changed to the Players' Player Award. This winner was selected by the players themselves. At the completion of each game the players individually voted for a player from the opposition based on court behaviour, execution of skills and contribution to their team. David Johnson (Kea Designer Sportswear/Champion/On Track Sportswear) began sponsoring the award in 1996 and has sponsored this award ever since.

1998 saw the introduction of up to 12 players instead of 10 players who can compete for each state or territory at the national championships; this also came in line with all other Netball Australia championships. It added another dimension to the game as coaches' work to use all 12 players during the minor rounds. This also gave more players the opportunity to compete for their state at this level.

In 1999 School Sport Australia gave permission for the primary exchange to continue and the event was conducted in Katherine, Northern Territory. To encourage the number of primary aged students at this event all states/territories involved sent 2 teams of 10 players. Since 1999 the exchange has invited school aged umpires to accompany teams encouraging the development of junior umpires. This was the first year that the National Netball Secretary was invited to attend the primary exchange with the aim to assist with the competition and to work towards having the event endorsed by Netball Australia.

The secondary championship in 1999 once again saw the return to a truly national championship with Tasmania rejoining the competition. The team coordinated by Netball Tasmania proudly represented their state.

In 2000 at the primary exchange Northern Territory could not afford to send two teams so South Australia fielded 3 teams. From 2001 the primary exchange converted back to one team of 12 players per state/territory with ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA and VIC competing and the format involved a double round robin competition with player development activities interspersed.

2001 saw the renaming of the championship to the School Sport Australia 15 and Under Netball Championship and the Exchange to the School Sport Australia 12 and Under Netball Exchange. This was to come in line with the Netball Australia underage championships and the School Sport Australia sport by-laws and guidelines.

After two years of planning the named secondary Australian team competed in a Trans-Tasman competition in New Zealand in 2002. The inaugural team of 12 players from four states competed

in New Zealand against a New Zealand Schools Representative team, a Māori team (Aotearoa) and a Pacific Islands team (Pasifika). After a very closely fought out final against New Zealand the School Sport Australia team won by 1 goal on the same day that Australia beat New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. A great effort considering the New Zealand girls were on average two years older than the Australian girls. Congratulations to Cathy Fellows (VIC), Marg Smith (SA) and Stacey Campton (ACT) the inaugural coach, manager and umpire and inaugural co-captains Julie Prendagast (VIC – current ANZ Championship player, and Australian player), Joanne Sutton (NSW – past ANZ championship player and past Australian player).

A Partnership Agreement was signed between Netball Australia and School Sport Australia in 2002 with both parties agreeing to work co-operatively and in partnership in the promotion and development of school netball programs at both the state and national levels. 2003 saw the appointment of all umpires to the secondary championship according to Netball Australia policy strengthening the link between School Sport Australia and Netball Australia. This gave another opportunity for TID umpires to experience competition at a national level. It also greatly assisted the players, as the funding of the umpires was no longer part of the levy.

In 2004 the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge was hosted in Adelaide an extension of the Trans-Tasman Challenge with 7 teams competing. This was the first time an Indigenous School Sport Australia team competed along with School Sport Australia, Netball New Zealand, Aotearoa, Pasifika, Cook Islands and Bastion High School from South Africa.

2005 saw a return of the 15 & Under Championship to Launceston, Tasmania. It had last been held in Tasmania in 1989, 16 years ago. It was a long-awaited return.

In 2006 the 15 & Under Championship Players' Player Award was renamed the Amy Safe (Gillett) Award. Amy was tragically killed in a cycling accident overseas when representing Australia at the World Cycling Championship. She had previously represented South Australia in 1990 and 1991 at this Championship. As a 15-year-old when asked what the characteristics of a top sportsperson were she wrote, "Determination, ambition to succeed, ability to accept decisions and any failures and continue on." This she did as Amy represented Australia in both rowing and cycling and South Australia in netball and triathlon. She is sadly missing but will now always be remembered at this Championship.

The International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge returned to Adelaide in 2006 with Singapore entering for the first time. Congratulations must go to the 2006 selected School Sport Australia team which competed in Auckland New Zealand in 2007 beating Netball New Zealand by 1 goal in the grand final. The team officials were co-coaches Kristy Keppich- Birrell (VIC), Joanne Macdermid (NSW) and manager Bernie Toohey (QLD) with the captain Ashton Hurn (SA). 2008 once again saw the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge hosted in Adelaide. This year Sri Lanka entered the competition for the first time.

At the 2008 15 & Under Championship, it was agreed that the draw from 2009 onwards would be based on the finishing position of each of the teams in the previous year. This ceased the long-standing tradition of the manager at the post championship meeting selecting a number by ballot that would decide the team's position in the draw.

After an invitation to attend the 12 & Under Exchange was extended to Carol Byers (Netball Australia Coaching development and Participation Manager) in 2008, wheels were put in motion to gain the endorsement of Netball Australia for this exchange. Carol could view first-hand the many student-centred

learning opportunities that all participants experienced throughout the week and could see the value in the exchange at this age level.

In 2008 the first semi-professional netball competition in Australasia was introduced as a joint adventure between Netball Australia and Netball New Zealand named the ANZ Championship. The competition ran for nine years with an average of 35 past players from our championship competing for one of the ten franchises over the nine years, a remarkable achievement.

The 2009 competition saw the renaming of the Exchange to the 12 and Under Netball Championship to bring it in line with all other School Sport Australia events.

An official Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Netball Australia and School Sport Australia in 2009. This formalised a cooperative agreement between the two parties for both the 12 and under and 15 and under championships. With the 12 and Under Championships, Netball Australia commended the appointment of student umpires and offered assistance in appointing personnel to coach these students. They requested that school Sport Australia ensure that team coaches have accreditation and that parent education sessions were conducted prior to the championship. At the 15 and Under Championships Netball Australia agreed to manage and fund the appointment of umpires and the umpires' allocation panel, provide coach education and provide a selector for the Australian team. Further to this at the international level Netball Australia agreed to assist in finding suitable international teams to invite to compete and manage and fund the appointment of umpires and the allocation panel. The MOU was renegotiated in 2010, again in 2011 and continues to be renegotiated.

2010 saw the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge return to Adelaide with Bukit Jalil Sports School in Malaysia entering the competition. The selected 2010 secondary Australian team competed in Wellington, NZ in 2011 and beat Netball NZ by 12 goals, an outstanding effort. Well done to coach Kristy Keppich-Birrell (VIC), assistant coach Leesa Gallard (VIC), manager Peta Maher (SA) and captain Kaitlyn Brice (NSW).

2012 saw the return of Western Australia to the 12 and Under Championship, they had not competed since 1964. To incorporate WA into the competition a double round robin could no longer be held so a single round robin followed by a "likeability" second round robin was with the player development activities. 2012 was also SAPSASA's 100-year celebration and as part of the celebration the 12 and under netball and Australian football championships were hosted at the same time. This gave the opportunity for both teams from the same state/territory to mix together as they did from 1991 – 1995.

Also 2012 saw the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge hosted once again in Adelaide with Samoa entering the competition for the first time. It was once again a fantastic week of netball, networking and fellowship for all the girls.

Following the 2013 12 and under championships it was agreed by all team officials to return to the double round robin format, so games were shortened to 8 minute quarters and players restricted to only 8 quarters on any one day. This would encourage the use of all 12 players and remove the finals format in 2014. For the first time in the history of School Sport Australia an indigenous team competed in the 12 and under championships. The Budgies Indigenous Netball team filled the bye which was created as Tasmania does not currently enter a team at this level. Congratulations to Shane Ambrum, Deb Farrell and JoAnne Kelly (team officials) who did a fantastic job putting together the indigenous team which included girls from Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia.

It was agreed if there was ever a bye and no other state/territory wished to put in a side then the Budgies would be invited.

The International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge hosted in Adelaide in 2014 including Fijiana FANZ (Fijian's in NZ & Australia) and the Auckland Tonga Netball Association as first time competitors increasing the competition to 10.

It was disappointing that Netball NZ in 2015 chose to withdraw from the International Netball Championships particularly as they developed the competition in 2002, but it was with excitement that the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge was hosted by Bukit Jalil Sports School in Malaysia - the first time outside of NZ or Australia. At the 15s championship post championship meeting the length of quarters was reduced from 12 to 10 minutes to come in line with Netball Australia rules. At the 12s championship post championship meeting the length of quarters was reduced from 12 to 10 minutes to come in line with Netball Australia rules. In 2016 the International Schoolgirls was hosted in New Zealand for the first time by Aotearoa Māori and it was great to see the New Zealand Secondary School Netball team return to the competition for this one year.

In May 2016, Netball Australia announced that it would be parting ways with Netball New Zealand leaving behind the ANZ Championships and introduced a professional Australian competition called the Suncorp Super Netball. Three new franchises were introduced - Giants Netball, Magpies Netball Club and the Sunshine Coast Lightning joining the five existing Australian teams - Adelaide Thunderbirds, Melbourne Vixens, NSW Swifts, Queensland Firebirds and West Coast Fever.

2017 the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge was hosted by Netball Fiji in Suva, Fiji. This was the first time that Netball Fiji had entered a team in the challenge, and it was exciting for them to have the opportunity to host the event. It was a particularly educational and cultural week with many opportunities for our team to mix with the locals. A highlight of the week was visiting the Suva Methodist School playing netball against the school netball team and handing out netballs to the school.

In 2017 this netball championship became part of the Pacific School Games (PSG), an international school sport event involving around 4000 students in 11 different sports. This was the first time in many years that the 12s and 15s championships competed together at the same event. The 12s competition includes the same team as in 2016 but in the 15s championship the Budgies Indigenous team and India entered the competition.

2018 saw the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge hosted for the first time by the Budgies Indigenous Netball Team in Runaway Bay, Queensland. This was a great week of netball and congratulations must go to the School Sport Australia team that defeated the Auckland Samoa Netball team 44-37 in the grand final. Well done to coach Kate Gray (VIC), assistant coach Peta Trahair (NT), Manager Dian Sexton (NSW) and co-captains Maddison Ridley (VIC) and Reilly Batchelor (QLD).

2019 saw the first boy compete in the 12 and Under Championship as a representative for Western Australia. Given equal opportunities for all students in this age group and there not being a separate boys' competition both genders are eligible.

Standalone championships are now in place for boys in both 12 and under, and 15 and under.

Paula Nielsen

National Netball Secretary 1993-2020

(including extracts from "Netball Looking Back" by Jan Ryan, Western Australia)

WINNERS OF THE INTERSTATE JUNIOR TROPHY & CHARLES EBERT TROPHY

12 and under Championships.

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE PRIMARY EXCHANGE INTERSTATE JUNIOR TROPHY (introduced 1950) – held in conjunction with the Senior competition			
YEAR	WINNER	YEAR	WINNER
1950	Queensland	1958	Western Australia
1951	Victoria	1959	South Australia
1952	Tasmania	1960	South Australia
1953	Queensland	1961	South Australia
1954	South Australia	1962	South Australia
1955	South Australia	1963	Western Australia
1956	Queensland	1964	South Australia
1957	Western Australia	1965-70	Junior competition ceased
PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIP CHARLES EBERT TROPHY (introduced 1971) - this competition became a stand-alone competition from 1971.			
1970	New South Wales	1999	South Australia
1972	New South Wales	2000	New South Wales
1973	South Australia	2001	Victoria
1974	South Australia	2002	Victoria
1975	South Australia	2003	Victoria
1976	South Australia	2004	Victoria
1977	New South Wales	2005	South Australia
1978	New South Wales	2006	South Australia
1979	New South Wales / South Australia	2007	New South Wales
1980	Queensland	2008	Queensland
1981	South Australia	2009	South Australia
1982	New South Wales / South Australia	2010	Victoria
1983	New South Wales / South Australia	2011	New South Wales / Victoria
1984	South Australia	2012	Victoria
1985	South Australia	2013	Victoria
1986	Queensland	2014	Victoria
1987	Queensland	2015	Victoria
1988	South Australia	2016	Victoria
1989	South Australia	2017	New South Wales
1990	South Australia / Queensland	2018	South Australia
1991	Queensland	2019	Queensland
1992	Queensland	2020	No Championship – COVID
1993	Victoria	2021	No Championship – COVID
1994	Victoria	2022	Queensland
1995 -1998 Not endorsed-Nat Sports Junior Policy			
Girls – Charles Ebert Trophy		Boys – Boys' Netball Trophy	
2023	Victoria	2023	Queensland
2024	Queensland/South Australia	2024	Victoria
2025	New South Wales	2025	Victoria

SSA Netball Life Members

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

SSA 12 and under 10 Year service Awards

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Renee Palise	First Nations	2025
Marion Burt	WA	2023
Lynsey Simcoe (12 and 15)	ACT	2019
Rachel Birkin*	NT	2019
Karen Pettman	SA	2017
Peta Trahair (12 and 15)	NT	2016
Melissa Saunders	ACT	2016
Sue Raison	QLD	2016
Jenny McCann	VIC	2014
Kris Robson	SA	2014
Pate Cooper	NSW	2009
Sue Brandenburg	NSW	2007
Julie Kellam (12 and 15)	NT	2006
John Deany	VIC	2003
Marie Kelly	NSW	2001

Medical Services

24 HOUR EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, Police and Ambulance ☎ 000
Poisons Information Service ☎ 131 126

A Qualified Sports Medicine Trainer will be on call. Ice will be available at the venue.
Teams are required to provide a First-aid kit.

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Doctors and Physiotherapists are aware the championship is happening and will try to prioritise any injuries.

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