

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

GIRLS 12 YRS & UNDER NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1.0 COMPETITION RULES

1.1 Rules of the Game

1.1.1 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, 3.2.4, 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.

1.3 Team Size

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

2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Draw

2.1.1 The draw for an Championship of 6 teams is listed as **Appendix 1**

2.1.2 The allocation of number symbols to each participant has been drawn by ballot at the 2003 Championship with each state/territory rotating one position in subsequent years. An appendix with the rotations for the next 4 years is listed as **Appendix 2**.

2.2 Program

2.2.1 The competition shall consist of two rounds on a round robin basis and take place over a minimum of six (6) playing days.

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

2.2.3 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 Round Robin State v State – the timing of the four quarters to be ten (10) minutes with the breaks 2minutes /4 minutes /2 minutes.
- 2.4.2 Where possible, games should be played consecutively so that all other teams can view each game.

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.
- 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. Six (6) new balls are to be rotated throughout the Championship. It shall be a ball endorsed by the Netball Australia.
- 3.2.2 The umpires are responsible for returning balls to the Championship Convenor at the completion of the match.
- 3.2.3 Scoresheets are to include provision for scoring goals and misses as well as recording centre pass. A sample scoresheet is listed as appendix 3.
- 3.2.4 Where timing is provided via an electronic scoreboard a stopwatch is to be kept at the bench to time the last minute or to be used if the electronic equipment is not working properly.
- 3.2.5 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 who will provide feedback and if possible Professional Development 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 convener'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 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Helen Black	NT	2001
Marie Kelly	NSW	2001
John Deany	VIC	2003
Julie Kellam	NT	2006
Pate Cooper	NSW	2009

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA ECLECTIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	STATE	YEAR	SPORTS
Sue Brandenburg	NSW	2007	Netball / Softball

APPENDIX 1: DRAW

Sunday		9.00am	Opening Ceremony
	Round 1	10.00am	1v6
		10.00am	2v5
		11.10pm	3v4
	Round 2	12.20pm	2v1
		1.30pm	4v5
		1.30pm	3v6
		Player Development/Activity	
Monday	Round 3	9.00am	4v2
		9.00am	1v3
		10.10am	5v6
	Round 4	11.20pm	4v1
		12.30pm	5v3
		12.30pm	6v2
		Player Development/Activity	
Tuesday	Round 5	9.00am	2v3
		9.00am	6v4
		10.10am	1v5
	Round 6	11.20am	4v3
		12.30pm	5v2
		12.30pm	6v1
		Player Development/Activity	
Wednesday		Educational Excursion	
Thursday	Round 7	9.00am	1v2
		9.00am	5v4
		10.10am	6v3
	Round 8	11.20pm	2v4
		12.30pm	3v1
		12.30pm	6v5
		Player Development/Activity	
Friday	Round 9	9.00am	1v4
		9.00am	3v5
		10.10am	2v6
	Round 10	11.20am	5v1
		12.30pm	4v6
		12.30pm	3v2
		1.45pm	Closing Ceremony

Appendix 2: Rotation of Allocated Numbers for the Draw:

2008	1	SA	2010	1	NSW
	2	ACT		2	NT
	3	VIC		3	SA
	4	QLD		4	ACT
	5	NSW		5	VIC
	6	NT		6	QLD
2009	1	NT	2011	1	QLD
	2	SA		2	NSW
	3	ACT		3	NT
	4	VIC		4	SA
	5	QLD		5	ACT
	6	NSW		6	VIC