SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

GIRLS 12 YRS & UNDER NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1.0 COMPETITION RULES

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

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

1.3 Team Size
1.3.1 Teams shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players.
1.3.2 The bench to include state nominated team officials. Other bench officials may be included by request at the pre-championship meeting.

2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Draw
2.1.1 The draw for 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 For a 6 team draw the competition shall consist of a double round robin and take place over a minimum of six (6) tournament days. For a 7 or 8 team draw the competition shall consist of a single round robin and take place over a minimum of six (6) days. Host states to be encouraged to fill the bye in a seven (7) team draw so that it became an eight (8) team draw to enable more playing time.

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 6 team double round robin – the timing of the four quarters to be ten (10) minutes with the breaks 2 minutes/4 minutes/2 minutes. 7 & 8 team single round robin – the timing of the four quarters to be twelve (12) minutes with breaks 3 minutes/5 minutes/3 minutes.

2.4.2 Where possible, games should be played consecutively so that all other teams can
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 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.

3.2.4 A towel is required to be kept at the Officials' Bench for wiping the floor after a fall.

4.0 GAME PROTOCOL

4.1 Match Day

4.1.1 Teams are encouraged to watch and support the opposition teams.

4.1.2 If possible a countdown timer is to countdown the last ten (10) minutes prior to the start of a game. If not possible all Team Managers are to keep count of the last few minutes prior to the start of the game. All war cries are to be completed two (2) minutes prior to the start of the game.

4.1.3 Teams to line up one (1) minute prior to the game for the announcement of players, team officials and umpires and for shaking of hands.

4.1.4 At the completion of the game both teams to join together for a group cheer. This is to take place off of the competition court to allow the next game to commence. Championship of badges will then take place under the direction of both Managers.

5.0 MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 Umpires

5.1.1 The Host State shall appoint an Umpires’ Convenor after consulting with Netball Australia’s Director of Umpiring 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**

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APPENDIX 1: DRAW

Sunday

Round 1
9.00am Opening Ceremony
10.00am 1v6
10.00am 2v5
11.10pm 3v4

Round 2
12.20pm 2v1
1.30pm 4v5
1.30pm 3v6
3.00pm 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
2.00pm 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
2.00pm 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
2.00pm 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:

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Appendix 3: MOU between SSA & NA:
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BY AND BETWEEN

ALL AUSTRALIA NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED, Trading as NETBALL AUSTRALIA
(ACN 003 142 818) of Level 2, 140 King Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

and

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
PO Box 4757, Higgins, ACT 2615

RECITALS

A. Netball Australia is the governing body for the sport of netball in Australia.
B. School Sport Australia is responsible for the development and promotion of school sport in Australia.
C. The parties wish to have a relationship and affiliation which will assist each to provide services and opportunities to school students, the terms of which are documented in this MOU.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

1. Term and Scope
1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') will commence on the date of execution and continue until December 2010;
1.2 In December 2010, the parties will enter into discussions in good faith for negotiating a new agreement for 2011.

2. Mutual obligations
2.1 The parties agree to work cooperatively in the following:
(a) 12/U Netball Exchange
   1. School Sport Australia will conduct the exchange
   2. Netball Australia will endorse the 12/U Netball Exchange on the proviso that it continues to fall inside the Netball Australia Junior Sport Policy, state team coaches have a current coaching accreditation and that a parent education session is conducted by each state or School Sport Australia;
   3. Netball Australia commends the appointment of C badge students taking the role of umpire at the 12/U Netball Exchange. Netball Australia's Director of Umpiring should be contacted to recommend the appropriate state based person to assist with the coaching of these umpires;
(b) 15/U Netball Championship
   1. An undertaking by each State School Sporting Association to work with the State Netball Association by:
      i. Forging links with the talent development program
      ii. Involvement in the selection process of the state team
   2. School Sport Australia will conduct the championship;
   3. Netball Australia will endorse the 15/U Netball Championship on the proviso that state team coaches have a current coaching qualification (must be Intermediate accredited as a minimum);
   4. Netball Australia will provide umpires for the championship, these will be coached throughout the championship by a Netball Australia appointed allocations panel;
5. Netball Australia will provide a coach education opportunity during the championship;
6. Netball Australia will provide education to the scorers and timers;
7. At least one Netball Australia approved selector must sit on the Australian Team Selection Panel and where possible and required, Netball Australia will provide education for the selectors;

(c) Australian Schoolgirls Team
1. School Sport Australia will conduct the championship when held in Australia;
2. School Sport Australia is responsible for their representative team;
3. Netball Australia will have an involvement in the appointment process of the coach;
4. When the competition is held in Australia, Netball Australia will provide umpires for the championship, these will be coached throughout the championship by a Netball Australia appointed allocations panel. International teams may be charged an umpire levy to assist with the provision of umpires;

3. Termination
3.1 Either party may terminate this MOU by giving one month written notice to the other party.

4. Confidentiality
4.1 Both parties shall treat as confidential all information which comes into their possession pursuant to or as a result of or in the performance of this MOU and shall only make disclosure of such confidential information for the purposes of fulfilling their obligations under this MOU.

5. Legal Effect
5.1 This MOU is not intended to be legally binding on the parties.