2012 STATE EVENTS
RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION A - STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

1. General Information

1.1 The competition will be played under the rules outlined in the Netball Australia Official Rules Book (revised February 2008 edition).

1.2 These competitions are conducted under the authority of Queensland Netball Association (Netball Queensland).

1.3 The Netball Queensland Events Officer has the responsibility for the day to day operation and management of each State Event.

1.4 Netball Queensland will appoint a committee to stipulate certain criteria relating to the format, structure and conduct of the events.

1.5 Netball Queensland has the power to waive compliance with the Rules and Regulations when satisfied that special circumstances exist.

1.5.1 Any request to waive compliance with the Rules and Regulations must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Netball Queensland Events Officer.

2. Nomination Procedures

2.1 The nomination fee of $145.00 per team is non-refundable.

2.2 Nomination Forms, Team Sheets and payment are to be submitted to Netball Queensland on or before the closing date stipulated on the bottom of each Form.

2.3 Each nominated team must supply an Umpire who holds a National Accreditation Badge or is an approved Regional Academy TID Umpire. The Umpire's name and badge level must be stated on the relevant Team Sheet.

2.4 Please ensure that all Nomination Forms are completed correctly. Netball Queensland will not accept any incorrect or incomplete Nomination Forms.

2.5 Late nominations will be accepted at the discretion of the Events Officer, and a fee of $45 per team will apply.

- A Nomination is considered late if the Nomination Form and/or Team Sheet are received after the closing date for each event, and if the nomination fee (payment) is received after the closing date for each event.

2.6 Late withdrawals of teams will incur a fee of $250 per team at the discretion of the Events Officer.

3. Team Eligibility

3.1 Any Netball Queensland Full Member Association may enter teams in the competition provided that the Association has paid the required Affiliation fee, Capitation fees and/or any other amounts due to Netball Queensland.

3.2 All nominated players must compete in a minimum three (3) Association fixture matches in the current year.

3.3 Players may only compete in one (1) State Event (State Age Championships or Challenge Carnival) in any one (1) year with the exception of the Country Carnival. All players are eligible to compete at the Country Carnival.

3.4 No player may represent more than one (1) Association in the current year with the exception of Import Players (refer to Rule 4.4. Import Players).

3.5 Challenge Carnival

3.5.1 Age divisions: 12 Yrs (competitive), 13 Yrs, 14 Yrs, 15 Yrs, 16 Yrs.
3.5.2 Associations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams per age division.
3.5.3 Associations are restricted to only entering teams into the same age division/s as entered at the State Age Championships in the same competition year.

3.6 State Age Championships

3.6.1 Age divisions:13 Yrs, 14 Yrs, 15 Yrs, 16 Yrs, 17 Yrs
3.6.2 Associations may enter a maximum of one (1) team per age division.
3.6.3 All Associations are eligible to nominate in any age division.

3.7 Country Carnival

3.7.1 Age divisions:13 Yrs, 14 Yrs, 15 Yrs, 16 Yrs, 17 Yrs, Opens.
3.7.2 Associations may enter a maximum of one (1) team only in the junior age divisions (13-17 yrs) and two (2) teams in the open division.
3.7.3 All Associations are eligible to nominate in any age division.

3.8 Players MUST BE born in the following years to be eligible for each age group (player's age is taken as at 31 December in current year - 2012):

Age	Year of Birth	State Event Eligibility	Age division Eligibility
11 Yrs & under	2001 +	Not eligible to compete	N/A
12 Yrs	2000	Challenge, Country*	12yrs ONLY*
13 Yrs	1999	State Age, Challenge & Country	13yrs ONLY*
14 Yrs	1998	State Age, Challenge & Country	14yrs – 17yrs & Open
15 Yrs	1997	State Age, Challenge & Country	15yrs – 17yrs & Open
16 Yrs	1996	State Age, Challenge & Country	16yrs – 17yrs & Open
17 Yrs	1995	State Age, Country	17yrs & Open
Open	>1994	Country	Open division ONLY

**Only under exceptional circumstances will exemptions be considered for 12 or 13 years players to play up an age division. Up to two 12 years players are permitted to play in the 13 years Country Carnival teams without formal approval, however only under exceptional circumstances will exemptions be considered for more than two 12 years players to play up in a 13 years team. Applications must be sent to Netball Queensland in writing with as much relevant information as possible. Approval must be received before these players may be submitted on the team sheet to play up in a State Event.*

4. Team Composition

4.1 Associations may nominate no more than twelve (12) and no less than nine (9) players in any one (1) team.

4.2 Should your Association make any changes to the team after nominations have closed, a Replacement Team Sheet and Player Replacement Form must be completed and sent to Netball Queensland prior to the event and as soon as possible.

4.3 Composite Representative Teams

4.3.1 Associations may apply to Netball Queensland to form a composite representative team with a neighbouring Association. To be eligible to apply, each of the two (2) Associations must have no more than 200 members registered with Netball Queensland in the year of the request. Applications must be received by Netball Queensland at least two (2) weeks prior to the nominations closing date.

4.4 Import Players

4.4.1 Associations unable to fill a team from their own Association members may apply in writing to Netball Queensland for permission to import player/s (maximum of two (2)). If the application is approved by Netball Queensland, then a clearance letter must be obtained from the Association the player is being imported from and a copy of the clearance must be provided to Netball Queensland prior to the nominations closing date.

4.5 Dual Membership

4.5.1 Players with dual membership (ie. signed on at two (2) or more Associations in the given year) must choose ONE (1) Association in which they will play for in the given year in any of the Netball Queensland competitions including Challenge Carnival / State Age Championships, and Country Carnival.

5. Grading

5.1 Teams will be graded by a committee appointed by Netball Queensland. All additional information provided to Netball Queensland will be considered (such as team performances in Regional / Association carnivals) during the grading process.

5.2 Team Divisions will be published on the NQ website at least two (2) weeks prior to the event.

5.3 Associations may appeal any grading decision and must do so using the Appeal Application form. The appeal must be received by Netball Queensland on or before the appeals closing date (refer to Rule 10. Appeals).

6. Conduct of Events

6.1 All teams must participate in the Opening Ceremony in full uniform and remain for the Closing Ceremony.

6.2 The scorecards for all games will be placed on the relevant courts at the beginning of each competition day. Teams are therefore not required to collect the scorecards at the beginning of each round. The Team Manager of the winning team is responsible for returning the scorecard to Administration immediately after the conclusion of each game. Scorecards must be signed by the Scorers, Umpires and Captains.

6.3 There will not be a Final Series played at State Events.

7. Player Movement

7.1 Twelve (12) years players born in 2000 and thirteen (13) years players born in 1999 are restricted to playing only in their own age group, with the exception of where approval has been provided by Netball Queensland prior to submission of team list (as per section 3.8), although such approval will only be provided under exceptional circumstances.

7.2 Associations may apply for special consideration for players aged fourteen (14) years and over to play up in an older age group. Approval will be given at the discretion of the Events Officer.

7.3 Teams may borrow players from lower divisions within their Association, however once a player has played three (3) times above her grade she must remain in the higher division. **Twelve (12) years and thirteen (13) years players are not permitted to play up a division in any circumstance unless approval is provided prior to submitting a State Events team to Netball Queensland (as per section 3.8).**

7.4 Players who participate in the Challenge Carnival may replace sick / injured players in the State Championships provided the sickness / injury occurs AFTER the Challenge Carnival. The Association must provide a Replacement Player Form signed by the Association and the parent of the sick / injured player and medical certificate which proves the sickness / injury occurred after the Challenge Carnival. If a player withdraws from a State Championships team and a Challenge players is chosen as the Replacement Player, the Association must provide a Replacement Player Form signed by the Association and the parent of the withdrawn player, stating that the Player withdrew from the team AFTER the Challenge Carnival, and stating the reasons for the withdrawal. Netball Queensland reserves the right to reject the appointment of a Replacement Player, provided that the Association is informed of the reasons for such rejection.

8. Uniforms

8.1 Associations are to provide Netball Queensland with a current photograph / sketch of their representative uniform which must accompany the Association Uniform Register. If Associations plan to change / update their representative uniforms, the proposed team

colours and uniform design will firstly need to be approved by Netball Queensland. A sample of the material or colour photograph should accompany the written application.

8.2 A team is not permitted to alter its colours or uniform design without first obtaining approval from Netball Queensland.

8.3 No player shall play in any uniform not registered with Netball Queensland.

8.4 Playing uniforms shall consist of shirt and skirt or bodysuit, socks, briefs and positional patches along with suitable sporting footwear.

8.5 Bicycle shorts are not permitted however boyleg / hot pants may be worn if part of the official uniform.

8.6 Positional patches shall be worn on the front and back of the uniform above the waist and lettering shall be not less than 100mm and no more than 150mm, and clearly visible.

8.7 Associations may identify a sponsor's logo or team logo on the playing uniform if the logo does not exceed 64cm^2. Associations may identify a manufacturer's logo on the playing uniform if the logo does not exceed 16cm^2. Sponsor, Team and Manufacturer's logos may only appear once on any one (1) garment. Both may appear on the one garment. It is not permitted to display a sponsor's or other name on positional patches.

8.8 All Association teams must wear the same uniform unless extenuating circumstances exist in which case, a letter of request must be sent to the Events Officer providing an explanation and giving as much notice as possible. If the difference in uniform is due to a medical issue, a signed letter from the Medical Practitioner must be attached.

8.9 Footwear

8.9.1 Suitable sports footwear may be worn. They shall be of lightweight material. Spiked soles are not allowed.

8.9.2 Grass sport shoes of any style are not allowed to be worn at State Events. Any players found to be wearing footwear with tags (moulded or metal), blades or metal spikes of any kind will not be allowed to take the court until they are wearing appropriate footwear.

8.9.3 Umpires have a duty of care and therefore have the right to examine shoes if necessary.

9. Policies

9.1 Drugs Policy

9.1.1 Netball Queensland does not support the use of performance enhancing substances and views any such use as detrimental to the sport and the spirit of the game of Netball.

9.1.2 Netball Queensland supports the AANA Drugs (Anti-Doping) Policy, as amended from time to time.

9.2 Junior Sports Policy

9.2.1 Netball Queensland supports the Junior Sports Policy. This policy can be found on the Netball Australia website www.netball.asn.au.

9.3 Pregnancy Policy

9.3.1 All players will be bound by Netball Australia's Pregnancy Policy and Guidelines. This can be found on the Netball Australia website www.netball.asn.au.

9.4 Netball Queensland Code of Behaviour

9.4.1 All Players, Officials and Administrators will be bound by Netball Queensland's "Code of Behaviour" This is available from the Netball Queensland website www.netballq.org.au.

10. Appeals

10.1 Associations may appeal a decision in regards to the division/s that their teams have been placed into for a certain event. The Appeals Application Form should be submitted and addressed to the Events Officer on or before the closing date specified for each event. Appeals will only be accepted in this format. Emails / written letters will not suffice.

10.2 Appeals must come directly from an Association Committee Member and any correspondence received from Coaches, Managers or the like will not be accepted.

11. Officials

11.1 Event Officials

11.1.1 Representatives of the State Events Committee and at least one (1) Netball Queensland representative will be at each event for consultation if required.

11.1.2 Netball Queensland will provide qualified Sports Trainers at all State Events.

11.2 Match Officials

11.2.1 The Match Officials consist of the Umpires and Scorers.

11.2.2 One (1) scorer must be supplied by each team for each match.

11.2.3 The two (2) official Scorers and Umpires are the only personnel permitted between the courts and courtside. All other personnel and spectators must be in designated areas.

11.3 Team Officials

11.3.1 The Team Officials consist of the Coach, Manager and Captain.

11.3.2 A team official shall list on the scorecard any player who is playing above their designated division.

11.4 Umpires

11.4.1 Umpires must hold a Netball Australia minimum C badge Umpire's Accreditation.

11.4.2 Associations shall appoint one (1) Umpire per team nominated in each event. The appointed Umpire must be available to umpire as rostered by Netball Queensland for the duration of the event.

11.4.3 Each Umpire will be included in a pool of Umpires and will be allocated to games by Netball Queensland. Umpires not appointed to teams by Associations may nominate independently and will be included in the pool of Umpires.

11.4.4 Umpires should dress in predominantly white attire.

11.4.5 All matches will promptly commence at the time specified in the program, and Umpires must be ready to begin at this time.

11.4.6 Reserve Umpires will be listed on the Umpires sign-on sheet.

11.4.7 Fines will be allocated for failure to fulfil Umpiring duties, including reserve duties.

11.4.8 **It is the responsibility of the Umpire to be fully aware of the Rules and Regulations of the competition.**

12. Awards

12.1 Twelve (12) awards will be presented to the Winners and Runners-Up in each division.

12.2 Awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremony.

SECTION B – CONDUCT OF MATCHES

13. Match Rules

13.1 Points will be awarded as follows:

- Two (2) points for each win
- One (1) point for a draw or tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss and a bye

13.2 Duration of Game

13.2.1 Matches will be played in halves, and playing times for matches will vary between carnivals, depending on the number of teams entered. Match times for each event will be displayed on the website prior to the event.

13.3 Stoppages

13.3.1 Injury or Illness

13.3.1.1 Stoppages for injury or illness may occur as per Rule 7.1 of the Official Rules of Netball.

13.3.1.2 Any stoppage for injury / blood will require the player concerned to be removed immediately from court. The player may be replaced and play continues or the player's position may be left vacant whilst play continues and the injured player is treated. In this case the player may return to the court after a goal is scored or at a stoppage / interval. If the injured player is a Centre, the position must be filled.

13.3.1.3 If injury is serious enough to halt the game, Umpires must ascertain quickly from team officials whether the player will continue or be replaced to enable the game to progress.

13.3.1.4 Injury time will not be added to the game.

13.3.2 Blood policy

13.3.2.1 An Umpire is required to call time when a player who is bleeding is noticed and no on Court player has called time.

13.3.2.2 The player must be attended to immediately or be replaced.

13.3.2.3 The Umpire shall decide the length of time for the stoppage and shall ensure that play is restarted as soon as possible.

13.3.2.4 No extra time will be given for a stoppage.

13.4 Final Placings

13.4.1 Final Placings will be determined by the number of points accumulated at the conclusion of the carnival.

13.4.2 If two (2) teams have equal points at the conclusion of the rounds, the order of merit of these teams shall be determined by the results of the match played between them. In the event that this match was drawn, the order of merit shall be determined by goal percentages of the two (2) teams in matches played against other teams placed in the top four (4).

13.4.3 If more than two (2) teams have equal points at the conclusion of the rounds, the order of merit of these teams shall be determined by goal percentages in the matches played between the tied teams. Ie. "Goals For" divided by "Goals Against" multiplied by 100.

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