MISSION FOODS PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP 2012 COMPETITION RULES

COMPETITION RULES

RULES

All matches played within the competition will follow the standard Netball rules as per the Netball Australia 'Rules of Netball 2008', unless otherwise stated in this document.

In all Pool/Finals rounds, the centre pass will be decided upon by 'tossing a coin'. The winner of the toss has the option of choosing the centre pass or the end to which they wish to play.

ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS / PLAYERS – MISSION FOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL CUP

This is a school based Netball competition, and as such all competitors will be team representative of a particular school. In circumstances where schools cannot provide a team on their own, two or more schools may combine to form a 'Composite Team' provided that their combined enrolments do not exceed 500 students. Combined schools must also belong to the same School Sports District. Please note, if nominating a composite team, the names of combining schools are to be indicated on the nomination form along with demographical details such as number of students of each school and geographical proximity.

Teams of a maximum 12 players are to be selected. All players must be in grade 7 or lower regardless of their age and must be registered pupils of the school, or combination of schools they represent. Males are allowed to play in the competition as long as they are a maximum age of 12 as of 31 December 2012. If teams have male players, there may be a maximum three (3) on court at any one time and must be spread out in positions i.e. one (1) player in defence, one (1) player in mid court and one (1) player in a shooting position.

A single school may enter no more than two (2) teams in the competition, however each player may only be registered and compete for a single team **at any time**.

All players must be full time bona-fide primary school students. Players must be a maximum age of 13 years as of 31 December 2012. All players must be in grade 7 or a lower grade regardless of their age and must be registered pupils of the school, or combination of schools they represent.

All participants must abide by the Netball Queensland "Code of Behaviour". The "Code of Behaviour" document is located under library resources on the Netball Queensland website www.netballq.org.au.

MISSION FOODS PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP 2012 COMPETITION RULES

TEAM SHEETS

Each team is allowed a maximum of 12 players to be named on the team sheet. Team sheets which include details such as name and date of birth of all players must be submitted to Netball Queensland, prior to the nomination closing date. The Nomination fee payment must also be made prior to the nomination closing date of; **COB Friday 31st August 2012.** Breaches of these rules may result in the school being disqualified.

If there are changes to the team sheet, a replacement team sheet must be submitted to Netball Queensland prior to the commencement of the match. This form can be found on the Netball Queensland website.

DURATION OF GAMES

Pool Rounds – During pool play all teams will play each other once within their allocated pool. The length of each game will be advised at a later date. If an injury occurs time does not stop and the player will be required to leave the court as quickly and safely as possible. If an injured player is unable to be removed from the court and playing time expires the score at that time will stand. There will be no injury time given during the pool rounds. If scores are tied at the conclusion of the match the game will be deemed a draw.

Elimination/Quarter/Semi Finals– At the conclusion of pool play the **top two (2) teams in each pool** will progress to the Elimination Finals. The winners of the Elimination Finals will then progress to the Quarter Finals. The winners of the Quarter Finals will then progress to the Semi Finals. The length of each game will be advised at a later date. There will be no injury time given during the finals rounds. If an injury occurs time does not stop and the player will be required to leave the court as quickly and safely as possible. If scores are tied at the conclusion of the match then there will be a two minute break (where substitutions and/or team changes may be made); followed by two periods of 4 minutes. If the scores are tied at the conclusion of extra time then play will continue until one team has a 2 point advantage. Due to time constraints/nature of the tournament each winning team will have a short break before commencing their following game. The length of this turn around will be advised at a later date.

Grand Final – The length of the Grand Final game will be advised at a later date. There will be no injury time given during the finals rounds. If an injury occurs time does not stop and the player will be required to leave the court as quickly and safely as possible. If an injured player is unable to be removed from the court and playing time expires the score at that time will stand. If scores are tied at the conclusion of the match then there will be a two (2)

minute break (where substitutions and/or team changes may be made); followed by two periods of 4 minutes. If the scores are tied at the conclusion of extra time then play will continue until one team has a 2 point advantage.

POINTS

Points will be awarded to teams in the Pool Rounds as follows:
Win = 2 points
Draw = 1 point
Loss = 0 points

FORFEITS

Forfeits at any stage of the competition are strongly discouraged. If a team forfeits during any round of the Final Series, the team that is scheduled to play against the forfeiting team will be awarded a Win on Forfeit (WOF) and receive 2 points.

PLACINGS/DRAWS / TIES

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the conclusion of the pool matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:

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

UNIFORMS

All players should be wearing their approved netball uniform as instructed by their school and all players should be matching. Schools should ensure that they have two sets of different coloured bibs at all matches to overcome the problem of opposing schools having uniforms that too closely resemble each other. In such an event, a coin toss prior to the match will determine the team that will choose the colour of bib they will wear.

Suitable sports footwear may be worn. They shall be of lightweight material. Spiked soles are not allowed. Grass sport shoes of any style are not allowed to be worn. 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. Umpires have a duty of care and therefore have the right to examine shoes if necessary.

UMPIRES

Matches should be controlled by nationally badged independent umpires where possible. Each school should be responsible for the appointment of one umpire who is not associated with the team in any capacity. Where a school cannot arrange a suitable umpire, please call your local netball association, who may be able to assist in providing an umpire, however expenses may be incurred by your school. All umpires must officiate the matches as per the Netball Australia Rules of 2008.

OFFICIAL SCORERS

Teams **must** supply at least one (1) official responsible for scoring duties for every match of the Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup. These officials should be identified to both teams before the commencement of the match and should sit together for the duration of the match. Only the official Mission Foods Primary School Competition score sheets shall be used.

SCORESHEETS

The official scoresheet as supplied by Netball Queensland must be used for all matches. **All players' names must be clearly identified on the scoresheet.** One scoresheet only is to be used per game. The Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup scoresheet is the official scoresheet and only the result from this scoresheet will be valid. Both team captains and umpires must sign the scoresheet.

THE SCORESHEET FOR ALL GAMES WILL BE PLACED AT THE RELEVANT COURTS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH COMPETITION DAY. YOU WILL THEREFORE NOT BE REQUIRED TO COLLECT THE SCORESHEET AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH ROUND.

THE SCORER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING THE SCORESHEET TO ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF EACH GAME. SCORESHEETS MUST BE SIGNED BY SCORERS AND CAPTAINS.

TIMEKEEPER

For the duration of the Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup a central timekeeper will be supplied by the host association.

MISSION FOODS PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP 2012 COMPETITION RULES

FIRST AID OFFICIALS

Netball Queensland will provide Sports Medicine personnel for the duration of the Mission Foods Primary School Cup Competition.

EQUIPMENT

Each team is responsible for bringing their own equipment i.e. Pens, player patches, training balls etc. Post pads will be provided by the Association.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Netball Queensland will be taking photographs over the course of the weekend; these will be placed on the Netball Queensland website. Each student/player must fill out the attached *Photograph Consent Form* and return it to their school. Once the school has received all 12 forms they must send through the attached *Photograph Permission Form* to Netball Queensland prior to **COB Monday 22nd October 2011**.

PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

In the event of a dispute regarding a match result, a written appeal must be received by Netball Queensland within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match. Appeals will be heard by an Appeals Committee appointed by Netball Queensland. The decision of this committee is final.

All disciplinary matters should be referred to the Coordinator Queensland School Sport, PO BOX 3376 Stafford, DC Qld 4053. Ph 07 3350 7829

Event information, draws and results can all be located on the Netball Queensland website www.netballq.org.au , Competitions, Mission Foods Primary School Cup.

For more information please contact Netball Queensland:

CONTACTS

Netball Queensland:	Cara McDonnell
Phone:	07 3848 6330 ext: 14
Fax:	07 3848 6221
Email:	cara.mcdonnell@netballq.org.au