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Men's Netball Challenge Competition Manual

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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 General Information

- The competition is conducted under the authority of Netball Queensland.
- The Netball Queensland Competitions Coordinator has the responsibility for the day to day operation and management of the competition.
- Netball Queensland will appoint a committee to make rules and regulations relating to the conduct of the competition.
- Netball Queensland has the power to waive compliance with the Rules and Regulations if satisfied that special circumstances exist. Any request to waive compliance with the rules must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Netball Queensland Competitions Coordinator and be accompanied by a deposit of $55.00 (including GST).
- Netball Queensland may impose a fine or loss of points on any team if they are found to have contravened or disregarded any Rules of the competition.

1.2 Summary

- The Men's Netball Challenge provides a representative competition for Netball Queensland registered Associations within South East Queensland for the development of Players, Coaches and Umpires.

1.3 Vision

The Men's Netball Challenge competition aims to:

- Create a high level of competition for Players, Coaches and Umpires to further develop their skills.
- Provide a clear pathway from Men's Netball Challenge to higher competitions and representative levels.
- Market the competition to both media and Associations to increase the profile of Men's Netball.
- Provide an enjoyable service to assist with maintaining members in the sport of Netball.

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1.5 Sponsorship

- The name / logo of the Naming Rights sponsor for the competition may be required to be attached to the positional patches of all teams. If this is a requirement then Netball Queensland will advise all Associations and provide the attachment.
- Associations must not pursue sponsors for their teams taking part in this competition that are contradictory to the Netball Queensland sponsors.
- Associations must notify Netball Queensland in writing, of any intended sponsorship for teams taking part in this competition for approval by Netball Queensland.
- A sponsor's logo or name may only appear once on the team playing uniform and prior approval must have been sought from Netball Queensland.
- A sponsor's name or logo must not exceed 64 square centimetres.
- A manufacturer's logo may be placed on a team uniform and must not exceed $16cm^2$.
- A name or logo for a sponsor or uniform manufacturer may only appear once on any one garment.

1.6 Uniforms

- Associations wanting to implement new team uniforms must firstly submit their proposed colours and uniform design to Netball Queensland for approval. A sample of the material or colour photograph should accompany the written application.
- A team is not permitted to alter its colours or uniform design without first obtaining approval from Netball Queensland.
- No player shall play in any uniform not registered with Netball Queensland.
- Playing uniforms shall consist of shirt / singlet and shorts, socks and positional patches along with suitable sporting footwear.
- Positional patches shall be worn on the front and back of uniforms above the waist. Lettering shall be not less than 100mm and no more than 150mm, and clearly visible.

1.7 Venue

All matches will be played at the Brisbane State High School, 150 Vulture Street, South Brisbane 4101.

1.8 Video Accreditation Application

- Each team is permitted to have one (1) official Video Operator and one (1) official Photographer per match.
- Teams are required to register their Video Operator personnel by submitting the Video and Photographer Accreditation Application (refer Appendix 1) to Netball Queensland.

1.9 Medical History Form

- The Medical History Form (refer Appendix 2) should be completed by each member of the team and handed to the team Manager for their records.

1.10 Sports Medicine Personnel

- Netball Queensland will provide qualified Sports Medicine personnel at all matches.
- The responsibility of the Sports Medicine personnel is to continue treatment of injuries after the Primary Carer has removed the injured player/s from the court.

1.11 Personal Injury Claim Form

- The Personal Injury Claim Form is to be used by any player (or team official) injured at training or during competition.
- This form can be accessed via www.willis.com.au/netballaustralia

1.12 Protests, Complaints and Appeals

- Any protest or complaint must be lodged in writing addressed to the Netball Queensland Sport Operations and Development Manager and be accompanied by a deposit of $55.00 (incl. GST).
- Should such a protest or complaint relate to a particular match, such protest must be lodged within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.
- In the event of any protest or complaint being upheld, the deposit of $55.00 (incl. GST) shall be returned.

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Overview

- The Men's Netball Challenge competition consists of One (1) Division – Open Men's. The season runs for fourteen (14) rounds with each team playing each other twice in weekly fixtures, leading into a final series of 2 weeks in duration.

2.2 Team Eligibility

- A Netball Queensland affiliated Association may field a team in the competition provided that the Association has paid the required Affiliation fee, Capitation fees and/or any other amounts due to Netball Queensland.

2.3 Allocations of Players and Team Trials

- Teams that are unable to submit a team list to Netball Queensland from their own membership will have players allocated to teams by Netball Queensland from the list of players who have Nominated to Netball Queensland to participate in the Competition. This will be done by Netball Queensland on the basis of making the teams as equally competitive as possible while also taking into account the preferences of Associations that players wish to play for.
- Associations who are able to submit their own team without the need for allocations from Netball Queensland may conduct team trials and would be responsible for conducting these trials.
- Ten (10) Players are to be selected.

2.4 Divisions

- The competition will consist of the following divisions, provided that a minimum of five (5) eligible teams nominate within the required time for any division:
  - Open Men's
- Each division will consist of a maximum of eight (8) teams as determined by the Nominations.
- Netball Queensland has the right to modify the number of teams per division, the number of divisions and/or combine age divisions (if there are age divisions included) provided that the players in the teams meet all eligibility requirements. Any such modification shall be subject to the approval of the relevant Associations.

2.5 Grading Trials

- Grading Trials will not be held for the Men's Netball Challenge.

2.6 Fee Structure

Division	Competition Fee	Umpire Fee	Total (GST Incl.)
Open Men's	$1600.00	$400.00	$2000.00

2.7 Team Composition / Bench

- Each team is required to have the following members;
  - Ten (10) registered Players
  - One (1) Coach
  - One (1) Assistant Coach (optional)
  - One (1) Manager
  - One (1) Primary Carer
  - Two (2) Timekeepers
  - Two (2) Scorers
  - One (1) Umpire

2.8 Competition Draw

- Netball Queensland is responsible for devising the competition draws.
- The draws will be posted to the Netball Queensland website prior to the commencement of the season.

2.9 Results and Ladders

- Netball Queensland will be responsible for updating competition results and ladders on the Netball Queensland website.
- All competition results will be posted on the Netball Queensland website by the Monday following each round.

2.10 Final Series

- A Final Series shall be played at the conclusion of the fixture rounds.
- The top four (4) teams shall compete in the Final Series.
- The draw for the final series for Divisions with up to 8 teams will be as follows:

First Semi Final:	Team 1 v Team 4
Second Semi Final:	Team 2 v Team 3
Grand Final:	First Semi Final v Second Semi Final

- Final positions on the ladder after the Regular Season rounds will be determined as follows:

  - Teams shall be placed in order of merit based on the number of points scored in the fixture rounds.
  - In the event of teams tying on points at the end of the preliminary rounds, the respective positions shall be determined by ranking the teams according to the goal percentages achieved by each team during the preliminary rounds.
  - When goal percentages are used for determining final positions of teams under the above clauses, these shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:
    'Goals For' divided by 'Goals Against' multiplied by 100.
  - If after ranking teams according to goal percentages to two (2) decimal points, teams remain tied, the result of the match between the two teams concerned during the preliminary rounds will decide the winner.
  - If the two (2) teams drew their match, or if more than two (2) teams have the same number of points and percentage at the end of the preliminary rounds, then goal difference will be applied (i.e. the difference between goals for and goals against).
  - In the event of a further tie, teams will be ranked on the basis of the total number of goals they have scored in the Regular Season rounds.

- In the event of a drawn match in the Final Series, the following shall apply:

  - After a two (2) minute interval, during which time there may be substitutions and/or team changes, teams change ends and two (2) halves of seven (7) minutes extra time shall be played;
  - At the end of the first seven (7) minutes teams shall change ends and there shall be no ½ time interval, substitutions or team changes;
  - If the match is still drawn at the end of the second seven (7) minute period play continues until one (1) team gains a two (2) goal advantage.
  - Substitutions during extra time are only permitted in the event of an injury or illness.

2.11 Awards

- Ten (10) awards and a plaque will be presented to the Winners and Runners-Up in each division.
- An award will be given to the 'Player of the Grand Final', which will be selected by a special guest designated by Netball Queensland.

3. PLAYERS

3.1 Player Eligibility

- The minimum age for players in all divisions is 15 years (born 1995 or earlier).
- No player shall be registered with or represent more than one (1) team in this competition in any year.
- Players must be a registered financial member with Netball Queensland prior to taking the court in the first round of the competition.

3.2 Import Players

- Import Player rules will not apply in the first year of the Men's Netball Challenge.

3.3 Dual Memberships

- 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.

3.4 Player Registration

- Players whose names appear on Team Registration Forms shall be deemed the registered players for this competition.
- ADDITIONAL players may not be added to the Team Registration Form once the competition has commenced.
- A REPLACEMENT player may only be added to the Team Registration Form if another player is taken off the Team Registration Form permanently.

3.5 Player Movement

- Where, for any reason, one (1) or more registered players are not available for a match and replacement players are required, such players may only be drawn from the following areas:

  - Registered members from the Association that the team represents (subject to Player Eligibility).

- If there is more than one (1) division of the Men's Netball Challenge, there is no limit to the number of times a Men's Netball Challenge replacement player from a lower division may play for a team in a higher grade of the Men's Netball Challenge competition, however they may not be named on both team lists for more than two (2) consecutive weeks.

3.6 Replacement Players

- When Replacement Players are selected, the team Manager must submit a Replacement Player Form (refer Appendix 3) to the Match Supervisor at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to match commencement.
- Replacement Players MAY NOT represent more than one (1) Association in a competition year.

- There are two (2) types of Replacement Players; Temporary Replacement Players and Permanent Replacement Players.
- Temporary Replacement Players:

  - Temporary Replacement Players are defined as Players who have been selected to replace an injured / sick / unavailable Player on an impermanent basis (ie. the registered player intends to return to the competition).
  - Temporary Replacement Players must be selected in accordance with player eligibility and player movement provisions.
  - If a Replacement Player is not already a member of Netball Queensland, they may be a Temporary Replacement Player for a maximum of three (3) games before they MUST become a member of the Netball Queensland Association they are representing. Once a Temporary Replacement Player becomes a registered member of Netball Queensland they are eligible to become a Permanent Replacement Player.

- Permanent Replacement Players

  - Permanent Replacement Players are defined as Players who have been selected to replace an injured / sick / unavailable Player on a permanent basis (ie. the registered player will not return to the competition).
  - Permanent Replacement Players must comply with player eligibility and movement provisions before becoming a permanent member of the team.
  - When Permanent Replacement Players are selected, the team Manager must submit a Replacement Team Sheet (refer Appendix 4) to Netball Queensland prior to the following round.
  - A Permanent Replacement Player MUST be a registered member of Netball Queensland.

3.7 Eligibility for Final Series

- For PLAYERS to be eligible for the Final Series in all divisions, they must have played a min. of fifteen (15) quarters (approximately 31% of the total number of quarters) in their respective division in the current season.
- In the instance that registered players cannot comply with the above due to injury or prolonged illness, a request for an adjustment may be submitted to Netball Queensland in writing and must be accompanied by a dated medical certificate, prior to the final round of the competition.
- Adjustments to the minimum quarters will equate to approximately 31% of the total number of matches the Player was deemed medically fit to participate in during the Preliminary Rounds.
- If a Replacement Player is required for the Final Series and that player has not played the minimum fifteen (15) quarters, a request for an exemption may be submitted to Netball Queensland in writing and must be accompanied by a dated medical certificate for the injured / sick player that is being replaced. Adjustments to the Rule can be made on a case by case basis and at the discretion of Netball Queensland. If the requested for exemption is granted, then a 'Replacement Player Form' must be forwarded to Netball Queensland prior to the match.
- A Replacement Player will only be eligible to compete in the Finals Series if the Player that is being replaced has played the minimum fifteen (15) quarters during the current season

- All teams are required to submit a Final Team List (refer Appendix 5) to Netball Queensland prior to conclusion of the Regular Season rounds.
- Any player found to be ineligible for the Final Series will not be permitted to play in any subsequent matches.

4. COACHES AND MANAGERS

4.1 Eligibility

- Coaches must:

  - hold a minimum 'Foundation' Coaching Accreditation in the current year;
  - attend education programs as requested by Netball Queensland;
  - have involvement in the sponsors' promotion of the sport as required by Netball Queensland;
  - hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card;
  - be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the commencement of the season.

- Managers must:

  - hold a current Working with Children Positive Notice Blue Card;
  - be a current registered financial member of Netball Queensland prior to the commencement of the season.

- Teams that are unable to nominate a coach to Netball Queensland from their own membership will have a coach allocated to their team by Netball Queensland from the list of coaches who have Nominated to Netball Queensland to participate in the Competition. This will be done by Netball Queensland taking into account the preferences of Associations that coach wishes to be involved with.

4.2 Manager Match Day Duties

- Team Managers are responsible for:

  - Handing signed team sheet to the score bench no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to commencement of match.
  - Listing on the scorecard any player who is playing above their designated team.
  - Completing substitution cards with any changes during quarter breaks and handing to score bench prior to the thirty (30) second whistle to presume play. Both players replaced and replacement player/s names are to be recorded on substitution cards.
  - Completing substitution cards in case of injury. Substitution cards are to handed to score bench immediately after a substitution is made.
  - Players wearing the correct uniform, including socks and briefs. Managers should also ensure players are wearing the uniform appropriately and in the correct fashion.

- The arrangement of the team bench eg. bags must be under / behind bench etc. Managers to ensure that the only persons allowed on the bench are the Coach, Manager, Assistant Coach, Primary Carer, and Players.
- Filling water bottles and ensuring all players are re-hydrating during intervals.
- Organising Scorer and Timer to present themselves at the score bench at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to commencement of match.
- Clearing / tidying and vacating team bench ASAP after completion of match to allow for incoming teams. Please ensure all rubbish eg. used tissues, strapping tape, water bottles etc are cleared from area before leaving bench.
- Confirmation of all registered players and must be able to provide evidence that players are registered members of the relevant Association.

5. MATCH OFFICIALS

5.1 Match Supervisor

- Netball Queensland will provide Match Supervisors for all matches played during the competition season.

5.2 Scorers and Timekeepers

- Associations must nominate AT LEAST two (2) official Scorers and two (2) official Timers per team. In the event that these four (4) personnel are not listed on the nomination form, the team nomination will not be accepted.
- The scoring and timing panel for each scheduled match will consist of two (2) Scorers, two (2) Timers and one (1) Bench Referee / Match Supervisor.
- One (1) Scorer and one (1) Timer must be supplied by each team for each match.
- All Scorers and Timers should arrive not later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to commencement of matches, and remain until completion of the last fixture round to which they have been rostered.
- Scorers and Timers shall report to the Netball Queensland Match Supervisor on arrival at the venue.
- Scoresheets, substitution cards and team lists for use during the competition will be supplied by Netball Queensland.
- The scoring and timing will operate in accordance with the operational procedures outlined in the Netball Australia National Score Bench Handbook.

5.3 Umpires

- All teams must supply an Umpire who holds a minimum National C Badge and is a registered member of Netball Queensland. Details of the Umpire must be submitted to Netball Queensland on the 'Umpire Nomination' form by the due date.
- Each Umpire will be included in a pool and will be allocated to matches on a weekly basis by an Appointments Panel ratified by Netball Queensland.
- Umpires must be available to umpire for the full competition ie. rounds (including byes) and the final series. In the case of injury or illness a medical certificate may be requested by Netball Queensland.
- Umpires may be allocated to umpire during the final series, irrespective of whether their team goes through to the finals.

- An umpire fee as per fee structure is payable to Netball Queensland by the due date.
- Umpires not allocated to an Association team may nominate independently to be included in the pool of umpires.
- It is the responsibility of the umpire to be fully aware of the Rules and Regulations of the competition.
- Umpires shall be ready to umpire at commencement of each match.
- Failure of any team to ensure an umpire has given Netball Queensland a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice of their inability to perform their umpiring duties due to injury or illness (without organising a replacement umpire), may result in the following:

  1st offence -$200.00 fine to be paid by the Association;
  2nd & subsequent offences - $300.00 fine to be paid by the Association;
- Teams with outstanding fines will not be allowed to take the court until they are paid.
- Umpires must be available for allocated reserve duties and shall remain at the Score Bench throughout the game unless required to officiate the game.

6. MATCH RULES

6.1 Official Rules

- The 'Official Rules of Netball' (Revised 2007) will apply to all matches played in the Men's Netball Challenge, unless otherwise stated in this document.

6.2 Policies

- All Players, Officials and Administrators will be bound by Netball Queensland's Code of Conduct. This is available from the Netball Queensland office or website www.netballq.org.au
- All Players will be bound by Netball Australia's Blood Policy (see Rule 7.2 of the Official Rules of Netball, revised 2007).
- All Players will be bound by the AANA Drugs (Anti-Doping) Policy, as amended from time to time.

6.3 Duration of Games

- Playing times for matches will be:

  - 4 x 15 minute quarters
  - ¼ and ¾ intervals - 3 minutes
  - ½ time interval - 5 minutes

6.4 Equipment

- Courts including goal posts padding will be allocated for matches in accordance with Netball Australia's safety standards.
- Official match balls will be supplied by Netball Queensland for use in all matches.

6.5 Match Points

- Points will be awarded as follows:

  - 2 points for a win
  - 1 point for a draw
  - 0 points for a loss

6.6 Forfeits

- Rule 21: Failure to Take the Court, in the 'Official Rules of Netball' (Revised 2007) applies to this competition.
- Netball Queensland must be advised as early as possible of a team's intention to forfeit a match.
- A fine of $110.00 (incl. GST) may be imposed on teams that forfeit a match. A team that is fined shall not take the court until this payment is made.
- When Netball Queensland has been notified of a forfeit, the opposing team will automatically be awarded the two (2) points for this match.

6.7 Forced Postponement and Rescheduling of Matches

- In the case that a team may arrive <u>after</u> the scheduled starting time for a match (due to unavoidable circumstances such as heavy traffic due to an accident or flooding etc), the team Manager <u>MUST</u> contact the Coordinator of Supervisors (Madonna McKenna Ph: 0429983019) prior to arrival and ASAP.
- Up to fifteen (15) minutes delay of start time may be granted at the discretion of the NQ appointed Supervisor/s on duty.

6.8 Cancellations

- Should circumstances occur which make it unsuitable for scheduled matches to be played, and all matches are cancelled for the round, teams will not be awarded competition points and the competition shall continue as per the official draw.
- Should circumstances occur which affect play in some matches in any one (1) round, Netball Queensland shall assess the situation and decide on re-scheduling or cancelling match/s affected.

6.9 Breaching Competition Rules

- Any team that is found to be in breach of any of the competition rules during the course of the competition, at the discretion of Netball Queensland Marketing & Operations Manager may be penalised financially <u>OR</u> be deducted two (2) competition points.
- The following penalties will occur if a breach is made by utilising one (1) more ineligible players:

  - If a breach is made by the winning team, a loss will be recorded against that team and the opposing team will be deemed the winner and receive two (2) competition points. No match score will be recorded for this game.

- If a breach is made by the losing team, points will be recorded as per standard competition rules and the final match score will be recorded.
- If the match is drawn, the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team will be awarded a win and receive two (2) competition points. No match score will be recorded for this game.
- Netball Queensland may also at their discretion, impose an additional two (2) competition point deduction from the offending team.
- Matches that have been won / drawn by a team in breach of the rules will not be included in the Goal Percentage equation when determining final positions.

7. MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

7.1 Competition Forms

- Team Cards

  - Players must sign the team card and the Manager must return the completed team card to Netball Queensland prior to round one (1) of the competition.

- Team Sheets

  - Team sheets must be handed to the Court Supervisor at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the match, with a maximum of ten (10) players and up to five (5) team officials to be listed on the team sheet. Names cannot be added / altered to the team sheet after this time.
  - The list must show the starting seven (7) and their positions, up to three (3) reserves and the name of the "on court" captain.
  - The team Manager shall specify on the team sheet any replacement players and what competition / division the Replacement Player has been drawn from (if applicable).

- Substitution Cards

  - The team Managers will be responsible for identifying and recording team positional changes that occur during match interval breaks or injury time-outs. Changes (substitution cards) shall be forwarded to the Match Supervisor / Bench Referee as applicable.

8. APPENDICIES

- These Appendices are available on the Netball Queensland website (www.netballq.org.au) under Competitions/Men's Netball Challenge/2012 Forms. Please contact the Netball Queensland Events Department if you have trouble accessing these forms.

8.1 Video Accreditation Application.....Appendix 1

8.2 Medical History Form .....Appendix 2

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