



***netball***  
*NEW SOUTH WALES*

**TAFE NSW Schools Cup  
Competition Rules**



*The TAFE NSW Schools Cup is a school competition to provide New South Wales primary and secondary school students with the opportunity to enjoy netball in an inclusive and enjoyable environment. Participating schools are reminded that this event does not fall under the Netball NSW Pathways Competition Framework and rather, maintains a focus on mass participation.*



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## 1. SCHOOLS CUP FORMAT

1.1 The eight (8) regions of Netball NSW are: Sydney Metropolitan; Hunter; West/Central West; Far North Coast; South Coast; Northern Inland; North Coast; Riverina.

1.2 Schools Cup shall comprise of:

1.2.1 Five (5) Competitive divisions:

- (i) Year 5/6 Mixed – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls/boys in Primary School Years 5/6. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (ii) Year 7/8 Girls – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls in Secondary School Years 7/8. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (iii) Year 7/8 Boys – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) boys in Secondary School Years 7/8. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (iv) Year 9/10 Girls – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) girls in Secondary School Years 9/10. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.
- (v) Year 9/10 Boys – Teams shall comprise of a maximum of twelve (12) boys in Secondary School Years 9/10. Players may only represent/play in one (1) team.

1.2.2 Six (6) Social/Non-Competitive divisions:

- (i) Year 3/4 Mixed – Games played with modified NetSetGO rules. There is no limit on the maximum number of boys/girls per team.
- (ii) Year 5/6 Mixed – There is no limit on the maximum number of boys/girls per team.
- (iii) Year 7/8 Girls – There is no limit on the maximum number of boys/girls per team.
- (iv) Year 7/8 Boys – There is no limit on the maximum number of boys/girls per team.
- (v) Year 9/10 Girls – There is no limit on the maximum number of boys/girls per team.
- (vi) Year 9/10 Boys – There is no limit on the maximum number of boys/girls per team.

1.3 The Competition shall comprise of three (3) phases:

- (i) **Phase 1** – Schools Cup Local Days will be held in Term 1 to Term 3 in each of the eight (8) Netball NSW regional areas. Competitive and Social divisions are eligible to attend.
- (ii) **Phase 2** – Schools Cup Regional Finals will be held in late Term 2 or early Term 3 for each division within the eight (8) Netball NSW regional areas. Successful teams from Competitive divisions at Phase 1 are eligible to attend.
- (iii) **Phase 3** – Schools Cup State Final will be held across two days in late Term 3. One day will be for the Primary division and one day will be for the two Secondary divisions. Successful teams from Competitive divisions at Phase 2 are eligible to attend.

## 2. GRADING PROCEDURE

### 2.1 Phase 1

For Phase 1 of the competition the following Grading Procedures apply:

- 2.1.1 An individual school is able to enter a maximum of four (4) teams per competitive division in one (1) Local day. Exemptions to this rule may be granted from Netball NSW where venue and team entries allow.
- 2.1.2 Schools may only enter an individual team into one (1) Local day.
- 2.1.3 Registrations will be confirmed on a first application basis. Once the maximum number of teams for the venue has been reached registrations will close, even if prior to the specified close of registration date.
- 2.1.4 Teams in both Competitive and Social divisions will be divided into pools and play in a round robin format for the day. No finals series will be played.
- 2.1.5 Schools will be allocated to pools based on competition or non-competition categories, as indicated on the Schools Cup entry form. The two categories will play in separate pools.
  - (i) Competition Category – scores will be kept and placing recorded. Teams will progress through to Phase 2 based on their placing within their pools as per clause 2.2.1.
  - (ii) Non-Competition Category – scores will be kept with no ladder or placing recorded. Teams are not eligible to progress through to Phase 2.
- 2.1.6 In the event there are not enough teams in the non-competition category to create a separate pool, Netball NSW reserves the right to automatically place these teams in the competition category pools. Where possible, Netball NSW will contact nominated School Representative/s to discuss further.
- 2.1.7 Where possible, schools will not have two teams in the same pool.
- 2.1.8 Netball NSW reserves the right to vary the number of allocated teams in each pool and the number of pools dependent upon the number of entries received.

## 2.2 Phase 2

For Phase 2 of the competition the following Grading Procedures apply:

- 2.2.1 Teams that place first in their allocated competitive pools at a Phase 1 Local Day will be eligible to enter one (1) team into Phase 2. In the case where a school has teams in separate pools and the top team for each pool is from the same school, both teams are eligible to progress.
- 2.2.2 In the event of only one competitive pool at a Phase 1 Local Day, both the team that placed first and the team that placed second in that pool will be eligible to enter one (1) team into Phase 2.
- 2.2.3 In the event more than four (4) competitive pools are required at a Phase 1 Local Day, the teams who finish first place in each pool will then be ranked according to points and goal average (refer to rule 3.7.5 and 3.7.6 for details and calculations). The top four (4) teams will then progress onto Phase 2.
- 2.2.4 If a team finishes in first place in their allocated pool and declines the offer to attend Phase 2, the teams will be contacted in order of placing until at least two teams from the Local Day are able to attend.
- 2.2.5 Teams will be divided into pools to play a round robin and then progress into a finals series.
- 2.2.6 Teams who attended the same Phase 1 venue will be separated into different pools where possible.
- 2.2.7 Netball NSW reserves the right to vary the number of allocated teams in each pool and the number of pools dependent upon the number of entries received.
- 2.2.8 Should there be one (1) pool, the finals series will be played as follows:

Semi Final 1:	1st Ranked Pool vs. 4th Ranked Pool
Semi Final 2:	2nd Ranked Pool vs. 3rd Ranked Pool
Classification 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification 5-6:	5th Ranked Pool vs. 6th Ranked Pool
Classification 7-8:	7th Ranked Pool vs. 8th Ranked Pool
Grand Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

- 2.2.9 Should there be two (2) pools, the finals series will be played as follows:

Semi Final 1:	Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up Pool B
Semi Final 2:	Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A
Classification 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification 5-6:	3rd Ranked Pool A vs. 3rd Ranked Pool B
Classification 7-8:	4th Ranked Pool A vs. 4th Ranked Pool B
Grand Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

2.2.10 Should there be three (3) pools the finals series will be played as follows:

After the minor series the points and goal averages of all teams across the three pools will be combined to formulate one points table for the division. Games will then be played as outlined in rule 6 viii.

2.2.11 Should there be four (4) pools, the finals series will be played as follows:

Quarter Final 1:	Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up Pool D
Quarter Final 2:	Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A
Quarter Final 3:	Winner Pool C vs. Runner Up Pool B
Quarter Final 4:	Winner Pool D vs. Runner Up Pool C
Semi Final 1:	Winner Quarter Final 1 vs. Winner Quarter Final 2
Semi Final 2:	Winner Quarter Final 3 vs. Winner Quarter Final 4
Classification Final 3-4:	Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2
Classification Final 1:	Loser Quarter Final 1 vs. Loser Quarter Final 2
Classification Final 2:	Loser Quarter Final 3 vs. Loser Quarter Final 4
Classification Final 3:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ranked Pool A vs. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ranked Pool B
Classification Final 4:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ranked Pool C vs. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ranked Pool D
Classification Final 5:	4 <sup>th</sup> Ranked Pool A vs. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ranked Pool B
Classification Final 6:	4 <sup>th</sup> Ranked Pool C vs. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ranked Pool D
Grand Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2

## 2.3 Phase 3

For Phase 3 of the competition the following Grading Procedures apply:

- 2.3.1 Winners of the Regional Shields at a Phase 2 day will be eligible to enter their team into Phase 3.
- 2.3.2 If a Regional Shield team declines the offer to attend Phase 3, the teams from Phase 2 for that division and region will be contacted in order of placing until one team from the Regional Shield day is able to attend.
- 2.3.3 Schools will be divided into two pools to play a round robin and then progress into a finals series.
- 2.3.4 Finals to be played as follows:

Semi Final 1:

Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up Pool B

Semi Final 2:

Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A

Classification 3-4:

Loser Semi Final 1 vs. Loser Semi Final 2

Classification 5-6:

3<sup>rd</sup> Ranked Pool A vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ranked Pool B

Classification 7-8:

4<sup>th</sup> Ranked Pool A vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Ranked Pool B

Grand Final:

Winner Semi Final 1 vs. Winner Semi Final 2



## **3. COMPETITION RULES**

### **3.1 Cost**

- 3.1.1 Year 3/4 division teams will be charged a one-off, subsidised entry fee of \$20.00 per team.
- 3.1.2 All other divisions will be charged a one-off entry fee of \$40.00 per team entered into Phase 1 of competition.
- 3.1.3 Schools will be invoiced by Netball NSW following the completion of Phase 1. If a school withdraws from the competition within 48 hours of the Phase 1 day or does not attend without prior notice, the school will still be invoiced the full amount.

**3.2 Insurance** - Students participating in the TAFE NSW Schools Cup will be covered under Netball NSW Public and Products Liability Insurance whilst participating in the event, provided all participant details have been submitted to Netball NSW.

### **3.3 Communication**

- 3.3.1 Netball NSW will release the dates for each phase of the Schools Cup in the year prior to the competition.
- 3.3.2 Team confirmation, event details and venues of the competition will be emailed to the school contact at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of the competition where possible. The draw for all phases will be emailed to the school contact at least one (1) day before the competition.

### **3.4 Playing Conditions**

- 3.4.1 Matches will be played on preferably hard netball courts or grass courts as required. Courts are to be prepared, marked and maintained to a standard required by Netball NSW and in accordance with the current rules of the game.
- 3.4.2 The courts and weather conditions shall be inspected by Netball NSW Staff one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of round one (1). A decision will be made as per the Netball NSW Adverse Weather Conditions Policy. In the case of unsuitable playing conditions, a message will appear on Netball NSW digital channels no later than one (1) hour before the commencement of round one (1) advising the postponement of the day.
- 3.4.3 In the case of unsuitable playing conditions, one wet weather date will be allocated per Phases 1 and 2 for each regional area. If one of these dates is required to be utilised, Netball NSW staff will advise the school/team contact via email by 5pm on the original date of competition.
- 3.4.4 In the event that a Match is delayed, postponed or abandoned, that Match must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible as directed by the officiating Umpires or if prolonged delaying occurs, the Netball NSW Representative shall direct accordingly.
- 3.4.5 A Team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the time set down for the commencement.
- 3.4.6 If in the opinion of the coordinating Netball NSW Representative, matches are unable to be played due to inclement weather or the condition of courts, each Team will be awarded two (2) points.



## 3.5 Competitive Divisions Team Requirements

- 3.5.1 Players may not play in a team other than the team in which they were originally registered.
- 3.5.2 In extenuating circumstances schools may apply to Netball NSW for special consideration. The request must be submitted no later than one (1) week prior to competition. The decision of Netball NSW is final and no appeal will be entered into. A maximum of two (2) players may be considered as an exception to this rule.
- 3.5.3 Players are to play in their correct year group and are not permitted to play in a lower year group. Any request for players to play in a higher year group than that for which they are eligible must be submitted on the designated form published on the Netball NSW website for approval prior to the Competition. Special consideration may only be granted for a maximum of two (2) players per team.
- 3.5.4 Schools/Teams will need to supply their own patches/bibs and a size five (5) netball to play with.

## 3.6 Match Duration and Match Format

- 3.6.1 Games will be centrally timed and consist of twelve (12) minute halves with two (2) minutes for half time and four (4) minutes between games. Netball NSW reserves the right to alter the match format dependent upon the number of entries received.
- 3.6.2 Injury time can be taken by teams; however, the time will not be stopped or added onto games, including games played in the Finals series.

## 3.7 Scoring and Ladders

- 3.7.1 Each School/Team is to provide one (1) scorer. Scorers for each team will stand together on the sideline towards the middle of the court and both scorers must sign the scoresheet. The winning team at the conclusion of the game is to return the signed score sheet to event control.
- 3.7.2 A score sheet having been signed by both scorers and lodged with Netball NSW staff will not be returned to any team for any correction. No disputes will be entered into once score sheets have been signed.
- 3.7.3 In circumstances where team officials of both teams testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW staff is incorrect and further, they agree on the correct score then Netball NSW staff have the discretion to vary the official scores.
- 3.7.4 The competition shall be conducted on a points score basis
- 3.7.5 Schools Cup Points Table

Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit*	Bye**	Abandoned
3	1	2	3	0	2

- 3.7.6 If during the competition schools finish on an equal number of points, a goal average will determine final placing. The goal average shall be determined by the total number of goals scored by the team, divided by the total number of goals scored against the team, multiplied by 100 and divided by the actual number of matches played by the team.

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$$\frac{\text{Goals scored}}{\text{Goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{Matches played}}$$

The number of matches actually played includes a match a team has forfeited, but does not include a match where the team has received a forfeit.

## 3.8 Extra Time

- 3.8.1 If there is a draw in the semi-finals or grand finals of Phase 2 and/or 3, a one (1) minute interval shall be taken. During the interval the score will be verified and the teams change ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or team changes.
- 3.8.2 The umpire will indicate which team has the next centre pass and play will commence. Then two (2) three (3) minute halves will be played to determine a winner. After the first three (3) minutes, teams must change ends as soon as possible.
- 3.8.3 If the game is still a draw at the end of the second three (3) minutes, a visual signal will indicate that play continues and the first team to score a two (2) goal advantage shall be declared the winner.
- 3.8.4 Winning Schools of the Regional Shields will have their name engraved on the plaques and can display the shield in their school for a period of 12 months. At the conclusion of 12 months the shield must be returned to Netball NSW. Schools who are unable to return the shield/cup upon request from Netball NSW will be invoiced for the cost associated with replacement of the shield.

**3.9 Code of Behaviour** – Players, Coaches, Umpires, Parents and Spectators are expected to abide by the Netball NSW Codes of Behaviour found at <https://nsw.netball.com.au/inside-netball-nsw/library/policies-forms/>

**3.10 Invitational Teams** – Netball NSW may admit teams to various phases of Schools Cup on an invitational basis as required. Invitational teams admitted to Schools Cup may make a recommendation as to the preferred age division for participation however, final grading will be at the discretion of Netball NSW. Invitational teams will be removed from the final ladder placings and the ladder will be re-order as required.

## **4. UMPIRING REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Phase 1**

- 4.1.1 Schools attending Phase 1 will be required to supply one (1) umpire per team. It is expected that the umpires nominated have completed the Rules of Netball Theory exam online (free).
- 4.1.2 An 'umpire your own' system will be in place for Phase 1 of the competition

### **4.2 Phase 2**

- 4.2.1 Schools attending Phase 2 of the competition will be required to supply one (1) umpire per team with a recommended minimum National C badge, or an umpire competent to umpire games of Regional Finals standard who has completed the Rules of Netball theory exam.
- 4.2.2 Netball NSW will complete a cross draw allocation. Umpires will be required to umpire games based on their school's allocation. Umpires will receive their allocations with the release of the Phase 2 draw, one week prior to competition.
- 4.2.3 Umpire names are to be received by Netball NSW at least two (2) weeks prior to competition

### **4.3 Phase 3**

- 4.3.1 Schools attending Phase 3 of the competition will be required to supply one (1) umpire per team with a minimum National C Badge.
- 4.3.2 Netball NSW will oversee the allocation of umpires to matches. Umpires will receive their allocations on the day of competition at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start.
- 4.3.3 Umpires shall be dressed predominantly in white. In the event of inclement weather, white tracksuit pants and white wet weather jackets may be worn.
- 4.3.4 Umpire names are to be received by Netball NSW at least two (2) weeks prior to competition.