

Netball NSW and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Information for Associations & Clubs

Netball NSW is proud to partner and support The [Duke of Edinburgh's International Award](#) ('the Award') as a Registered Activity Provider (RAP).

As a Registered Activity Provider Netball NSW now have the capacity to assist Award Participants in completing the Skills, Service or Physical Recreation Section of their Bronze/Silver/Gold Award, through their respective netball Association or Club.

This provides a great opportunity for Associations and Clubs to support young people to get involved in netball through playing the sport or being involved as a volunteer.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. What is it?

The Award is a leading structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering all young Australians aged 14 to 25 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations.

To earn an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community ('Service') and experience a team adventure in a new environment. All Participants are supported by a network of adult Award Leaders, Assessors, Supervisors, and mentors.

In terms of participation, Netball is one of the leading organised sports played by students in NSW undertaking the Award. With Netball NSW now a Registered Activity Provider, students will begin to inquire with their Association or Club about the opportunity to complete particular Sections of their Award through netball.

Through netball, students have the option to complete one, two or three Sections of their Bronze/Silver/Gold Award, through their local netball Association or Club;

- [Physical Recreation](#)
- [Service](#)
- [Skills](#)

Each of the Sections have different time requirements depending on the level of the Award being completed, and must have a specific goal in mind to be achieved.

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Skill	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Service	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Physical Recreation	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Plus for the Major Section	All Participants must complete an additional 3 months in either Skill, Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skill, Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skill, Service or Physical Recreation

**These are minimum time requirements as expressed in whole months, during which there should be regular commitment. Regular time commitment is based on at least (1) hour per week, two (2) hours per two week period or four (4) hours per four week period.*

Along with getting your current players involved in the Association or Club, this provides a great opportunity to introduce students to netball who have never been involved with the game before. Any activities undertaken by Participants should not be paid.

For students looking to get involved in netball, most will find your contact details through the Association/Club finder on www.mynetball.com.au. To assist with any inquiries coming to your Association or Club, please make sure that all your organisation and contact details are up to date in MyNetball.

Additionally, Associations and Clubs will need to ensure that the main contact person knows about the Award program to ensure any inquiring students are not turned away or provided with misinformation.

Physical Recreation Section

The Physical Recreation Section offers young people the opportunity to participate in physical activity in a variety of ways. Participants of the Award are able to complete their Physical Recreation Section by playing netball with their local netball Association or Club. The aim of the Physical Recreation Section is to improve physical fitness and wellbeing by getting active.

Students may be in contact with you to inquire about joining a team in your club.

Service Section

The Service Section of the Award encourages young people to volunteer their time and understand the benefits of this service to their community.

Many local netball Associations and Clubs are able to provide opportunities for Award Participants to meet the requirements of the Service Section of the Award, through volunteering time to assist on various programs or general assistance during the netball season.

Participants can volunteer with your Association or Club in a wide range of areas. Some of these include:

- Coaching a junior team
- Umpiring
- Assisting at the courts during games
- Administration assistance

Skills Section

The Skills Section of the Award encourages the development of personal interests, practical and social skills. The Skills Section provides the opportunity for a Participant to either improve on an existing skill, or to try something new.

Award Participants can complete the Skills Section of the Award by getting involved with officiating at their Association or Club or learning to coach a junior side.

Assessment

Students completing Section/s of their Award through Netball NSW and their local Association or Club are required to be assessed in order to confirm that all requirements of the chosen Section have been met.

Assessors are responsible for writing the final assessment report and signing off the Section which they are assessing. The frequency of the contact and monitoring between the Participant and the Assessor will depend on the activity and the age/level of independence of the Participant.

For the Skill, Physical Recreation, and Service Section, each Participant is to be monitored and assessed by their Assessor for:

- Effort (minimum hours and duration)
- Perseverance (regularity)
- Progress towards the Participant's goal.

Who can act as an Assessor for a participating student?

- [Physical Recreation](#) – the coach of the team the student is participating in will act as their Assessor
- [Service](#) & [Skills](#) – a volunteer working closely with the student will need to act as their Assessor

Assessment is undertaken by a suitably experienced and/or qualified volunteer who has been nominated by the Award Leader or identified by the Participant, and approved by the Award Leader. Assessors help Participants to both set goals for their chosen activity and to assess whether or not a Participant has undertaken the required regular effort and has strived to achieve the goal(s) that have been set.

The Assessor cannot be a parent of a participating student and **MUST** have a Working With Children Check.

Netball NSW Support

As a Registered Activity Provider, Netball NSW is happy to support Award Participants wanting to complete the Physical Recreation, Skill, and/or Service Section of their Bronze/Silver/Gold Award through the local netball community. Netball NSW want to ensure that all Award Participants can achieve their desired outcomes through positive experiences within netball.

If your Association or Club have any questions about the Award and how you can assist students, please contact **Netball NSW Association & Membership Coordinator, Todd Pengilly.**

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