

# Netball NSW Social Masters

## Competition Rules

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## 1 Definitions

**Association** means any Affiliated Member Association deemed as an Association in accordance with clause 9.1 of the Netball NSW Constitution and any association of Members who have applied for membership to the Board in accordance with clause 9.4 of the Netball NSW Constitution and such application has been approved by the Council.

**Board** means the Board of Netball NSW.

**Constitution** means the constitution of the New South Wales Netball Association Inc. whose trading name is Netball NSW.

**Competition** means the Netball NSW Social Masters.

**Competition Rules** means the rules of the Competition as articulated within this document.

**Council** means the Council as constituted in accordance with the Netball NSW Constitution.

**Divisions** mean the competition divisions at the Social Masters.

**Ineligible Player** is a player found playing in an incorrect age category, or a player already registered with another team in the same age category.

**Invitational Team** means a team that has requested to enter the Competition and has been approved to play in the Competition, but will not be eligible for a placing.

**Match** means any netball match or game, excluding training matches, played by or between Association Teams within the Competition.

**Netball NSW (NNSW)** means the New South Wales Netball Association Limited.

**Player** means any person who has a current financial registration with NNSW and who has been registered with the relevant Association Team.

**Team** means each of the netball teams granted the right to compete in the Competition by Netball NSW.

**Team List** means the list of players registered to play in the Competition for a nominated team.

**Team Officials** mean officials involved with the management, preparation and participation of the Team, including the coaches, manager, doctor, physiotherapist and other support staff.

**Umpire** means an umpire appointed by Netball NSW to officiate in a Match.

## **2 Event Information**

### **2.1 General Information**

- 2.1.1 The Netball NSW Social Masters are conducted under the authority of Netball New South Wales, in partnership with the Host Association.
- 2.1.2 The Netball NSW appointed Competitions Manager has the overall responsibility for the day to day operation and management of each Event.
- 2.1.3 Netball NSW staff will work with the Host Association to manage the format, structure and conduct of the event.
- 2.1.4 Netball NSW has the power to waive compliance with the Social Masters Rules when satisfied that extenuating circumstances exist.
- 2.1.5 Any request to waive compliance with the Social Masters rules must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Netball NSW Competitions Manager or their appointed delegate.
- 2.1.6 Netball NSW may impose a fine on or deduct points from any team if they are found to have contravened or disregarded any of the Social Masters rules of the competition.
- 2.1.7 Social Masters are conducted in the following Social Divisions:
- Over 35 Social Female only
  - Over 40 Social Female only
  - Over 35 Competitive Female only
  - Over 40 Competitive Female only

Netball NSW may add additional Divisions as required.

- 2.1.8 All matches shall be played on all weather hard courts or a combination of indoor courts and all weather courts.

### **2.2 Venue**

- 2.2.1 Netball NSW appoints Netball NSW Affiliated Association venues to host the Social Masters, with the overall management of the event falling under Netball NSW.
- 2.2.2 Up to two (2) venues may be used for Social Masters.

### **2.3 Uniforms and Equipment**

- 2.3.1 All teams must play in identical playing uniform unless extenuating circumstances exist in which case, a letter of request must be sent to the Netball NSW Competitions Manager 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 or advice from medical support during the event provided to verify the need for an alteration to uniform.

- 2.3.2 Each team is to provide an approved match ball.
- 2.3.3 Teams may identify a sponsor's logo on the playing uniform up to a maximum length of 16cm and maximum height 16cm. Sponsor logos may only appear once on any one (1) garment. It is not permitted to display a sponsor's or other name on positional patches.

## **2.4 Complaint Handling**

- 2.4.1 All complaints lodged with Netball NSW in relation to the Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of the Netball NSW Policies.
- 2.4.2 All registered Players, Umpires, and Team Officials are required to abide by the Code of Behaviour, as published from time to time within the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- 2.4.3 All participants of the Competition including but not limited to Players, Umpires, and Team Officials, who have breached the Code of Behaviour, Netball NSW Member Protection Policy and/or the Netball NSW Disciplinary Policy, may be subject to disciplinary action as listed within the corresponding Policy.

## **3 Competition Structure**

### **3.1 Eligibility**

- 3.1.1 Any grouping of athletes may enter in the Social Masters Competition. All players are subject to clause 2.1.2.
- 3.1.2 All players and team officials entered into a Netball NSW competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of that competition, or their participation in that competition.
- 3.1.3 The age of the players shall be determined by their age as at December 31 in the year of play.
  - a) Over 35s – the minimum age to qualify for an Over 35s Division is turning 35 in the year of play.
  - b) Over 40s – the minimum age to qualify for the Over 40s Division is turning 40 in the year of play.
- 3.1.4 All players must be able to produce photo identification that includes a date of birth upon request. Failure to be able to produce photo identification will result in the player being deemed as being unregistered and ineligible to play.
- 3.1.5 Teams found playing unregistered player or ineligible player/s will be penalised two (2) points for every game in which the ineligible player participates. The player concerned will not be permitted to participate further in the competition.

## **3.2 Team Nomination and Entry**

- 3.2.1 The closing date for the Social Masters will be notified, on the relevant entry form and on the Netball NSW website.
- 3.2.2 The entry fee for Social Masters will be notified at the November Council meeting and on the Netball NSW Website.
- 3.2.3 All entries for competitions must be lodged as directed by Netball NSW and must be received by Netball NSW by the published time and date for close of entries.
- 3.2.4 Late entries will not be accepted.
- 3.2.5 The entry will include details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players' names and must include their relevant experience by the closing date for the Social Masters.
- 3.2.6 Participants are only permitted to register and compete in one team throughout the Competition.
- 3.2.7 For teams nominating the following needs to be completed:
  - a) The team entry form completed and submitted along with the player information.
  - b) Umpire information must be provided no later than 21 days prior to the Competition, as per clause 4.2.6.
  - c) All players and team officials are to be registered on MyNetball.
- 3.2.8 Entry fees are non-transferable and non-refundable for teams or players who withdraw after the close of entries.

## **3.3 Competition Grading**

- 3.3.1 Entries will be graded as per the age and division nominated on entries received, being over thirty fives (O35s) and over forties (O40s) Social and Competitive Divisions.
- 3.3.2 Netball NSW will, based on the number of entries received be responsible for determining the format of the competition.
- 3.3.3 The grading of teams within each age category into divisions will be subject to the number of entries received. Netball NSW reserves the right to grade teams at their discretion and to move teams between divisions if required. The final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.
- 3.3.4 No appeals will be entered into.

### 3.4 Late Registrations

- 3.4.1 At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered.
- 3.4.2 Late registrations and de-registrations will be accepted up until 9.00am on the Friday prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 3.4.3 Late registration requests are to be completed and submitted as directed by Netball NSW. The player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.

## 4 Competition Rules

### 4.1 General Rules

- 4.1.1 All Competition Matches will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Netball, except where otherwise stated within these Competition Rules.
- 4.1.2 The final Competition format will be determined by Netball NSW, dependent upon the number of entries received.
- 4.1.3 Playing times of matches is at the discretion of Netball NSW provided there is a minimum of one (1) minute half-time break and a minimum of two (2) minutes between games.
- 4.1.4 Substitution of players is permitted in accordance with official rules.
- 4.1.5 Injury time may be taken according to official INF rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.
- 4.1.6 The umpire's whistle shall start and finish games on the indication from the central timing device.
- 4.1.7 A team may claim a forfeit one (1) minute after the umpire's whistle to indicate commencement of play on the indication from the central timing device and if the opposing team does not have five (5) players in full uniform on court and ready to play. The umpires will sign the official score sheet attesting to the forfeit.
- 4.1.8 There shall be no finals or joint placing. To determine the final individual placing point scores will be used and then if required to separate one or more teams on the same points score goal averages will be used.

### 4.2 Match Points

#### 4.2.1 Points Table: Masters State Titles Points Table

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

\* If game abandoned prior to half time - 1 point each team

\* If game abandoned at or after half time - result as per score sheet

#### 4.2.2 Goal Average

a) If two or more teams finish on equal points after the final round of matches, positions shall be decided on goal averages.

b) The goal average for each team shall be decided as follows:

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.

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\text{goals scored}}{\text{goals scored against}} \times \frac{100}{\text{matches played}}$$

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.

### 4.3 Cancellation

4.3.1 If, in the opinion of Netball NSW games are unable to be played due to severe inclement weather or adverse court conditions, each team fixtured to play will be awarded one (1) point. No points will be awarded for teams having the Bye.

### 4.4 Scoresheets

4.4.1 The method of distribution of score sheets will be determined Netball NSW.

4.4.2 Each team must provide a scorer for each game. The scorer can be a reserve player or team official.

4.4.3 Score sheets are to be returned to Event Control by the winning team immediately after each match.

4.4.4 One (1) official from each team is to sign the score sheet.

4.4.5 In circumstances where team officials of both teams involved testify that the score sheet submitted to Netball NSW is incorrect and further they agree on the correct score then Netball NSW has the discretion to vary the official scores.

### 4.5 Awards

4.5.1 Medallions shall be awarded to the Coach, Manager and Players of the First (1st), Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) place getters in each Social Division.

## 5 Officials

### 5.1 Team Officials

5.1.1 Team Officials must be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW prior to the event.



## 5.2 All Umpires

- 5.2.1 The minimum qualification to umpire at Social Masters is a National 'C' badge. Umpires must have received the C badge prior to being included on the submission.
- 5.2.2 The minimum age to umpire at Social Masters is 16 years of age. Unless prior permission is given.
- 5.2.3 Nominated umpires must be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW prior to the event.
- 5.2.4 Each Team entered must provide one (1) non-playing badged umpire per team, per day.
- 5.2.5 Nominated umpires may not play, coach or manage a team during Social Masters.
- 5.2.6 Teams must nominate their umpire twenty-one (21) days prior to the competition.
- 5.2.7 Umpires will be allocated to matches on a cross draw. Teams who fail to supply an umpire for an allocated match/es will be fined \$50.00 per match.
- 5.2.8 All umpires must be dressed in white.