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NETBALL VICTORIA COMPETITIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

These Competition Regulations are the rules governing the internal affairs of Netball Victoria competitions. They are the operating procedures that determine the conduct and direction of the competitions.

Netball Victoria exists to improve people's lives through netball. Our vision is to grow and diversify our revenue streams in order to reinvest more into our netball community each year.

Through competitions Netball Victoria's strategic drivers of; a life-long love of netball, being member centric, Victorian netball dominance, and building our netball community can be achieved.

Netball Victoria will support participation of all groups and populations including; girls, boys, women, aged, indigenous, disabled, and culturally and linguistically diverse. All competitions will provide a welcome environment and create awareness around cultural views and barriers.

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2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules & Regulation, except where stated the following definitions apply;

- **Affiliated League or Association:** means a not for profit incorporated association or company limited by guarantee, which is a member of Netball Victoria and has an interest in netball. Affiliated Associations must conduct competitions, which should consist of not less than four (4) teams.
- **Calendar Year:** means the period commencing 1st January and ending 31st December inclusive.
- **Competition Matches:** means all fixtured matches of the Competition.
- **Court Supervisor:** means the person appointed by Netball Victoria to assist the Competition Manager
- **Eligible Player List:** means the list of all players eligible to play with a Team or Club's in the Competition. Players may be added to a Team or Club's list up to and including the last round of the Competition.
- **Competition Manager:** means the person appointed by Netball Victoria to manage the Competition.
- **Field of Play (FOP):** means the designated area that includes the defined court area, team benches and score bench.
- **NCAS:** means the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.
- **NV:** means the Victorian Netball Association Incorporated (ABN 83 704 752 745) trading as Netball Victoria.
- **Quarter:** means a quarter of a netball game (or part thereof). For a player to be recorded as playing a "quarter", the player does not have to play the full fifteen minutes of the quarter.
- **Region Team:** means a team entered by a Netball Victoria region which has held trials to select the best players from that region.
- **Regulation:** means this particular Competition Regulation or any other Netball Victoria Regulation as the context requires.
- **Rules of Netball:** means the official rule book – "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2016, subject to any variations approved by NV from time to time.
- **Score Bench:** means the designated area within the FOP where all team players & team officials (Scorers and Time Keepers) are located at each game.
- **Team:** means any team which is representing an Affiliated Association, League or Club in the Competition.
- **Team Bench:** means the Coach, Manager, Captain and up to (3) other personnel, at least (1) of whom must be the Primary Carer Person who is qualified to diagnose and treat injury and/or illness.

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The Association Championships tournament is conducted over two stages, with both having a round robin format. A qualifying tournament is held by a host Association in each of the six zones with the top two teams from the Championship Division competing at the Finals Day. On Finals Day, teams again participate in a round robin tournament with the top four teams playing a finals series to decide the “Netball Victoria Association Champion”.

Association Championships are an integral part of the Netball in Victoria pathway for players, coaches and officials. They provide important talent identification opportunities for athletes as they continue to develop their skills and play to a high standard. They also give our emerging umpires the support and opportunity to learn from our umpire coaches and, in turn, enhance the standard of umpiring across Victoria.

2. Entry to Competition

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Only affiliated Netball Victoria Association / League representative teams are eligible to participate.
- 2.1.2 Only Association / League representative teams approved by their Association / League committee and Netball Victoria are permitted to enter the tournament.
- 2.1.3 Teams are required to pay an entry fee using the Netball Victoria online payment portal.
- 2.1.4 Teams will be required to submit a team list via the Netball Victoria online team registration portal by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- 2.1.5 Changes to team lists after the due date will require a ‘Change of Player’ form to be submitted to Netball Victoria.
- 2.1.6 Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players listed.
- 2.1.7 Entry to competition can be in the following age groups;
 - Open Female
 - 17 & Under Female
 - 15 & Under Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
 - 15 & Under Mixed (females and males – restrictions apply)
- 2.1.8 Divisions may be created to cater for the number of entries into one age group. Divisions will be:
 - Championship,
 - Reserve.
- 2.1.9 Associations / Leagues can enter two teams per division at the discretion of Netball Victoria.
- 2.1.10 Only Championship Division qualify for finals day.
- 2.1.11 Two teams per division from each zone will qualify for Finals Day. Netball Victoria reserves the right to add teams to Finals Day.

2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 To be eligible to represent an Association/League, a player must be registered and have played a minimum of four (4) games in that Association/League’s own competition in the 12 months prior to competition. Special consideration may be granted at the discretion of Netball Victoria.
- 2.2.2 Any player who has taken the court in four (4) or more Victorian Netball League matches in the current year of the Association Championships is not eligible to play in the competition. Open division players are exempt from this bylaw.
- 2.2.3 Players must meet Association / League eligibility criteria for representative teams. Netball Victoria reserves the right to request this information prior to competition.
- 2.2.4 Where a player is eligible to represent multiple Associations / Leagues, the player may choose to represent only one Association / League during the Association Championships in any given year.
- 2.2.5 Players cannot play in more than one section during any day of competition. There is to be no substitutions between Association / League teams on the day. However, players will be permitted to represent a higher section on an Association Championships Final day complying with the minimum age requirements stated in Rule 2.2.8.
- 2.2.6 Players must participate in preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals on the day. Teams found to be playing ineligible players will be disqualified and may incur a fine.

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- 2.2.7 To be eligible to play Finals Day, players must have participated in their respective zone qualifying stage. Exemption may be sought in the instances of player replacement for medical purposes (medical certificate required).
- 2.2.8 Participant age is determined as at 31st December each year, except for males prescribed in 2.2.9.
Minimum age requirements are;
- Open Female: 15 years
 - 17 & Under Female: 14 years,
 - 15 & Under Female: 12 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
 - 15 & Under Mixed: 12 years (females and males – restrictions apply)
 - 13 & Under Female: 11 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
- 2.2.9 The Netball Victoria Gender Regulation will apply in regard to male and mixed competition. Males who are less than 13 years of age (actual age) on the first day of the competition may participate in the 13 & Under and 15 & Under Female competitions. There is no restriction on the number of males on court or positions they may play for the 13 & Under and 15 & Under Female competitions.

2.3 Membership

- 2.3.1 All players, coaches and umpires must be full and current financial members of Netball Victoria.

3. Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A **Competition Manager** from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches. The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.
- 3.1.2 The **Competition Manager**, may at their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.
- 3.1.3 **Court Supervisor** will assist the Competition Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the

recording of all scores into the online competition management program.

- 3.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.
- 3.1.5 An **Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator** will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badge umpire. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- 3.2.2 All umpires must be approved by Netball Victoria.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary / pool rounds prior to leaving.
- 3.2.5 The following minimum standard of umpire is required:
- Open Female:
 - A Grade badge or NV approved B Grade, 17 & Under Female:
 - B Grade badge or NV approved C Grade, 15 & Under Female:
 - B Badge or NV approved C Grade badge, 15 & Under Mixed:
 - B Badge or NV approved C Grade badge, 13 & Under Female:
 - NV approved C Grade badge.
- 3.2.6 Failure to supply one umpire per team will result in a fine of \$250 per umpire not supplied, payable to Netball Victoria. Subsequent failure will result in teams forfeiting their entry.
- 3.2.7 If Netball Victoria sources an umpire for an Association/League, a fee of \$150 will be invoiced to the Association/League.

3.3 Coaches

- 3.3.1 All coaches must be current full financial Netball Victoria members and have a current minimum NCAS Foundation Netball Accreditation.

3.4 Club Personnel

- 3.4.1 A non-playing Team Manager, present at the competition, must be listed on the team registration portal.

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4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2018.
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately and may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule.

4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary / Pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at half time.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute break at the interval.
- 4.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 4.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before two (2) four (4) minute halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals.
- 4.2.6 All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Fixture & Points

- 4.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known
- 4.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a win
 - Two (2) points for a draw
 - Zero (0) points for a loss
 - Four (4) points for a bye

4.4 Finals

- 4.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.

- 4.4.2 The Finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before the competition commences.

4.5 Score Sheet

- 4.5.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit / stand together for the entire duration of the match.
- 4.5.2 The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
- 4.5.3 Netball Victoria will not accept scoresheet without the two (2) scorer's signatures.
- 4.5.4 The winning team to deliver scoresheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

4.6 Home Games

Not applicable.

4.7 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 4.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.8 Cancellations

- 4.8.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.
- 4.8.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:
 - i) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals.

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- ii) After the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

4.9 Uniforms & Equipment

- 4.9.1 All players within the team must wear Association / League playing uniform.
- 4.9.2 Associations/Leagues must submit to Netball Victoria designs/photos of their uniform prior to the competition for approval.
- 4.9.3 Taping of jewellery and/or nails is not permitted. All jewellery must be removed, and nails short and smooth.

4.10 Balls

- 4.10.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.11 Awards

- 4.11.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.12 Risk Analysis

- 4.12.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria (in conjunction with Associations if necessary) will be completed to mitigate any potential risks to the competition.

4.13 Admission to Venue

Not applicable.

5. Competition Specific

5.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

- 5.1.1 Teams are required to register at the Competition Desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team and collect fixtures or other relevant information.

5.2 Centre Pass

- 5.2.1 In Preliminary / Pool matches, the first named team will take the centre pass; the other team may choose the goal end.
- 5.2.2 The centre pass in the Grand Final will be determined by the toss of a coin.

5.3 Talent Identification and Mentoring

- 5.3.1 Talent identification for athletes and mentoring for umpires will occur at Association Championships. Where TID will be occurring the selection process and TID opportunities will be communicated to relevant participants and personnel.

- 5.3.2 Eligible athletes may be Talent Identified for: Victorian Regional Academy of Sports (13/U); Zone Academy Screening (15/U); and/or State Team Screening (15/U, 17/U & Open)
Note: the age group specified will be screened for the TID program listed.
- 5.3.3 Identified players will be notified via mail by August.

5.4 First Aid

- 5.4.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.

5.5 Policies

- 5.5.1 Association Championships will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

5.6 Mixed Division Specific Rules

Variances to the rules stated in Rule 4.1.1 Competition Requirements are as follows.

- 5.6.1 The minimum number of males in a team is two (2).
- 5.6.2 A team must have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) males on the court at all times.
- 5.6.3 Teams may only have one male player in each third; for example
GK or GD,
WD or C or WA,
GA or GS.

6. All Abilities

Unless detailed differently in this section, all Association Championship competition rules and regulations apply to All Abilities teams.

6.1 All Abilities player classification

- 6.1.1 Players with a physical or mental condition that limits their movements, senses or activities.
- 6.1.2 All Abilities players must hold a Netball Victoria All Abilities membership.

6.2 Entry to Competition

- 6.2.1 All Abilities teams must be Association / League representative teams. Only affiliated Netball Victoria Association / League representative All Abilities teams are eligible to participate.
- 6.2.2 Each Association / League may enter one (1) All Abilities team.

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6.3 Player Eligibility

- 6.3.1 To be eligible to represent an All Abilities Association / League, a player must be registered and have played at that Association / League within 12 months.
- 6.3.2 All Abilities players must hold a Netball Victoria All Abilities membership.
- 6.3.3 Participants age is determined as at 31st December each year. Minimum age requirements are;
 - AA Open: 14 years (mixed competition)

6.4 Umpires

- 6.4.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badged umpire. Refer to section 3.2 for full regulations.

6.5 Uniform & Equipment

- 6.5.1 All players within the All Abilities team must wear a uniform approved by the Association / League.
- 6.5.2 Uniforms must show the Association/League name and no other name (e.g. club)

6.6 Competition Specific

- 6.6.1 A team can have a minimum of zero (0) males on the team.
- 6.6.2 There is no minimum number of males required to be on court at any given time.
- 6.6.3 A team can have a maximum of three (3) males on the court at any time. It is not necessary for a male player to oppose a male player.
- 6.6.4 Teams can only have one male player in each third; for example, GS or GA, WA or C or WD, GD or GK
- 6.6.5 All Abilities teams will not qualify for Finals Day. Finals will be played at the Zone Qualifying Tournaments.

7. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

- 7.1.1 Association Championships will follow the guidelines of Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy, Competition Rules & Regulations, Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation, and Child Safe Standards.
- 7.1.2 Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competitions Manager before the next round of

competition. These forms are available from the Competitions Office.

- 7.1.3 In the event of a protest or an appeal, the Competitions Manager will convene with other Netball Victoria staff members deemed qualified to hear the protest / appeal.
- 7.1.4 The Competitions Manager's decision will be final.

4. STATE TITLES

1. Introduction

The Netball Victoria State Titles Competition is conducted over two days in a round robin format bringing highly talented players, coaches and officials from the 19 Netball Victoria regions, promoting the structured pathway for those playing netball in Victoria.

The Regions send their best players, coaches and officials to be a part of this prestigious competition. The competition showcases four age group divisions as well as All Abilities.

2. Entry to Competition

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Only regional teams are eligible to participate
- 2.1.2 Teams are required to register using the Netball Victoria online portal.
- 2.1.3 Teams will be required to submit a team list via the Netball Victoria online team registration portal by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- 2.1.4 Entry to competition can be in the following age groups divisions;
 - Open Female
 - 17 & Under Female
 - 15 & Under Female (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
 - 15 & Under Mixed (females and males – restrictions apply)
- 2.1.5 Only one regional team can be entered into each age division.
- 2.1.6 All Ability (AA) teams must be region-based teams.
- 2.1.7 Divisions may be created for All Abilities to cater for the number of entries. Divisions will be:
 - Championship,
 - Division 2.
- 2.1.8 Regions may enter one team into each AA division.

2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 To be eligible to represent a region, a player must play a minimum of six (6) matches in an Association / League within the Region between 1st January of the previous year and prior to the State Titles. Where a player is eligible to represent multiple regions, the

player may only represent the region of their choice.

- 2.2.2 Players may apply in writing to Netball Victoria for special consideration to represent a Region if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria as per Rule 2.3.
- 2.2.3 Players must participate in preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals on the day. Teams found to be playing ineligible players will be disqualified and may incur a fine.
- 2.2.4 Participant age is determined as at 31st December each year.
- 2.2.5 Minimum age requirements are;
 - Open Female: 15 years
 - 17 & Under Female: 14 years,
 - 15 & Under Female: 12 years (males <13 years of age as at the first day of competition may participate)
 - 15 & Under Mixed: 12 years (females and males – restrictions apply)

2.3 Clearances

- 2.3.1 Players may apply for a Regional Clearance if they wish to be granted special consideration to represent a Region if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria.
- 2.3.2 A Regional Clearance will be required for a player who does not currently participate in an Association / League within the particular Region that they wish to play for in the State Titles.
- 2.3.3 This can be due to the following:
 - Prior residency in that particular region,
 - Proximity (border of two regions).
 - Any other circumstance deemed reasonable by Netball Victoria.
- 2.3.4 Refer to State Titles Regional Clearance Application Form.

2.4 Membership

- 2.4.1 All players, coaches and umpires must be full and current financial members of Netball Victoria.

3. Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A **Competition Manager** from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches. The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.

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The Competition Manager may in their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.

- 3.1.2 **Court Supervisor** will assist the Competitions Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 3.1.3 An **Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator** will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.
- 3.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badge umpire. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- 3.2.2 All umpires must be approved by Netball Victoria.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary / pool rounds prior to leaving.
- 3.2.5 The following minimum standard of umpire is required:
 - Open Female:
 - A Grade badge or NV approved B Grade badge,
 - AA Open Mixed:
 - NV approved C Grade badge,
 - 17 & Under Female:
 - B Grade badge or NV approved C Grade badge,
 - 15 & Under Female:
 - NV approved C Grade badge,
 - 15 & Under Mixed:
 - NV approved C Grade badge

3.3 Coaches

- 3.3.1 All coaches must be current full financial Netball Victoria members and have a current minimum NCAS Foundation Netball Accreditation.

3.4 Team Personnel

- 3.4.1 A non-playing Team Manager, present at the competition, must be named in the online team registration portal.
- 3.4.2 Each team is permitted to have five (5) officials on their team bench including but not limited to Coach/es, Team Manager, Primary Care.

4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2016.
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately and may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule.

4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary / pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at the interval.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute interval.
- 4.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 4.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before 2 equal halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals.
- 4.2.6 Finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Fixture & Points

- 4.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known.
- 4.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a win,
 - Two (2) points for a draw,
 - Zero (0) points for a loss,
 - Four (4) points for a bye.

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4.4 Finals

- 4.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.
- 4.4.2 The Finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before competition commences.

4.5 Score Sheet

- 4.5.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit / stand together for the entire duration of the match.
- 4.5.2 The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
- 4.5.3 Netball Victoria will not accept scoresheet without the two (2) scorer's signatures.
- 4.5.4 The winning team to deliver scoresheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

4.6 Home Games

- 4.6.1 Not applicable.

4.7 Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 4.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal to for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.8 Cancellations

- 4.8.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the

competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.

- 4.8.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:
 - i) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals.
 - ii) After the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

4.9 Uniforms & Equipment

- 4.9.1 All players within the team must wear Region playing uniform.

4.10 Balls

- 4.10.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.11 Awards

- 4.11.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.12 Risk Analysis

- 4.12.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria (in conjunction with Associations if necessary) will be completed to mitigate any potential risks to the competition.

5. Competition Specific

5.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

- 5.1.1 Teams are required to register at the Competition Desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team and collect fixtures or other relevant information.

5.2 Centre Pass

- 5.2.1 In Preliminary / pool matches, the first named team will take the centre pass; the other team may choose the goal end.
- 5.2.2 The centre pass in the Grand Final will be determined by the toss of a coin.

5.3 Talent Identification and Mentoring

- 5.3.1 Talent identification for athletes and mentoring for umpires will occur at State Titles. Where TID will be occurring the

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selection process and TID opportunities will be communicated to relevant participants and personnel.

5.4 First Aid

5.4.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.

5.5 Policies

5.5.1 State Titles will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

5.6 Mixed Division Specific Rules

5.6.1 Variances to the rules stated in Rule 4.1.1 Competition Requirements are as follows:
A team must have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) males on the court at all times.
Teams can only have one male player in each third; for example, GK or GD, WD or C or WA, GA or GS.

6. All Abilities

6.1 Team Eligibility

6.1.1 All Ability teams must be Region teams (see definition in Section 2) and not Association or Club teams.
6.1.2 Divisions may be created for All Abilities to cater for the number of entries. Divisions will be: Championship Division, and Division 2

6.2 Player Eligibility

6.2.1 To be eligible to represent a region, a player must be registered to an Association or League in that Region. Where a player is eligible to represent multiple regions, the player may only represent the region of their choice.
6.2.2 Players may apply in writing to Netball Victoria for special consideration to represent a Region if they have not reached the stated eligibility criteria as per Rule 2.3.
6.2.3 Participant age is determined as at 31st December each year. Minimum age requirement is;
Open division: 15 years (mixed competition)

6.3 Umpires

6.3.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badged umpire. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

6.4 Specific Rules

6.4.1 Variances to the rules stated in **Rule 4.1.1 Competition Requirements** are as follows:
A team can have a minimum of zero (0) males on the team.
There is no minimum number of males required to be on court at any given time.
A team can have a maximum of three (3) males on the court at any given time.
It is not necessary for a male player to be opposed to a male player.
Teams can only have one male player in each third; for example
GS or GA
WA, C or WD
GD or GK

6.5 Uniforms & Equipment

6.5.1 All players within the team must wear the region playing uniform.

7. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

7.1.1 State Titles will follow the guidelines of Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy, Competition Rules & Regulations, Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation, and Child Safe Standards.
7.1.2 Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competition Manager before the next round of competition. These forms are available from the Competitions Office.
7.1.3 In the event of a protest or an appeal, the Competition Manager will convene with other Netball Victoria staff members deemed qualified to hear the protest / appeal.
7.1.4 The Competition Manager's decision will be final.

5. SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Introduction

The Netball Victoria Schools Championships is one of the largest netball tournaments conducted in Australia and attracts Government, Catholic and Independent school teams from around the state. Teams are also eligible from around Australia as well as international teams.

Teams play in a round robin format across multiple preliminary days across Victoria with the top teams advancing through to Finals Day at the State Netball Hockey Centre where the State Champions are crowned.

2. Entry to Competition

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Only registered schools are permitted to enter.
- 2.1.2 Schools are required to pay an entry fee using the Netball Victoria online payment portal.
- 2.1.3 Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players.
- 2.1.4 There is no restrictions on the number of team's schools enter in each division.
- 2.1.5 Entry to competition can be in the following divisions;
 - Primary: Female, Male, Mixed,
 - Secondary Junior: Female, Male,
 - Secondary Intermediate: Female, Male,
 - Secondary Senior: Female, Male
 - All Abilities: Mixed
- 2.1.6 Teams winning their division on Preliminary Days will qualify for Finals Day. Netball Victoria reserves the right to invite additional teams to Finals Day.

2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 All players must be students of the school entering team/s.
- 2.2.2 Players cannot play in more than one section during any day of competition.
- 2.2.3 Players must participate in preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals on the day. Teams found to be playing ineligible players will be disqualified and may incur a fine.
- 2.2.4 Participants must compete in the division that is associated with their current school grade;
 - Primary: Grades 5 & 6,
 - Secondary Junior: Year 7 & 8,
 - Secondary Intermediate: Year 9 & 10,
 - Secondary Senior: Year 11 & 12,
 - All Abilities: Primary or Secondary grades

2.3 Membership

Not applicable.

3. Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A **Competition Manager** from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches. The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe. The Competition Manager, may at their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.
- 3.1.2 **Court Supervisor** will assist the Competition Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 3.1.3 **Netball Victoria** has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.
- 3.1.4 An **Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator** will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Each team must supply a non-playing, non-coaching current badge umpire.
- 3.2.2 All umpires must be approved by Netball Victoria.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary / pool rounds prior to leaving.

3.3 Coaches

Not applicable.

3.4 Club Personnel

Not applicable

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4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2018.
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately and may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule.

4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary / Pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at half time.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute break at the interval.
- 4.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 4.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before 2 equal halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has scored two goals.
- 4.2.6 All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Fixture & Points

- 4.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known
- 4.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a win,
 - Two (2) points for a draw,
 - Zero (0) points for a loss.

4.4 Finals

- 4.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.

- 4.4.2 The Finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before the competition commences.

4.5 Score Sheet

- 4.5.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit / stand together for the entire duration of the match.
- 4.5.2 The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
- 4.5.3 Netball Victoria will not accept scoresheet without the two (2) scorer's signatures.
- 4.5.4 The winning team to deliver scoresheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

4.6 Home Games

Not applicable.

4.7 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 4.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.8 Cancellations

- 4.8.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.
- 4.8.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:

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- i) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals.
- ii) After the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

4.9 Uniforms & Equipment

- 4.9.1 All players within the team must wear school playing uniform.

4.10 Balls

- 4.10.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.11 Awards

- 4.11.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.12 Risk Analysis

- 4.12.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria (in conjunction with Associations if necessary) will be completed to mitigate any potential risks to the competition.

4.13 Admission to Venue

Not applicable.

5. Competition Specific

5.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

- 5.1.1 Schools are required to register at the Competition Desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team and collect fixtures or other relevant information.

5.2 Centre Pass

- 5.2.1 In Preliminary / Pool matches, the first named team will take the centre pass; the other team may choose the goal end.
- 5.2.2 The centre pass in the Grand Final will be determined by the toss of a coin.

5.3 Talent Identification and Mentoring

- 5.3.1 Talent identification for athletes and mentoring for umpires may occur at Schools Championships. Where TID will be occurring the selection process and TID opportunities will

be communicated to relevant participants and personnel.

5.4 Primary Mixed Rules

- 5.4.1 The primary mixed competition will have NO restrictions applied on the basis of gender. This includes the number of males/females permitted on court at any one time, as well as the positions they can play.

5.5 First Aid

- 5.5.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.

5.6 Policies

- 5.6.1 Schools Championships will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

6. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

- 6.1.1 Schools Championships will follow the guidelines of Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy, Competition Rules & Regulations, Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation, and Child Safe Standards.
- 6.1.2 Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competitions Manager before the next round of competition. These forms are available from the Competitions Office.
- 6.1.3 In the event of a protest or an appeal, the Competitions Manager will convene with other Netball Victoria staff members deemed qualified to hear the protest / appeal.
- 6.1.4 The Competitions Manager's decision will be final.

6. BEACH NETBALL

1. Introduction

Beach Netball is a variation to the traditional game of netball. It has the same rules and regulations however the game is played on a half-court marked out in the sand. This competition is designed to be social, fun and easy to play for the traditional netballer or someone new to the game.

2. Entry to Competition

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Teams are required to pay an entry fee using the Netball Victoria online payment portal.
- 2.1.2 Teams will be required to submit a team list via the Netball Victoria online team registration portal by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- 2.1.3 Teams can have a maximum of seven (7) players listed, of which only four (4) can take the court at one time.
- 2.1.4 Entry to competition can be in:
 - Female,
 - Mixed.

2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 Players must be 16 years or over at the time of the competition.
- 2.2.2 Players are allowed to play for only one team during competition.
- 2.2.3 Players named on the team list upon entry are the only eligible players during competition.
- 2.2.4 A maximum of seven players are allowed in one team.
- 2.2.5 Mixed teams can only have a maximum of 2 male players on the court at one time.

2.3 Membership

- 2.3.1 Players do not need to be Netball Victoria members. They are covered by the event insurance which is included in the team registration fee.

3. Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A **Competition Manager** from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches. The Competitions Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.

The Competitions Manager, may in their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.

- 3.1.2 **Court Supervisors** will assist the Competitions Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 3.1.3 An **Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator** will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.
- 3.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Umpires will be supplied and approved by Netball Victoria.
- 3.2.2 All umpires will require a minimum C Grade badge and be a Netball Victoria member.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpires Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary / pool rounds prior to leaving.

3.3 Coaches

Not mandatory.

3.4 Club Personnel

Not mandatory.

4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2018. Variances to the rules will be stipulated in **Rule 5.4 Competition Specific**.
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately and may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule.

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4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary / Pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with a break at half time.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of 2 x equal halves with one (1) minute break at the interval.
- 4.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 4.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before 2 equal halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has scored two goals.
- 4.2.6 All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Fixture & Points

- 4.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known.
- 4.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a win,
 - Two (2) points for a draw,
 - Zero (0) points for a loss.

4.4 Finals

- 4.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.
- 4.4.2 The finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before the competition commences.

4.5 Score Sheet

- 4.5.1 Netball Victoria will provide a scorer for all matches. The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.

- 4.5.2 Netball Victoria will not accept a scoresheet without a signature from a member of each competing team.

4.6 Home Games

Not applicable.

4.7 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.7.2 4.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 4.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.8 Cancellations

- 4.8.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.
- 4.8.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:
 - i) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals
 - ii) After the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage

4.9 Uniforms & Equipment

- 4.9.1 All players within the team must be in team uniform. All shirts worn by players must be the same colour.
- 4.9.2 Players may wear netball dresses, shorts or skirts (above the knee), leggings / active wear.
- 4.9.3 Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of wedding rings and stud earrings, that must be taped.

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- 4.9.4 Fingernails must be trimmed or taped.
- 4.9.5 Soft peak hats, sun visors, sunglasses and netball gloves are permitted (nails trimmed or taped underneath).
- 4.9.6 No shoes are allowed, however players may wear socks.
- 4.9.7 Bibs are not required by teams, however will be available should two teams have the same / similar uniform.

4.10 Balls

- 4.10.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.11 Awards

- 4.11.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.12 Risk Analysis

- 4.12.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria (in conjunction with Associations if necessary) will be completed to mitigate any potential risks to the competition.

4.13 Admission to Venue

Not applicable.

5. Competition Specific

5.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

- 5.1.1 Teams are required to register at the Competition Desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team and collect fixtures or other relevant information.

5.2 Centre Pass

- 5.2.1 In Preliminary / Pool matches, the first centre pass of the game will be taken by the first named team.
- 5.2.2 The first centre pass of the second half will be taken by the second named team.

5.3 First Aid

- 5.3.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.
- 5.3.2 Players are to supply their own strapping / medical tape.

5.4 Specific Rules

- 5.4.1 Variances to the rules stated in **Rule 4.1.1 Competition Requirements** are as follows:

Dropped Ball / Diving: A player may dive on the sand to catch a ball on the full or claim possession of a ball on the sand (from either own or opposing team) and then either play the ball from the ground or stand up and play the ball. Stepping will not be called in this instance.

Players catching the ball face down on the ground will be allowed to roll on their backs to pass the ball. The three second rule applies to both the above.

Turnovers: When possession of the ball is turned over the team in possession need to play the ball back over the transverse line. A team member must catch or land with the ball with both feet on the ground past the transverse line before continuing to play the ball back towards goal.

There will be no stop in play; the team having completed the crossing of the transverse line immediately continues playing the ball.

If a defending player tips or deflects the ball, this is not classified as a turnover unless that team gains possession.

Scoring: All players can shoot goals, but only two players from the one team can be in the goal ring at one time.

Goals can be shot from inside the goal ring for 1-point. Goals shot from outside the goal ring (area between the transverse line and outside the goal ring) will be worth 3-points.

The umpire will indicate a 1-point goal with 1 hand raised; a 3-point goal with two hands raised.

After a goal has been scored, the opposition team throws the ball in from behind the goal line to start play. They must take the ball over the transverse line before an attempt of goal.

Over a third: The over a third rule does not apply when a throw in is being taken from behind the centre line. This is deemed as being 'in' the centre third.

The only instance the over a third rule applies is when the ball is being thrown in from the goal line. i.e. ball needs to be touched in the goal third before crossing the transverse line into the centre third.

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5.5 Substitutions

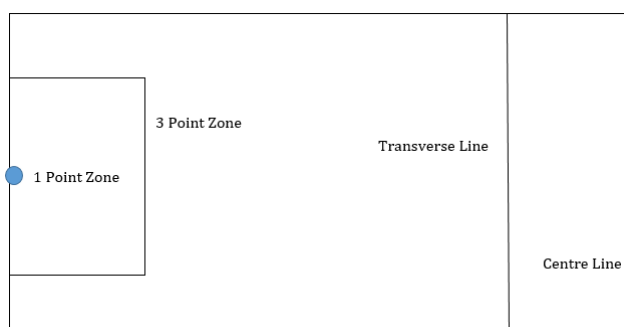
- 5.5.1 Players not on the court (maximum of 3) must remain together and behind the centre line.
- 5.5.2 Substitutions can be made only after a goal has been scored.
- 5.5.3 A maximum of two substitutes can occur at the one time.
- 5.5.4 Players must leave the court over the transverse line before teammates can take the court.
- 5.5.5 The game will not stop for substitutions.
- 5.5.6 There is no limit to the number of substitutions per team in a game.

5.6 Court

- 5.6.1 The court size is 10m x 19m with regulation goal height of 3.05m.

5.7 Policies

- 5.7.1 Beach Netball will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.



6. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

- 6.1.1 Beach Netball will follow the guidelines of Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy, Competition Rules & Regulations, Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation, and Child Safe Standards
- 6.1.2 Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competitions Manager. These forms are available from the Competitions Office.
- 6.1.3 In the event of a protest or an appeal, the Competitions Manager will convene with the court supervisors and other Netball Victoria staff members deemed qualified to hear the protest and or appeal.
- 6.1.4 The Competitions Manager's decision will be final.

7. MASTERS

1. Introduction

Masters is an Over 30s competition and is open to all standards of netball with social and competitive divisions to make sure everyone enjoys the netball competition.

2. Entry to Competition

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Teams are required to pay an entry fee using the Netball Victoria online payment portal.
- 2.1.2 Teams will be required to submit a team list via the Netball Victoria online team registration portal by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- 2.1.3
- 2.1.4 Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players listed.
- 2.1.5 Competition will be created for age sections including:
 - 30+,
 - 40+.
- 2.1.6 Teams must compete in the age section of the youngest player (for example, if all team members are over 40 years, except one player who is 38, the team must compete in the 30+ section).
- 2.1.7 Divisions may be created to cater for the number of entries into one age group. Divisions will be:
 - Competitive,
 - Social.

2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 Players must be 30 years or over on 31st December in the year of competition
- 2.2.2 Players are allowed to play for only one team during competition.
- 2.2.3 Players named on the team list upon entry are the only eligible players during competition.

2.3 Membership

- 2.3.1 Players do not need to be Netball Victoria members. They are covered by the event insurance which is included in the team registration fee.

3. Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A **Competition Manager** from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches.

The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or cancel any matches deemed unsafe.

The Competition Manager, may in their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.

- 3.1.2 **Court Supervisor** will assist the Competitions Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 3.1.3 An **Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator** will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.
- 3.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Umpires will be supplied by each competing team but approved by Netball Victoria.
- 3.2.2 All umpires will require a minimum C Grade badge and be a Netball Victoria member.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary / pool rounds prior to leaving.

3.3 Coaches

Not mandatory.

3.4 Club Personnel

Not mandatory.

4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2018. Variances to the rules will be stipulated in **Rule 5.4 Competition Specific**.
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with

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blood must leave the court immediately and may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule.

4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary / Pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at half time.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of 2 x equal halves with one (1) minute break at the interval.
- 4.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 4.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before 2 equal halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team leads by two goals.
- 4.2.6 All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Fixture & Points

- 4.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known.
- 4.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a win,
 - Two (2) points for a draw,
 - Zero (0) points for a loss.

4.4 Finals

- 4.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.
- 4.4.2 The finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before the competition commences.

4.5 Score Sheet

- 4.5.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit / stand together for the entire duration of the match.
- 4.5.2 The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
- 4.5.3 Netball Victoria will not accept scoresheet without the two (2) scorer's signatures.
- 4.5.4 The winning team to deliver scoresheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

4.6 Home Games

Not applicable.

4.7 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 4.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.8 Cancellations

- 4.8.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.
- 4.8.2 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause after the start of the game:
 - i) prior to the completion of the first half, teams will be awarded two (2) points and five (5) goals
 - ii) After the commencement of the second half the score stands as at the time of the stoppage.

7. MASTERS

4.9 Uniforms & Equipment

- 4.9.1 All players within the team must be in team uniform.
- 4.9.2 Shorts must be above knee length and singlets have a 3cm strap (no shoestring straps).
- 4.9.3 Women can wear shorts or skirts providing they are of the same colour.
- 4.9.4 Active wear / leggings may be worn as an undergarment only.

4.10 Balls

- 4.10.1 All game netballs will be supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.11 Awards

- 4.11.1 Winning teams will receive awards supplied by Netball Victoria.

4.12 Risk Analysis

- 4.12.1 A risk analysis process by Netball Victoria (in conjunction with Associations if necessary) will be completed to mitigate any potential risks to the competition.

4.13 Admission to Venue

Not applicable.

5. Competition Specific

5.1 Team Registration (day of competition)

- 5.1.1 Teams are required to register at the Competition Desk no later than 30 minutes before the first match of the day to check in their team and collect fixtures or other relevant information.

5.2 Centre Pass

- 5.2.1 In Preliminary / pool matches, the first centre pass of the game will be taken by the first named team.
- 5.2.2 The first centre pass of the second half will be taken by the second named team.

5.3 First Aid

- 5.3.1 A First Aid officer will be located on site.
- 5.3.2 Players are to supply their own strapping / medical tape.

5.4 Policies

- 5.4.1 Masters will comply with Netball Victoria and Netball Australia Policies and adhere to the Code of Conduct on the Netball Victoria Website.

6. Offences, Complaints Procedure & Penalties

- 6.1.1 Masters will follow the guidelines of Netball Victoria's Member Protection Policy, Competition Rules & Regulations, Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation, and Child Safe Standards.
- 6.1.2 Protests and appeals should be lodged by the team coordinator to the Competitions Manager. These forms are available from the Competitions Office.
- 6.1.3 In the event of a protest or an appeal, the Competitions Manager will convene with the court supervisors and other Netball Victoria staff members deemed qualified to hear the protest and or appeal.
- 6.1.4 The Competitions Manager's decision will be final.

8. MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Introduction

Netball Victoria Mixed Championships is for all teams to compete either socially or competitively with both males and females in a team.

2. Entry to Competition

2.1 Team Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Teams are required to pay an entry fee using the Rock Up Netball online payment portal.
- 2.1.2 Teams will be required to submit a team list via the Rock Up Netball online team registration portal by the requested date or will be deemed ineligible to play.
- 2.1.3 Teams can have a maximum of twelve (12) players listed.
- 2.1.4 Competition will be created for age sections including:
 - Under 30,
 - Over 30.
- 2.1.5 Teams must compete in the age section of the youngest player (for example, if all team members are over 30 years, except one player who is 28, the team must compete in the Under 30 section)
- 2.1.6 Divisions may be created to cater for the number of entries into one age group. Divisions will be:
 - Competitive,
 - Social.

2.2 Player Eligibility

- 2.2.1 Players must be 16 years or over on 31/12 in the year of competition.
- 2.2.2 Players are allowed to play for only one team during competition.
- 2.2.3 Players named on the team list upon entry are the only eligible players during competition.

2.3 Membership

- 2.3.1 Players do not need to be Netball Victoria members. They are covered by the event insurance which is included in the team registration fee.

3. Personnel

3.1 Netball Victoria Competition Officials

- 3.1.1 A **Competition Manager** from Netball Victoria will be responsible for the management of all competition matches. The Competition Manager will be authorised to suspend or

cancel any matches deemed unsafe. The Competition Manager may in their discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in the competition rules and regulations of the competition. The exercising of such discretion will have regard for the integrity of the competition.

- 3.1.2 A **Court Supervisor** will assist the Competitions Manager in the management of the competition and be responsible for the recording of all scores into the online competition management program.
- 3.1.3 An **Umpire Supervisor / Coordinator** will be appointed by Netball Victoria to manage umpires on the day and prior to competition.
- 3.1.4 Netball Victoria has the right to appoint other officials and volunteers to enable the competition to run according to standards.

3.2 Umpires

- 3.2.1 Umpires will be supplied by each competing team but approved by Netball Victoria. Failure to provide an umpire may result in a fine.
- 3.2.2 All umpires will require a minimum C Grade badge and be a Netball Victoria member.
- 3.2.3 All umpires must comply with the Netball Victoria Competitions Umpire Uniform Code.
- 3.2.4 Netball Victoria shall allocate umpires for all matches on a panel system. Umpires may be required for finals and must check with the Umpires Supervisor / Coordinator at the end of the preliminary / pool rounds prior to leaving.

3.3 Coaches

Not mandatory

3.4 Club Personnel

Not mandatory

4. Competition Organisation

4.1 Competition Requirements

- 4.1.1 Competition matches shall be as per the "Official Rules of Netball" revised 2018. Variances to the rules will be stipulated in Rule 5.4 Competition Specific
- 4.1.2 If an umpire observes a player bleeding or there is blood on the court, ball or any other player, they are required to call time, if no "on court" player has called time. The player/s with blood must leave the court immediately and

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may be substituted as per the standard injury / blood rule.

4.2 Conduct of Matches

- 4.2.1 Preliminary / Pool matches will consist of two (2) x equal halves with no break at half time.
- 4.2.2 Finals will consist of two (2) x equal halves with one (1) minute break at the interval.
- 4.2.3 The clock will not stop for injuries or blood. If an injury is called or blood present as per Rule 4.1.2, the player must be substituted immediately.
- 4.2.4 In the event of a drawn match in finals there will be a one (1) minute break before 2 equal halves with a one (1) minute break at the interval when teams change ends.
- 4.2.5 If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, then play continues until one team has scored two goals.
- 4.2.6 All finals that go into extra time will be timed courtside by a Netball Victoria official.
- 4.2.7 Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.

4.3 Fixture & Points

- 4.3.1 Netball Victoria will determine the pools and fixture after all teams are entered and final number known.
- 4.3.2 In preliminary / pool rounds, points will be awarded as follows:
 - Four (4) points for a win,
 - Two (2) points for a draw,
 - Zero (0) points for a loss.

4.4 Finals

- 4.4.1 At the conclusion of the preliminary / pool rounds, teams will be ranked by points awarded for win / loss. In the event of teams on equal points at the conclusion of these matches, the highest percentage will determine ladder placing, based on goals for and against.
- 4.4.2 The finals structure will be determined by Netball Victoria based on number of pools / teams competing. The finals format will be communicated before the competition commences.

4.5 Score Sheet

- 4.5.1 Each team must provide a non-participating scorer for all matches who must sit / stand together for the entire duration of the match.
- 4.5.2 The scoresheet provided by Netball Victoria will be considered the official scoresheet and only information recorded on the official scoresheet will be accepted.
- 4.5.3 Netball Victoria will not accept scoresheet without the two (2) scorer's signatures.
- 4.5.4 The winning team to deliver scoresheet to the Event Office immediately after the game.

4.6 Home Games

Not applicable.

4.7 Late Arrivals & Forfeits

- 4.7.1 All competition games will commence at the time listed in the fixture.
- 4.7.2 If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, a representative from the team present must notify the Competition Officials immediately.
- 4.7.3 A Competition Official may award the present team one (1) goal for each full minute the game is delayed.
- 4.7.4 A maximum of five (5) goals will be awarded, after which the match will be declared a forfeit by the Competition Official.
- 4.7.5 Once declared a forfeit by the Competition Official, the team present will be awarded the four points and a winning margin of 10-0.

4.8 Cancellations

- 4.8.1 When matches are cancelled due to weather or some other cause prior to the start of the game, both teams will be credited with two (2) points and five (5) goals each and the competition will continue as per fixture, unless alternate arrangements can be made to reschedule the match.
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5.4 Specific Rules

- 5.4.1 Variances to the rules stated in **Rule 4.1.1 Competition Requirements** are as follows:
A team must have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) males on the court at all times.
- 5.4.2 Teams can only have one male player in each third; for example
 - GS or GA
 - WA, C or WD
 - GD or GK

5.5 Policies

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9. OFFENCES, COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE & PENALTIES

Please refer to the Netball Victoria Competition Complaints Handling Regulation document [here](#). The purpose of this Regulation is to deal with competition related offences which may arise in the conduct of netball tournaments, competitions, activities and events throughout Victoria. It sets out the procedures to be followed in dealing with offences in an effective, appropriate and timely manner.

PARTNERING ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – [A Hearing Officer Notification](#)
- Attachment 2 – [Appeal Officer Notification](#)
- Attachment 3 – [Complaint Form](#)
- Attachment 4 – [Respondent Form](#)
- Attachment 5 – [Notice of Appeal](#)