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Netball NSW Regional State Cup

Competition Rules

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3 Definitions and Interpretation

3.1 Defined Terms

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 NSW Netball.

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

Competition means the Netball NSW Regional State Cup.

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.

Finals Series means the Major Semi Final, Minor Semi Final and Grand Final of the Competition.

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

Netball NSW means the New South Wales Netball Association Ltd.

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

Score Bench means the official bench for the scoring of Matches.

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

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.

Working Group means the sub-committee formed within each region to execute tasks on behalf of the Regional Representative team.

4 Competition Information

4.1 General Information

- 4.1.1 Subject to these Competition Rules, the Netball NSW Constitution and any other document, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager shall have the authority to enquire and adjudicate all questions and disputes arising out of the Competition. If a matter is not provided for in the Competition Rules, the Netball NSW Constitution or any other document, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager may make any determination after consultation with the Netball NSW Executive General Manager Community and Pathways, and/or the Chief Executive Officer, where appropriate, and the decision shall be final.
- 4.1.2 Netball NSW has the power to waive compliance with the Regional State Cup Competition Rules when satisfied that extenuating circumstances exist.
- 4.1.3 Any request to waive compliance with the Regional State Cup Competition Rules must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Netball NSW Competitions Manager or their appointed delegate.
- 4.1.4 Any participating Team refusing or neglecting to abide by a decision of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager may be excluded from the Competition for such time as the Netball NSW Competitions Manager, in consultation with the Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer and Netball NSW Board, shall determine.
- 4.1.5 Netball NSW may deduct points from any team if they are found to have contravened or disregarded any rules of the Regional State Cup Competition.
- 4.1.6 All relevant correspondence shall be addressed to and received at the Netball NSW Office by either post; hand delivery or email marked attention of the Netball NSW Competitions Manager.
- 4.1.7 All outward correspondence shall be dispatched from the Netball NSW Office and directed to the nominated Region Representative team contact by email.
- 4.1.8 All Competition Rules and supporting documents will be reviewed by Netball NSW representatives at the conclusion of each Season.

4.2 Venue and dates

- 4.2.1 All matches will be played at Netball Central, 2 Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, unless otherwise determined by Netball NSW.
- 4.2.2 The dates for the Competition shall be advised to Associations by Netball NSW via email and the Netball NSW website and will also be advised at the November Council meeting.

4.3 Uniforms and equipment

- 4.3.1 Players must play in the identical playing uniform except where prior approval has been given.
- 4.3.2 Each Team is to have available two sets of position patches, of different colours.

- 4.3.3 Netball NSW will provide all match balls.
- 4.3.4 Score sheets will be supplied by Netball NSW and will be available for each Match.

4.4 Complaint Handling

- 4.4.1 All complaints lodged with Netball NSW in relation to the Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures of the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.
- 4.4.2 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.
- 4.4.3 All participants of the Competition including but not limited to Players, Umpires, Bench Officials 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.

5 Competition Structure

5.1 Team Qualification

- 5.1.1 A representative team from regions 2-8 will be invited to attend.
 - Region 2 – Hunter
 - Region 3 – West / Central West
 - Region 4 – Far North Coast
 - Region 5 – South Coast
 - Region 6 – Northern Inland
 - Region 7 – North Coast
 - Region 8 – Riverina
- 5.1.2 There will be a maximum of seven (7) teams in the Competition.

5.2 Player Eligibility

- 5.2.1 All Players entered into the Competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball Member database prior to the commencement of the Competition, or their participation in the Competition.
- 5.2.2 All players entered into the Competition will be aged 17 to 23 years as at 31 December of the year in which they participate in the competition.

In 2020 where required, a maximum of two (2) players who are 24 years or over as at 31 December of the year in which they participate may be permitted to be included. Requests must be made in writing to the Regional Performance and Pathways Manager for approval.

- 5.2.3 Players entered in a regional representative team must be registered with an Association in that region.
- 5.2.4 To be eligible to participate in semi-finals, finals and grand finals Players must have played in at least two (2) minor round matches, in the team participating in the finals series.

5.3 Team nomination & entry

- 5.3.1 The closing date for Team applications into the Competition will be notified to Affiliated Associations by Netball NSW. The closing date will also be included on the relevant entry form and promoted on the Netball NSW website.
- 5.3.2 Entry fees for the Competition for the ensuing year will be notified to Associations by Netball NSW via email and the Netball NSW website and will also be advised at the November Council meeting.
- 5.3.3 Team Nominations for the Competition must be lodged in accordance with procedures as determined by Netball NSW and must be accompanied with supporting documentation where required and as requested by Netball NSW. All Team entries must be received by Netball NSW by the published time and date for close of entries.
- 5.3.4 Teams shall register on the approved Player entry form together with a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) Players' names as detailed in Rule 5.3.3, by the closing date of entries for the Competition.
- 5.3.5 At no time is a Team permitted to have more than twelve (12) Players registered.
- 5.3.6 If a Team withdraws from the Competition prior to the draw being finalised, the draw will be reconstructed. If a Team withdraws from the Competition after the draw has been finalised and released to all participating teams, the withdrawing Team will be replaced with a bye in the draw.

5.4 Late registration

- 5.4.1 A maximum of four (4) Players may be late registered in a Team. Late registrations and de-registrations will be accepted up until 8.00am on the first day of play where it can be lodged with Event Control.
- 5.4.2 A de-registered Player may only be re-registered in the same Region team for the duration of the Competition. A re-registered Player is counted as a late registration.
- 5.4.3 Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by an Regional State Cup Team official to the Competitions Manager or their delegate prior to the commencement of the Match in which they are to play.
- 5.4.4 At no time is a Team permitted to have more than twelve (12) Players registered.

6 Competition Rules

6.1 General Rules

- 6.1.1 The Competition will be conducted with reference to the International Netball Federation Official Rules of Netball and International Netball Federation Regulations (INF Rules) as published by the INF from time to time, unless where modified in these Competition Rules.

6.2 Competition Structure

- 6.2.1 Competition Matches are to be played as advised by Netball NSW.
- 6.2.2 The fixture for the Competition will be posted on the Netball NSW website one week prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- 6.2.3 All teams will play each other once in minor rounds of the Regional State Cup.
- 6.2.4 The top four (4) placed Region Representative Teams from the minor round matches will advance to a Finals series
- 6.2.5 The Netball NSW Competitions Manager will make the final decision as to the draw and the scheduling of Matches.
- 6.2.6 Should less than 7 teams enter the Competition, Netball NSW reserves the right to re-format the Competition Structure to best suit the number of teams entered.
- 6.2.7 The Competition is a sporting activity for female players only.

6.3 Match Duration and Match Format

- 6.3.1 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.
- 6.3.2 The Umpire's whistle shall start and finish Matches on the indication from the central timing device.
- 6.3.3 Only the officiating Umpires may stop a Match (temporarily or indefinitely) due to an extraordinary circumstance that may be deemed an emergency. This may include but is not limited to equipment damage or failure, a seriously injured Player or any other reason deemed necessary by the officiating Umpires.
- 6.3.4 The officiating Umpires in consultation with the Competitions Manager or their delegate, will determine if a Match may continue to proceed or if that Match must be delayed, postponed or abandoned.
- 6.3.5 In the event that a Match is delayed, postponed or abandoned, that Match must be resumed as soon as is conveniently possible as directed by the officiating Umpires or if prolonged delaying occurs, the Netball NSW Competitions Manager shall direct accordingly.
- 6.3.6 A Team may claim a forfeit one minute after the time set down for the commencement of the Match, if the opposing Team does not have five Players in full uniform on court and ready to play.
- 6.3.7 Injury time may be taken according to the INF Rules, but no additional time shall be added to the match.

6.4 Match Points

- 6.4.1 The Competition shall be conducted on a points score basis.

6.4.2 Points Table:

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

6.4.3 At the conclusion of the Minor Round Matches, Region Representative Teams will be ranked according to:

- a) Points awarded for a win, loss or draw as outlined in 6.4.2.
- b) In the event of Teams having the same level of points at the end of the Minor Round Matches, the respective placing shall be determined by ranking the Teams according to the goal average achieved by each Team during the Minor Round Matches.
- c) 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 that Team.

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

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.

6.4.4 In the event that due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances a Match cannot be rescheduled for completion, and has been declared an abandoned Match, the following will apply:

- a) A drawn result shall be declared if the Match was stopped prior to half time. Each Team involved in that Match will be awarded one (1) Match point;
- b) If the Match was stopped at or after half time, the result as per the score sheet will be recorded as the final result.

6.5 Finals Series

6.5.1 The Finals series will be conducted as follows:

- a) Major Semi-Final – 1st position on the ladder at the completion of the Minor Round matches (being designated as the 'Home Team') versus 4th position on the ladder, at the completion of Minor Round matches (being designated the away team)
- b) Minor Semi-Final – 2nd position on the ladder at the completion of the Minor Round matches (being designated as the 'Home Team') versus 3rd position on the ladder at the completion of Minor Round matches (being designated the away team)
- c) Grand Final – Winner of the Major Semi-Final (being designated the home team) versus the Winner of the Minor Semi-Final (being designated the away team).

The winner of the Grand Final will be granted 1st place and the Regional State Cup Champions, the loser of the Grand Final will be granted 2nd place and the Regional State Cup Runners Up.

- 6.5.2 If there is a draw in the, semi-finals or grand finals, a two minute interval shall be taken.
- a) During the interval the score will be verified and the Team captains will toss to determine playing ends. During the interval there may be substitutions and/or Team changes.
 - b) The Umpire will indicate which Team has the next centre pass and play will commence. One (1) period of five (5) minutes extra time will be played to determine a winner.
 - c) If it is still a draw at the end of extra time, a visual signal is given by the scorer that will indicate play continues and the first Team to score a two goal advantage shall be declared the winner.
 - d) During extra time, normal injury or illness procedures shall apply, as per the INF rules.
- 6.5.3 Any Team found playing an ineligible Player in the Finals Series will be considered to have lost that Match in which the ineligible Player has taken part.
- 6.5.4 Any Player found to be ineligible to take part in the Finals Series will not be permitted to take any further part in the Finals Series.

6.6 Competition Results

- 6.6.1 Each Team is to provide an official scorer for each match.
- 6.6.2 Score sheets are to be returned by the winning team to the Netball NSW Event Control at the conclusion of each Match.
- 6.6.3 One (1) official from each Team is to sign the score sheet. 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.
- 6.6.4 No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.

6.7 Cancellations

- 6.7.1 When matches are cancelled due to an event which Netball NSW determines was beyond its control or beyond the control of either Team, including but not limited to, a lightning strike, power loss, wet weather that causes court or stadium damage, in consultation with the Teams concerned Netball NSW may reschedule the match. If the match is not rescheduled, the match will be deemed to be a draw and each Team will receive (1) competition point each.

6.8 Awards

- 6.8.1 A trophy shall be presented to the winning and runner up Team in each Division.
- 6.8.2 Medals shall be awarded to Players, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Primary Care person of the winning and runner up teams in each Division.

7 Team Officials

7.1 Coaches must:

- a) Hold a current Working with Children Check, which the Regional State Cup Working Group are responsible for verifying.
- b) Be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- c) Head Coaches must hold at a minimum a current 'Development' Coaching Accreditation.
- d) Assistant Coaches must hold at a minimum a current 'Foundation' Coaching Accreditation.

7.2 Managers and Primary Carers must:

- a) Hold a current Working with Children Check, which the Regional State Cup Working Group are responsible for verifying.
- b) Be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of the Competition.

8 Umpires

8.1 Must be a current registered financial member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the MyNetball database prior to the commencement of the Competition.

8.2 Netball NSW will determine the umpiring format for the Competition and appoint personnel to undertake the allocation of Umpires to all matches.

8.3 The Regional Allocations Team at each Regional League Competition will be required to select one accredited National 'C' badge or higher, to be available to represent the region at Regional State Cup.

8.4 The name of the approved Umpire qualified to participate in the Competition are to be forwarded by the working group to Netball NSW two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Competition. The Umpire/s must be available for the duration of the Competition.

8.5 Netball NSW may invite a pool of umpires to officiate this tournament and supplement the umpires who are nominated with the regional teams.

8.6 All umpires must be dressed in white.

8.7 Nominated Umpires may not play, coach or manage a team during the Competition.