

# 2020 Regional State Cup

## Pilot Competition Guidelines

The Regional State Cup, will bring the best regional athletes together in one competition, to determine the State's best Regional team. Regional representative teams will be selected at their respective Regional League Competition as listed below, and will compete to see who will be declared the Regional State Cup Champion.

- Region 2 – Hunter & Central Coast
- 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

Netball NSW has identified that to progress in the Pathway and to realise their potential, regional athletes, coaches and umpires need exposure to high level competition.

The October event offers the opportunity to enhance the player, coach and umpire pathway opportunities by inviting Netball NSW selectors, and representatives from Metropolitan Associations & Premier League Licensees to help facilitate a transition for those athletes interested in relocating.

### **Region Working Group**

Each region will form a Working Group (members from each Region's Association group). The Working Group will be responsible for appointing a selection panel (where applications are received) to identify athletes, and a Team Manager for the Regional State Cup event in October 2020.

Looking ahead to future years (2021 and beyond), the Working Group will plan ahead strategically in the way of sponsorship, fund raising and developing a uniform for the event.

The Working Group will be made up of an administrator (NNSW staff) plus one representative from each pocket/area of the region;

- No more than 5 persons in the Working Group.
- Netball NSW staff member is administrator only.
- Total members of the Working Group must equate to an odd number of members for voting purposes.
- The Association representatives must be from different Associations, there should not be more than 1 representative from any one Association represented on the Working Group.
- The Working Group should nominate one person as the contact for all relevant correspondence from Netball NSW in relation to the Regional State Cup Competition.

The Working Group will make the final decision on:

- Team Manager
- Cost to each athlete
- Training times and format if required
- Booking of Accommodation and any other logistics required
- Uniform – (In the first year it will be recommended that this is only a training shirt and bike pants, to ensure minimal cost to athletes)

### **Head Coach and Assistant Coach Selection**

Netball NSW will send out an EOI to each Region for the position of Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Regional State Cup Team. The Netball NSW General Manager Performance and Pathways, or their delegate, will allocate a selection panel that will include a Netball NSW representative and 1 representative from the working group. This selection panel will appoint the Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Regional Representative team.

### **Player Selection**

A Selection Committee will be appointed by the Regional Working Group. The Selection Committee will select the team throughout the Regional League Competition. Players not available for selection due to Netball NSW commitments, should refer to the selection policy for information on applying for an exemption.

### **Player Eligibility**

- All players entered into the Competition will be aged 17-23 years as at 31 December of the year in which they participate in the competition, this aligns closely with the Netball NSW Premier League competition.
- In the pilot year of the Competition (2020), there is some flexibility, and up to 2 athletes who are over 23 years may be permitted to be included in the team. A request must be made to the Regional Performance and Pathways Manager for approval.
- Players entered in a regional representative team must be registered with an Association in that region.

### **Competition Format**

- All teams will play each other once in minor rounds
- A finals series will determine the winner and runner up of the Competition.
- Match timing to be determined

## Umpires

- 1 Umpire per region will be selected to officiate at the Regional State Cup Competition.
- The Regional Allocations Team (Umpires) in each Region will select the umpire to attend Regional State Cup from the Regional League Competition.

## Competition dates and venue

The 2020 Regional State Cup will be played over the weekend of the 10-11 October 2020, at Netball Central, 2 Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park.

## Table

Task	Responsibility	Due Date
EOI open for Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Region	NNSW - Pathways	September 2019
Regional Working Group formed	NNSW – Regional Development Manager	September 2019
Regional League dates set	Planning Meetings	Each Region's date
Head Coach and Assistant Coach for each Region appointed	NNSW – Pathways	January 2020
Appoint Athlete selection panel	Working Group (Netball NSW will provide guidance on the final athlete selection policy)	January 2020
Selection of players at Regional League	Athlete Selection Panel	Completion of each Regional League Competition
Selection of Umpires at Regional League	Regional Allocations Team	Completion of each Regional League Competition
Regional State Cup 2020	Competitions Manager	October 2020